

Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors Minutes May 3, 2023

Present: Dan Abrahamowicz, Joyce Howes, Judi Engle, Richard Williams, Robin Suits, Jerry Alter, Donna Schlagheck, Barb Bullock, Carolyn Smith, David Garrison, Kathy Morris and Gail Whitaker

Absent: Betty Kangas, Gary Barlow, Mary Gromosiak, Peggy Bott and Sheryl Provens

The minutes of the April 2023 meeting were approved on the motion of Donna Schlagheck and second of Kathy Morris.

The minutes of the March 2023 meeting were approved on the motion of Joyce Howes and second of Donna Schlagheck.

Reports

Past President – Dan Abrahamowicz

Dan reported on an organization called Medicare Simplified (<https://www.medsimp.com/>). He is trying to get a presentation set up for us for September. We will see if the Office of the Provost can help us get the word out on campus.

Treasurer's Report – will be delayed this month

Annual Luncheon – May 5

Mary Gromosiak is working on the nametags. We will have seven tables of eight. African violets will be the centerpieces for each table and will be given away to one person at each table. Judi has created the program and is working on her script. We currently have 59 reservations. Kathy is working on some door prizes.

ByLaws and Elections – Joyce Howes

David Garrison and Gordon Walbroehl will be placed on the ballot as Members at Large. Barb Bullock agreed to accept the nomination as President-Elect.

Historical Preservation – Kathy Morris

Kathy will interview Victoria Oleen next.

OCHER – Richard Williams and Barb Bullock

- The OPERS fund lost 12% last year; the OPERS healthcare fund lost 15.5%, so they are shifting some other monies to cover the shortage.
- STRS is exploring an adjustment for inflation for next year.

Scholarship Committee – Jerry Alter

Jerry thanked Joyce and David for their help this year. Four scholarships will be awarded. The recipients will be announced at the Annual Luncheon.

Remembrance

Retirees who have died are listed on the WSURA website.

Alumni Affairs – Richard Williams

There will be a meeting of the Alumni Association this next Saturday.

Programming for Next Year

The board made the following suggestions:

- Donna will reach out to Paul Leonard and Lee Hannah for political presentations
- Donna is also willing to reach out to WSU Police Chief Kurt Holden
- War in Ukraine
- Abe Bassett's new book
- Artificial Intelligence
- Ohio Politics
- David Garrison will arrange a reading for April 2024, which is Poetry Month
- Visit to Woodland Cemetery
- Visit to Carillon Historic Park
- Presentation on India, a rising power

Webmaster – Robin Suits

- Robin reported that we received the names and addresses of 35 new retirees from HR. Judi sent a letter inviting each of them to join WSURA.
- Close to 60% of current retirees open WSURA emails.

Miscellaneous

- Production of a new membership directory is tabled until the summer.
- Sheryl got a purchase order so that we can order a plaque with the names of the people who have received the Richard A. Johnson Award and the Lewis Shupe Award, to be housed in our office.
- The June meeting will be our Annual Meeting and open house, including a carry-in meal.
- Carolyn will investigate the possibility of getting a credit or debit card for WSURA use.
- Kathy will explore the use of online registration with payments for our events with Bill Shepherd.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on the motion of Donna Schlagheck and second of David Garrison.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Whitaker

Secretary