

**APPROVED October 14, 2014**

**UW-Madison Retirement Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of September 9, 2014  
UW Credit Union, 3500 University Avenue, Community Room**

Board Members Present (11):

Darrell Barth	Barbara Erlenborn	Debbie Lauder
Dale Burke	John Helgeson	Al Liegel
Phil Certain	Diane Kravetz	Bill Richner
Rick Daluge	Cherie Krenke	

Absent (3): Bob Dye, Jan Richardson, Hal Winsborough

Staff Present: Millard Susman, Ann Wallace

**Automatic consent business:**

**Approval of minutes of the June 11, 2014**, approved with a correction substituting the School of Veterinary Medicine for School of Nursing at the end of the Frequency of Programs paragraph under New Business.

Reports:

**Treasurer's Report**—The report covers July and August, the first two months of the fiscal year. Treasurer Darrell Barth moved CD's to obtain slightly higher interest revenue. Prepaid memberships total almost \$30,000. A motion to file the report was approved.

**President's Report**—President Phil Certain reported that the September calendar is very busy with financial, information technology, social and travel activities.

**Executive Director's Report**—Executive Director Ann Wallace provided background on the Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants, of which UWRA is a member. The meetings are often attended by representatives of SWIB and ETF. Dale Burke explained that he considers it an important group for UWRA, as ETF and SWIB sometimes get needed support to discourage political interference in the operation of the retirement system. The coalition keeps the organizations informed of current issues. A possible article in *The Sifter* was discussed. It has been a *Sifter* topic in the past. Dale will draft article. Ann will attend September 15 meeting. Dale asked if we should designate a member to attend the meetings and represent UWRA and report to the board. Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 9:30 AM at WEAC, Nob Hill. Ann will report on September meeting in October, and we will discuss

further.

Ann reported that 140 members have not renewed. They are slowly coming in. We have 1,068 members, a few more than last year.

Committee reports—The CFMR seminar on September 16 at Capitol Lakes has had a very light sign-up. We may want to ask the speakers whether it's worth it for a small turn-out. There are many events scheduled currently, and it may be wise to stagger events in the future. We will review attendance at various events in October. The electronic calendar is on the UWRA website.

#### Old Business:

Revised UWRA document on emeritus status—This draft was the work of Deb Lauder, Nan Kunde Long and Ann Wallace. It is intended to better inform classified staff of the process and will be on our website. It will also be sent to Mark Walters, and it was suggested that it be sent to UW Extension and Colleges and System to explore if they might wish to adopt a similar informational document. A few edits were suggested that the drafting group will consider.

“Shifting Gears at Retirement” reception—Dale Burke moved that we hold the reception in alternate years. Deb Lauder seconded. We track and communicate with new retirees, and it has worked well. Motion approved.

#### New Business:

Volunteers for Benefits Fair on October 7—A sign-up sheet was passed around for board members to sign up for one hour shifts at table with Ann. At 11:00 AM the panel on “If I knew then what I know now” will be held. Dale Burke will moderate, and the panel will include Rick Daluge, Deb Lauder and Phil Certain.

T-shirts—Dale discussed the t-shirts on behalf of the Volunteering Committee. They are meant to provide visibility for the organization and are voluntary to order and wear. An order sheet was passed around for red shirts with white lettering and white shirts with red lettering. They will have the UW crest and UW Retirement Association in a circle. The association will pay for shirts for the Volunteering Committee and board members. Then sign-up will be offered to other committees and later to all members.

Science Fair—Dale reported that the science fair will be October 16 through 19. We are looking for volunteer guides for 3.5-hour shifts.

Ideas for a new editor of *The Sifter*—Sharon Vinson has given one year notice of her resignation as editor, an important position. It was agreed that it would be helpful to have an outline or description of the position duties in order to identify the right person. It should outline duties and typical range of hours required. Colleen McCabe will continue to do layout. Phil suggested a small search committee, perhaps Ann Wallace, ex-officio, Chere Gibson, Char Tortorice, Sharon Vinson and Judy Craig.

Next meeting—October 14, 2014, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Richner, Secretary