

APPROVED May 9, 2017

**UW-Madison Retirement Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of March 14, 2017
UW Credit Union, 3500 University Avenue**

Board Members Present (12):

Pat Carol	Diane Kravetz	Chuck Read
Bob Dye	Cora Marrett	Bill Richner
John Helgeson	Gary Mitchell	Rob Seltzer
Dorothy Klinefelter	Sarah Potts	Joel Skornicka

Absent (2): Darrell Barth, Jim Stratton

Staff Present: Millard Susman, Ann Wallace

Guests: Sandi Haase

President Gary Mitchell welcomed Sandi Haase, who will be the next Executive Director, to the meeting, and we went around the table and introduced ourselves. The Board expressed enthusiasm about working with Sandi in the future.

The minutes of the February 14, 2017, meeting were approved as submitted.

Reports:

Treasurer's Reports: Darrell Barth was not in attendance. There were no questions regarding the reports, and they were accepted as submitted.

President's Report: President Gary Mitchell reported that he contacted Tom Broman, and the Office of the Secretary of the Faculty will be setting up a meeting of the Retirement Issues Committee. Gwen Drury of Campus and Visitor Relations has been invited to attend the April board meeting to talk about her presentation on the Wisconsin Idea. This topic will also be covered in the next *Sifter*.

Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Ann Wallace reported that board meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm, beginning in September. The annual board reunion luncheon and meeting will be held June 8th at the Great Dane East. The UWRA annual meeting will be May 11th. Committee members will attend the luncheon free of charge, as previously decided. No one accepted the offer to be *Sifter* Editor, as extended by the

subcommittee. Board members are urged to suggest possible nominees for this important position. The Nominating Committee will meet Thursday at 10:00 am. Suggestions for possible board members would be appreciated. Joel Skornicka has agreed to continue as an academic staff member, so nominees are needed from university staff and faculty. The UWRA website manager, Pat Noordsij, questioned whether board members wished to have their contact information posted on the website as it is currently. She raised the possibility that members might be targets of spam. Board members did not express concern about this possibility.

Old Business:

Follow-up discussion on details about Retirement 101 and give-aways: Bob Dye will talk to Deb Lauder about setting up a Membership Committee meeting to plan for staffing the table at Retirement 101.

Delegates to Big Ten meeting at Purdue: Most universities send two representatives. The meeting is August 25-27. Bob Dye made the motion to send up to 3 representatives, seconded by Joel Skornicka. The motion was approved. Rob Seltzer and Diane Kravetz agreed to attend, barring unforeseen events. Sandi Haase will consider attending.

Approval of proposed budget for 2017-18 (attached): Ann Wallace reported that the \$1,000 for Shifting Gears in past budgets has been moved to Membership recruitment. The \$1,100 for a parking permit will still be used for parking but probably not for a single permit. Sandi Haase and Ann will likely have different parking patterns than in the past and will purchase or have parking reimbursed as needed. A new computer is needed, but it may still fall in this fiscal year. Joel Skornicka is talking to the Foundation about a possible donation. It was agreed we should get what is needed and not worry too much about cost of hardware or software. Bob Dye made a number of suggestions that were accepted: move the \$500 for School/College Receptions into the Membership budget and just list a total of \$2,000 for Membership; round up the budget for the Communications Committee to an even \$200; remove the word "Reception" leaving a line item of "Thank You for Committee Members" for \$1,000; merge Parking permit and Office expenses for a total of \$2,500; increase the Big Ten conference travel expenses to \$2,500; round up the in and out for Annual board luncheon to \$500; balance the budget through the Special projects line item. **Diane Kravetz moved approval of the budget assuming Darrell Barth doesn't have major concerns with the changes; second by Bob Dye. The board will reconsider if Darrell has concerns. Motion approved unanimously.**

Updates on new executive director and new *Sifter* editor: These updates were covered above under introductions and the report of the executive director. Cora Marrett asked Sandi to let us know how the board can help in the transition to executive director. Any nominations for *Sifter* editor should be shared with Ann.

New Business:

Proposed agenda for May 11th annual meeting (attached): Item #6, Acknowledgement of all committee members in attendance, is new. This replaces the Thank You Reception, and committee members will attend free of charge.

Next meeting: April 11, 2017, at 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Richner
Secretary