

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 9, 2014 – 1:30 p.m.
HUMAN RESOURCES - CONFERENCE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Applebaum, Jim Corbitt, Ellen Dalton, Sue Hager, Linda Hamilton, Barbara Keller, Karel King, Pat Koehler, Carol Lininger, Barbara Moses, Jan Peterson, Wally Pretzer, Chris Sexton, Ellen Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Anderson, Gaylyn Finn, Paul Lopez, Tina Martini, Carol Sanner

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

MINUTES

Sue Hager made a motion to approve the January 15, 2014 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Corbitt. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Gaylyn Finn, President Sexton shared the January 2014 Treasurer's Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sexton is pleased with the results of the mini newsletter to the UT Retirees inviting them to the joint April luncheon. A regular newsletter was sent in the past. As of yesterday, 104 reservations have been made. Capacity is 125. The executive committee will meet with Human Resource Director Becca Ferguson re fee waivers following this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES – Pat Koehler announced an event planned for April 24 – *Legally Blonde: The Musical*, presented by BGSU's Theatre & Film. A 7 p.m. pre-performance talk by Director Michael Ellison will take place. The hot glass exhibition may be a possible event in the fall. The committee would like to have one more cocktail event in the spring if someone volunteers their home. Contact Pat Koehler's at her new email address prkoehler730@gmail.com.

BENEVOLENCE – Jan Peterson continues to send cards. It is hard to get photos now for the obituaries for the newsletter. Carol Lininger offered to assist.

BYLAWS – No report.

DATABASE – Paul Lopez thanked Linda Hamilton for the new welcome letter, which was emailed to the Board.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – The committee has created a new letter for new BGSU retirees welcoming them to the BGSURA. Linda was thanked for her assistance in preparing the letter.

NEWSLETTER – Editor Ellen Dalton is working on the April edition to be completed by the end of this week. The printed version will be eight pages and include the ballot. She is planning on twelve pages for the electronic version, including photos.

WEB DEVELOPER – Carol Lininger reported a new BGSU web server and URL for the BGSURA web page. This needs to be changed on the newsletter as www.bgsu.edu/retirees-association.html. The vanity URL still works – www.bgsu.edu/retirement. The new BGSU server is more powerful and easier to work with. It adjusts the display based on device used to access the site; e.g., tablet, smart phone.

NOMINATING – Jan Peterson announced committee members consisting of Jan Peterson, Chris Dalton and Janet Parks. See list of candidates and continuing board members at the end of the minutes. There will be four faculty, eight administrative staff and four classified staff on new board.

OFFICE STAFFING – Barbara Keller gave the fall semester report. There were 45 sign-ins over fifteen weeks, an average of three sign-ins per week. This indicates an assigned office staff person is not needed. After spring semester, Barbara will have a complete picture for the year. There have been no complaints on voice mails or emails. The board discussed whether a designated office staff person is needed. Peterson and Sexton check emails and voice mails twice a week. Lopez and Finn pick up mail.

PROGRAMS – Barbara Moses announced a change in the program for 2014-15. The March speaker, Wendy Manning, is unavailable due to spring break. The March speaker will now be Doris Herringshaw, speaking on Project Connect (formerly Project Homeless Connect).

OCHER – Board members received the OCHER report by email. Karel King commented on the balance between STRS and OPERS at OCHER meeting. OCHER would like better balance, but can't get anyone from OPERS to come because their board meeting is at the same time. They will try for PERI person or time change for OPERS person. Linda Hamilton has offered to prepare summaries of health insurance changes in OPERS from articles in PERI newsletters. This will go into BGSURA newsletter and Chris will send separately by email.

FACULTY SENATE – Representative Ellen Williams shared concerns with enrollment. She announced a new partnership with Northstar Aviation for the Aviation Studies Program. The Family Campaign had good participation. Firelands initiated new Pathway Program for admission preparation. See the newsletter for February and March meeting reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL – Observer Linda Hamilton reviewed information from the past three ASC meetings. Many of the topics related to the Accenture project. The severe weather policy continues to be discussed. The awards ceremony is April 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the Ballroom.

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – The report will be included in the newsletter.

RETIREMENT INFORMATION – Chris Sexton announced that about ten people were counseled. There is getting to be fewer people with enough years to retire. Most of those affected by 2015 changes have come through.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HANDBOOK UPDATE – Board will wait for results of the Accenture project before proceeding.

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD – It was discussed if more money should be given and/or more than one award. The spendable balance in the foundation account is \$2,035. It was suggested to continue with one award until we have awarded to a full cycle of colleges - College of Technology this year, followed by Firelands next year. Another option is to give two awards this year to Technology and Firelands and start next year giving two awards. Sue Hager made a motion to award two scholarships this year of \$500, to a student in the College of Technology and a student at Firelands, and place some of the spendable amount back into the endowment. Karel King seconded the motion. Motion approved.

OFFICE STAFFING – See conversation of Office Staffing in Committee Reports.

NEW BUSINESS

LUNCHEON SIGN-UP – Seating limit is 125.

ACCENTURE REPORT/FEE WAIVERS – The State of Ohio has SAGE program for retirees (over age 60) to take classes. Therefore, it is doubtful that BGSU can take away retiree benefit to take classes. As for dependents, if employee benefit is changed, then retiree benefit will probably change. It was questioned if grandchildren being raised by grandparents may be affected.

Sue Hager was thanked for her service to the board as this is her last meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting is July 9, 2014, 1:30 p.m., Human Resources, Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dalton
Newsletter Editor
(for absent secretary)

BGSURA Slate of Officers and Directors 2014-16

Candidates for Office

Officers

Vice President – Ted Groat

Secretary – Carol Sanner

Directors

Jan Finn

Barbara Keller

Bonnie Woods

Continuing 2014-16

Directors

Charlie Applebaum

Jim Corbitt

Pat Koehler

Jan Peterson

Continuing 2013-15

Officers

President – Chris Sexton

Treasurer – Gaylyn Finn

Newsletter – Ellen Dalton

Directors

Linda Hamilton

Karel King

Paul Lopez

Tina Martini

Barbara Moses