

**BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 8, 2015 – 1:30 p.m.
COLLEGE PARK OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 2**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Applebaum, Jim Corbitt, Ellen Dalton, Judy Donald, Jan Finn, Linda Hamilton, Barbara Keller, Karel King, Pat Koehler, Paul Lopez, Tina Martini, Barbara Moses, Jan Peterson, Carol Sanner, Chris Sexton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Anderson, Gaylyn Finn, Ted Groat, Carol Lininger, Ellen Williams, Bonnie Woods

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Chris Sexton.

MINUTES

After a housekeeping item, Linda Hamilton made a motion to approve the January 14, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ellen Dalton. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Sexton shared Treasurer Gaylyn Finn's report. The December 31, 2014 balance is \$10,778.37. There is \$32,345.26 in the Golden Book Award account with a spendable balance of \$3,391.50. It was suggested that we consider increasing the two \$500 awards to \$750.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sexton announced that Genevieve Stang has submitted her resignation as an OCHER representative. Retirees attending the Estate Planning Session felt it was worthwhile. A workshop from Home Instead Senior Care on their product was disallowed. Thirty-three attended the Patrick's Day Party and thirteen attended the Opera on March 29.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES – Pat Koehler indicated that a social host for May is needed. A summer suggestion is a social event at a Friday Lunch in the Park.

BENEVOLENCE – No report.

BYLAWS – Barbara Keller reported that no updates were submitted. She would like to review with the Board at a later date.

DATABASE ADMINISTRATION – Paul Lopez shared that emails to update the database continues.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Jim Corbitt shared committee goals: 1) encouraging retirees with their one-year complimentary "new member" membership to join, 2) inspire members to renew, and 3) as a marketing plan, welcome new members by announcement in the newsletter and by inviting them to luncheons and social. Currently, 393 members (regular, associate, life

and comp) down from last year's total of 399 members. Reasons for drop in membership include deaths, lack of interest in organization and outsourcing of positions on campus.

NEWSLETTER – Ellen Dalton shared that the latest newsletter has been emailed. The mail newsletters are in progress.

WEB DEVELOPER – No report.

NOMINATING –Jan Peterson announced the nominations for officers and directors for the 2015-2017 term. A separate ballot is to be mailed to members per Association bylaws. The ballot lists Chris Sexton, President; Gaylyn Finn, Treasurer; Jan Finn, Karel King, Tina Martini and Barbara Moses, continuing Directors; Robert Thayer, Ivan Denbesten, new Directors; Linda Hammer has agreed to be Classified Staff representative. Linda Hamilton and Paul Lopez completed their term limits. All other officers, directors and appointments are continuing. Barbara Keller made a motion to approve the slate of officers, directors and representative. The motion was seconded by Barb Moses. Motion approved.

OFFICE STAFFING – No report.

PROGRAM – Barbara Moses shared the speakers for the 2015-16 luncheons to be held the second Monday of the month at the Bowling Green Country Club.

September 14, 2015 – Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, President, BGSU

November 9, 2015 – Alan Mortensen, personal injury attorney, lead attorney for Clyde Cancer Cluster

March 14, 2016 – Jon Sprague, Director, BGSU Center for the Future of Forensic Science

April 11, 2016 – Tom Henry, The Blade, "Lake Erie Water Issues" (joint meeting with UT Retirees)

May 9, 2016 – Jerry Wicks, "Trains"

OCHER – Karel King gave a summary of the March OCHER Board meeting. Conversations with health care connectors will start in early August of this year. Roger Anderson has been nominated as OCHER President for 2015-16. Anderson's detailed report will be shared in the next newsletter.

FACULTY SENATE – Barbara Moses shared summary for representative Ellen Williams. There is no longer PSEOP. A new program called College Credit Plus allows students to take classes in high school, up to 30 credit hours. Jill Carr, Dean of Students, is retiring. The Faculty Senate report is to be shared in the next newsletter.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL –Observer Judy Donald gave summary from last week's meeting. BGSU is in its first year of a six-year \$200 million fundraiser. Priorities include endowments, scholarships, facility upgrades and naming of facilities. An increase in parking fees is expected. The report is to be printed in the next newsletter.

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – Tina Martini reported that the council will meet next Wednesday. The information is to be shared in the newsletter covering the last few months.

OLD BUSINESS

HANDBOOK UPDATE – Chris Sexton shared that updates have been made to the handbook by word changing and deleting items not relevant. Fee waiver wording is not available until fiscal year 2015-16. The Committee meeting with Human Resources Becca Ferguson will take place on April 29.

WEB PAGE – Chris requested that we use the website to our advantage. Minutes, obituaries, Golden Book Award, board members and committees are on website. Update on committee members will be handled. Chris will ask Carol Lininger to check number of hits to the website.

NEW BUSINESS

20TH ANNIVERSARY – Chris Sexton announced that we will celebrate BGSURA's 20th anniversary at the September 14 convocation. Suggestions are to ask Chef Jeff to make anniversary cake, invite all past presidents and charter members, give out pins (Barbara Keller to design with Copy Shop) and review history of organization (Ellen Dalton will check with Jim Gordon's daughter).

NEW HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR – Chris suggested that we have Becca Ferguson and the new Human Resources Director Viva McCarver meet with us at our July meeting.

PROFILE WRITER FOR NEWSLETTER – Jan Peterson contacted Karen Cota as potential writer. She charges \$13/hour. Complete profile cost would be approximately \$50. Barbara Keller will consider writing.

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD – Two \$500 scholarships are to be awarded this year; one to Honors College student and the other to College of Arts & Sciences student. After discussion, Ellen Dalton made a motion to increase the scholarship award to \$750. Barbara Moses seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting is July 8, 2015, 1:30 p.m., College Park Office Building, Room 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sanner
Secretary