

WSURA Board Meeting (via Zoom)
November 4, 2020
MINUTES

Call to order (Absent: Gary Barlow, Gary Pacernick, Ruth Schumacher)

I. Approval of Minutes for October 7, 2020

Approved

II. Officers' Reports:

President:

Dan Abrahamowicz

1. Meeting with Scott Rash/Office Space- there is no immediate need for our space in the Fdn Bldg; if space can be leased in the future, Scott will ensure that we have appropriate accommodations in the building
2. Paul L. Event-over 20 retirees (including a number of non-board members) participated in the discussion with Paul Leonard
3. Admin. Liaison-our previous contact in the Provost's office, Cheryl Meyer, has stepped down and La Pearl Winfrey is the new Associate Provost; Dan will contact Dr. Winfrey about being our liaison.
4. Extension Special Edition-publication in January

President-elect:

Judi Engle-will work to redesign WSURA Directory with publication in winter/spring

Past President:

Joyce Howes-no report

Secretary:

Ruth Schumacher (Joyce Howes)-no report

Treasurer:

Sheryl Provens
Budget Update

Communications:

Mary Kenton-working on Winter Extension

III. Committee Reports:

Activities:

Mary Gromosiak-May 6, 2020, set as date for spring luncheon, depending on COVID situation; Mary has contacted Nan Whaley's office to invite Mayor Whaley to speak at the luncheon

Bylaws & Elections: Gail Whitaker-two vacancies on the board due to Larry Prochaska and Richard Mercer resignations; the board approved Donna Schlagheck's appointment to Richard Mercer's at-large position; please send names of potential new board member to Gail

Historical Preserve: Kathy Morris-Kathy hopes to complete another interview in December

Member Devel.: Judi Engle-Judi will propose a new postcard design to solicit new membership

OCHER: Peggy Bott and Dick Williams-no report

Scholarships: No report

Remembrance: Peggy Bott-Recent deaths: Leo Finklestein (CECS); Lloyd Freuh; David Uddin (PTX); Gertrude Johnson (HR); Warren Kreye (CaTS);

Webmaster: Robin Suits-870 retirees on email list for newsletters; only 96 have never opened the link; most viewed items are In Memoriam and salary data

IV. Liaisons:

Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams-for Alumni Day of Giving, 1081 people donated a total of \$205,000; most pledges were directed to Athletics

Community/ Int. Affairs: Donna Schlagheck (see below)

Friends of the Libraries: Gary Barlow.

UCIE: Ruth Schumacher

Athletics Council: Mary Kenton-no report
Dan A-Z

V. Old Business:

VI. New Business:

Next Board meeting: December 2, 10 am.

From Donna S.:

The 25th anniversary of the Peace Accords will include events for the public and mostly on-line participation. As of today, a Forum is planned to occur Nov 30-Dec1,2020, to feature Bosnian policy makers and non-governmental organizations addressing the issues of political economy, corruption, and citizenship. The goal is to produce policy directives that incorporate US assistance and participation. The US Ambassador to B-H is invited but not yet confirmed. I WILL UPDATE THIS FOR WSURA VIA ROBIN SUITS.

On November 21, the anniversary of the signing of the accords, a small wreath laying service will take place at the Richard C. Holbrooke Conference center at the Hope Hotel at WPAFB. This even will be videotaped for live streaming.

For WSURA members interested to read more about the Accords, I recommend

TO END A WAR by Richard C. Holbrooke
and

OUR MAN: Richard C. Holbrooke and the End of the American Century by George Packer.

I also recommend watching THE DIPLOMAT by David Holbrooke, available at HBO On Demand. (available through 2/21/2021). The filmmaker's visit to Dayton and broadcast of the biographical documentary are TBA.