

WSURA Board Meeting, February 2, 2022

Present: Robin Suits, Gary Barlow, Kathy Morris, Peggy Bott, Judi Engle, Mary Kenton, Joyce Howes, Dan Abrahamowicz, Donna Schlagheck, Dick Williams, Sheryl Provens, Mary Gromosiak, Gail Whitaker

Absent: Betty Kangas and Jerry Alter

President's Report – Judi Engle

Judi and Mary Kenton cleaned out our storage room.

President Elect – Richard Williams – no report

Past President – Dan Abrahamowicz – no report

Treasurer's Report – Sheryl Provens

Four annual members renewed their memberships; one annual member upgraded to lifetime membership; and four people purchased lifetime memberships

Communications Coordinator – Mary Kenton

The Communications Committee will be meeting to determine if they will publish three or four *Extensions*.

Activities – Mary Gromosiak

We have received a contract for the Berry Room for our May 6 luncheon. Kathy Morris and Joyce Howes will assist Mary with the preliminary planning. Eventually we will decide whether to meet in person or attempt a virtual gathering.

Bylaws and Elections – Joyce Howes

Joyce is working with Gail on Bylaws changes. Judy suggested that we consider making our annual members a lifetime member after they have paid annual dues for five consecutive years.

Historical Preservation – Kathy Morris – no report

Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER)

Peggy Bott – no report for OPERS

Richard Williams – Report for STRS: Investment returns on STRS Investment Portfolio through the end of December 2021 were very good. As a result, the new members of the STRS Board are pushing for a reinstatement of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and the Board is getting a lot of pressure to do something. The Board has asked its consultants to look at several alternatives. Reinstatement of an annual COLA is probably too expensive but a one-time COLA of 2% certainly seems very

possible. We will know more when the Board meets in March to present their recommendations on the alternatives.

Remembrance – Peggy Bott

Ruth Schumacher recently had bypass surgery and is recovering at home. She suggested we all sent her cards. Recent deaths are listed on our website.

Webmaster – Robin Suits

The e-Newsletter is ready for January.

Alumni Relations – Richard Williams – no report

Community Affairs – Donna Schlegheck

The Dayton Council on World Affairs and the Dayton Peace Prize Committee have rescheduled the awarding of the Peace Prize to Ambassador Tony Hall on May 7, 2022, at the Hope Hotel WPAFB.

The Dayton Council on World Affairs will be honoring past DCOWA presidents from Wright State: Jake Dorn, Donna Schlagheck and Jim Gallagher.

Friends of the Library – Gary Barlow

We are moving Gary's Van Gogh workshop to possibly September.

Athletics Council - Dan Abrahamowicz

A meeting is scheduled for next week.

New Business

Carol Loranger has asked if we would be willing to participate in a program for new retirees. Mary Kenton and Gail have done something similar in the past.

Joyce will bring a plan for three sponsored walks with the Beavercreek Wetlands Association for when the weather improves.

Discussion of asking retirees if they would like to participate in the student capstone projects for Finance and Financial Services majors.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on the motion of Mary Kenton and second of Gary Barlow.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Whitaker, Secretary