

BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
April 20, 2005
1 College Park, BGSU

PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Dennis Anderson, Clif Boutelle, Don Bright, Dick Edwards, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Hal Lunde, Phyllis Oster, Wally Pretzer, Dolores Reynolds, Elfreda Rusher, Genevieve Stang

ABSENT: Bob Clark, Rebecca Eninger, Harry Hoemann, Park Leathers

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2005, MEETING

Dick Edwards asked that the phrase “in relation to OCHER” be added to the last sentence in the OCHER report. Hal Lunde moved to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer Hal Lunde reported \$4,992 has been collected this year in dues. He also reported membership figures in his records include 204 dues-paying members plus new “free” members. Expenses as of March 31 totaled \$5,872.01, with a balance of \$5,894.83 on that date. Treasurer Lunde encouraged the Board to recruit more Life Members. Dolores Reynolds moved to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ACTIVITIES**—The Wood County Retired Teachers Association has extended an invitation to BGSURA members to attend a Mud Hens baseball game on June 29. Details will be in the next newsletter.
- **MEMBERSHIP**—No report.
- **NEWSLETTER**—The ballot for officers and Board members will be in the next newsletter.
- **NOMINATING**—Elfreda Rusher gave the report of the Nominating Committee as follows: Roger Anderson for President; Hal Lunde for Treasurer; and Pietro Badia, Don Bright, Eloise Clark, Richard Edwards, Chris Sexton, and Jane Schimpf for Board positions. Roger Anderson read from the Bylaws which state that “The terms of office of the elected officers of the Association shall be two years with the possibility of renewal, but limited to three consecutive two-year terms.” Also, officers are expected to have served one year on the Board to be eligible for one of the positions. There were no additional nominations. Wally Pretzer moved to close the nominations. The motion was seconded and approved. The slate of candidates will be submitted to the membership via a ballot in the newsletter.
- **OCHER**—Genevieve Stang reported that at the last OCHER meeting the Board heard updates on state and federal legislation. One of the items she noted was retirees need to let legislators know that the retirees’ money is not a “pot of honey” for legislators to use. At the April 27 OCHER annual meeting, the long-range strategic plan will be reviewed. Election results for the two retiree positions on the OCHER Board will be complete May 7. A more detailed report from Genevieve Stang may be found in the May 2005 newsletter or on the BGSURA web site.

Dick Edwards reported that discussion is continuing on the relationship involving OCHER and OPERI. He encouraged Board members to log on to the PERS web site, which he said is excellent. It has an

update on legislation. He also reported a “good session” with State Senator Lynn Wachtmann, First District, discussing legislation of concern and interest to retirees.

- **PROFESSIONAL**—Betsy Clark reported that she has asked for 2-3 rooms near the BGSURA office for retired faculty who wish to work on campus at various times. She has secured one room at this time for retired faculty. BGSURA perhaps needs to set up some sort of “use criteria.”

Genevieve Stang reported that the Professional Affairs Committee of Faculty Senate had met with legislators and discussed various topics, including academic freedom, tiered tuition, privatization of some parts of universities. This latter item would mean that universities would still accept minimum tax money from the state and still be a state-assisted university. Toledo and Miami have already done this. The feedback from Miami is favorable. This topic elicited much discussion and many questions.

- **PROGRAM**—Wally Pretzer reported that programs through September 2006 have been tentatively scheduled. They include the following:

- May 18, Ray Fischer, speaking on Identity Theft (confirmed)
- September 14, Annual Convocation and Luncheon, Marcia Bordner, President, Terra Community College
- November 16, Dick Eppstein, Better Business Bureau
- January 18, Bowling Green High School Madrigal Singers
- March 8 or 15, Joint meeting with the Wood County Retired Teachers Association
- May 17, Adelia Peters, Chinese folk culture
- September 13, Annual Convocation, Ken Baker, President, Ohio Northern University

(Report of Program Committee Meeting filed with these minutes)

- **OFFICE STAFFING**—Phyllis Oster, Chairman, reported that things are running smoothly. She will send out reminders to those who signed up to work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **MEMBERSHIP CARD**—Clif Boutelle showed the design for the Membership Card which will be for Life Members only at this time. He will go ahead with the printing and have them ready for Fall.
- **OFFICE SPACE**—Room 19 has been designated at this time for use by retired faculty.
- **E-MAIL NOTICES**—It has been suggested that notices to members could be done via e-mail.
- **VOLUNTEER COORDINATION**—Roger Anderson noted that there is a need to have a committee and/or coordinator to handle requests for volunteers from BGSURA. Help is needed at the May 7 Commencement. Three retirees have volunteered.
- Charley Applebaum, computer consultant for BGSURA members, recommends that BGSURA not set up a list proc. Some do not want to be on it. Roger Anderson will talk with Park Leathers, who does the computer work with the membership list.

NEW BUSINESS

Roger Anderson thanked the Board members whose terms are expiring: Bob Kreienkamp, Wally Pretzer (he will remain on the Program Committee), Elfreda Rusher and Phyllis Oster, who have given long-time service to BGSURA.

The First United Methodist Church will be undergoing renovation and BGSURA will not be able to meet there during this time. Alternate sites should be looked at and booked.

Everything is set for the May 18 luncheon and program.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 20.

THE MEETING was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

JOAN H. GORDON
Secretary