

**BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

July 18, 2007
College Park 2, BGSU

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Pete Badia, Don Bright, Ramona Cormier, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Ted Groat, Harry Hoemann, Park Leathers, Harold Lunde, Chuck McCaghy, Becky McOmber, Jane Schimpf, Elmer Spreitzer, Genevieve Stang

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Bennett, Clif Boutelle, Chris Sexton

President Cormier called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2007, MEETING

Lunde moved to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lunde presented the financial report. As of June 30, 2007, income is \$17,523.82 with expenses of \$9,007.81, leaving a balance of \$8,516.01. The balance reflects a transfer of \$2,000 to the Golden Book Scholarship Fund. Report on file with these minutes. Treasurer Lunde also presented the proposed budget for 2007-2008 (FY08). The budget shows a \$9 per person charge for luncheons with BGSURA's cost at \$8 per person. Total projected income is \$17,100 with expenses of \$8,755. Stang moved that the budget be approved, pending a motion to approve the luncheon cost increase (see New Business). The motion was seconded and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cormier thanked every one for their willingness to serve on the Board and on committees. She said the calendar of Board meetings and membership meetings for the year has been set and distributed. Eloise (Betsy) Clark, who is moving out of state, has resigned as Vice President. The President has appointed Ted Groat as Vice President.

Changes to the Board list: Genevieve Stang should be listed on the Board roster. Don Bright has a new address (90 Bainbridge Way). On the Committee list for 2007-2008, Office Staffing should be added, with Rebecca Comber and Phyllis Oster as members. Also, the Family Campaign representatives are Ramona Cormier and Roger Anderson. R. K. Clark has agreed to be a candidate for BGSURA's representative to Faculty Senate. He will be on the ballot prepared by the Senate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ACTIVITIES**—No report.
- **BYLAWS**—No report.
- **MEMBERSHIP**—Leathers reported a total of 333 members as of the end of 2006-2007. He said more Life Members and more two-year members joined in the past year.
- **NEWSLETTER**—Jim Gordon, editor, said the deadline for the September newsletter will be August 15.
- **NOMINATING**—No formal report, but it was noted that we need to get potential officers on the Board for Board experience, or we need to change the Bylaws to require no Board experience. The possibility of one-year terms for officers also has been suggested.
- **OCHER**—Richard Edwards (past OCHER president) and Genevieve Stang (past secretary), who have served as BGSURA representatives to OCHER, were inducted into the OCHER Hall of Fame in May. At

the May OCHER meeting, STRS Executive Director Damon Asbury reported the return on investments to date is 16 per cent. Stang encouraged retirees to look closely at HB151 and HB152, both of which would have a negative impact on STRS investment funds. Stang distributed a written report on State and Federal legislation and issues affecting retirees.

- **OFFICE STAFFING**—McOmbler thanked volunteers who signed up to work in the office.
- **OFFICE OPERATION**—No report.
- **PROFESSIONAL**—Badia reported that information has been updated on the web site.
- **PROGRAM**—Groat reported that things are progressing for the September convocation. A place for the November meeting/program is needed because the First United Methodist Church is not available.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—No report.
- **CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—No report.
- **COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE**—No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **HANDBOOK FOR RETIREES**—Discussion centered on whether we should print more copies since the Handbook is on the University web site. Stang moved that we be prepared to give hard (printed) copies to new retirees and do an additional printing if needed. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- **CHARGE FOR LUNCHEONS**—Anderson moved to increase the cost of lunches to \$9 at BGSURA meetings/programs. The motion was seconded and approved. (It is so reflected in the FY2008 budget.)
- **CONVOCATION LUNCHEON CONCERNS**—Parking has been arranged for those who wish to park in the lot by the Thompson-Bowen Student Union. No business will be conducted at the Convocation. Schimpf and Joan Gordon volunteered to host the new University Provost and the new University Vice President for Finance at the Convocation.
- **CHALLENGE OF SECURING FUTURE BGSURA OFFICERS**—President Cormier reported that the Nominating Committee will be asked to consider amendments for one-year terms for officers and a policy that Board experience is not necessary to become an officer.
- **GOLD BOOK AWARD ENDOWMENT**—The fund is about \$8,000 short of being completely funded, i.e. \$15,000, as an endowment. Lunde moved that we take \$150 out of the escrow fund (where the money is kept until the endowment is fully funded) to fund the next scholarship. The motion was seconded and approved. The rest of the money, \$350, will be raised by other means. It was suggested that baskets be placed on luncheon tables for voluntary donations by attendees. Lunde moved that baskets be used, starting at the November meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, at 1:30 p.m.

THE MEETING was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

JOAN H. GORDON, Secretary