

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Applebaum, Jim Corbitt, Ellen Dalton, Judy Donald, Gaylyn Finn, Linda Hammer, Karel King, Pat Koehler, Carol Lininger, Barbara Moses, Jan Peterson, Carol Sanner, Chris Sexton, Bob Thayer, Ellen Williams, Bonnie Woods  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Anderson, Jan Finn, Ted Groat, Barbara Keller, Tina Martini

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Chris Sexton. New members were introduced – Bob Thayer, Director and Linda Hammer, representative to Classified Staff Council.

**MINUTES**

After a housekeeping item, Ellen Dalton made a motion to approve the April 8, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Woods. Motion approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Gaylyn Finn received the May statement, but is waiting to receive June's before preparing report. Some of the Foundation Office functions have been transferred to the Business Office, causing slower turn around during reorganization. He plans to share report at October Board meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Sexton announced that Pat Koehler has stepped down as activities chair due to family illness. New BGSU parking permits for retirees beginning August 2016 – a five-year permit at no cost. This is a nice benefit for retirees.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ACTIVITIES** – Barbara Moses will review Friday Lunch in the Park dates for possible social event.

**BENEVOLENCE** – No report.

**BYLAWS** – No report.

**DATABASE ADMINISTRATION** – Chris Sexton shared that Paul Lopez continues to update the database by deleting deceased members and adding new retirees.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** – Jim Corbitt shared that as of July 4, 120 regular members have yet to renew, while 76 regular members have rejoined. The committee will send out reminders by email and postal the end of July. Of last year's 54 complimentary members, five have joined as regular members. A mailing went out to 30 retirees who had a one-year lapse in membership, of which four retirees joined. The membership application form will be included in the next newsletter.

**NEWSLETTER** – Ellen Dalton would like all items for the newsletter in the next couple of weeks. The next newsletter goes out the beginning of August. The latest retirees and death notices since last newsletter are to be listed.

**WEB DEVELOPER** – Carol Lininger will be taking pictures following the meeting of Bob Thayer, Linda Hammer and Judy Donald for website. She received the 2015-16 officers/directors and committee chairs to list on website. Chris Sexton thanked Carol for sharing the website usage for April, May and June and requested that she continue to share the usage.

**NOMINATING** –Jan Peterson announced that two positions are open: a director and an activities committee chair. She asked for names of prospective retirees to fill these positions. She was pleased with receiving 35 more voters filling out this year’s ballot prior to last year, but would like to see the ability of on-line voting.

**OFFICE STAFFING** – Chris Sexton recommended that we continue reserving the office by appointment. Also, please sign in at the office when you use it to track office usage. Chris and Jan Peterson continue to check phones twice a week.

**PROGRAM** – Barbara Moses shared that the committee will meet in September to begin planning speakers for the 2016-17 academic year. The 2015-16 luncheons are 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 asked everyone to read the material from Medicare Connector. It is important to keep informed of health care changes. Conversations with Medicare Connector will start in early August. OPERS total assets are \$91 billion and STRS investments are \$74.761 billion. Congratulations to Roger Anderson who has been elected as OCHER Board President for 2015-16. Anderson and King’s detailed report will be shared in the next newsletter.

**FACULTY SENATE** – Ellen Williams shared that the next meeting is September 8.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL** –Observer Judy Donald announced that council has voted to add a historian position to compile organizational material. Her report will be printed in the next newsletter.

**CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL** – Linda Hammer attended the June meeting and toured the BCI Building. They have a meeting room that is available to reserve. Her report will be included in the next newsletter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**HANDBOOK UPDATE** – Chris Sexton sent updates to committee – Barbara Keller, Tina Martini and Barb Moses. Please email any updates to Chris. A few campus employees have also reviewed the handbook.

**WEB PAGE** – Chris Sexton believes we are doing well in this area.

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** – Chris Sexton announced that we will celebrate BGSURA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the September 14 Convocation. Celebration decisions:

- 1) Special Invitations: 1995 charter officers/board members, all past presidents
- 2) Keepsake: photographer to take pictures and give to special guests and attendees
- 3) Anniversary cake: Jim Corbitt made a motion to have cupcakes, not sheet cake, as anniversary cake for the Convocation. The motion was seconded by Ellen Dalton. Motion approved.
- 4) Table history: A half-page history of the organization at tables
- 5) Website: Carol Lininger to update history on website as shared

**GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS** – \$750 scholarships will be awarded to Heather Webb, a senior applied economics major, Honors College, from Carey, Ohio, and Chanler Brown, a sophomore creative writing major, College of Arts & Sciences, from Rockford, Illinois. Heather and Chanler will be invited to attend the September 14 Convocation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FILLING DIRECTOR POSITION** – See nominating committee report.

**BOARD MEETING DATES** – The Board will meet on the following dates from 1:30-3:30 p.m., College Park Office Building, Room 2: October 14, 2015, January 13, 2016 and April 13, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m. The next Board meeting is October 14, 2015, 1:30 p.m., College Park Office Building, Room 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sanner  
Secretary