

**BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

February 20, 2008
College Park 2, BGSU

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Tom Bennett, Clif Boutelle, Don Bright, Ramona Cormier, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Ted Groat, Harry Hoemann, Becky McOmber, Janet Parks, Jane Schimpf, Chris Sexton, Barbara Keller, Genevieve Stang

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Pete Badia, Park Leathers, Harold Lunde, Chuck McCaghy

President Cormier called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2007, MEETING

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lunde sent his report which showed income of \$17,010.04 and expenses of \$6,212.22, leaving a balance of \$10,797.82, as of January 31, 2008. Report on file with these minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cormier commended Stang who received a plaque from OCHER for her work for that group.

Everyone agreed that it was a good meeting in January with a good program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ACTIVITIES**—Wally Pretzer sent a message reminding members of the February 22 party and Black Swamp Players theatre production afterwards. A book discussion is also planned for later this spring.
- **BYLAWS**—There is a proposal to amend the Bylaws by the Bylaws committee. Action will take place later in the meeting.
- **MEMBERSHIP**—Leathers send a report on members to date, noting that the increase in life members was the “biggest story.” There are now 76 life members. A detailed membership report is on file with these minutes.
- **NEWSLETTER**—Jim Gordon, editor, said the newsletter is in the mail.
- **NOMINATING**—Anderson, chair, reported that the committee has had two meetings. He told about the process for getting nominees. They had talked about one-year terms but felt that would lead to a lot of turnover on the board. He said the list of nominees is completed and he will have a written report in April.
- **OCHER**—Anderson reported that Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut has been invited to talk about his plan for higher education at the March meeting. At the last meeting, discussion was held on HB315 and HB270 and Substitute HB270. Stang noted that HB270 defines contributions and benefits and retirees need to continue to watch it. The new drug provider Express Scripts may take 25 days to process an order. STRS is looking for a new Executive Director. The headhunter says “it’s a challenge to find the quality Ohio deserves.” STRS also noted that because people are living longer, this needs to be considered by STRS in its planning.
- **OFFICE STAFFING**—McOmber said a volunteer for Monday, April 28, is needed to staff the office.
- **OFFICE OPERATION**—No report.
- **PROFESSIONAL**—No report.

- **PROGRAM**—Groat reported the following programs for the rest of the year:
 April 16, Joint meeting with University of Toledo Retirees, Bowen-Thompson Union
 May 14, Kevin Maynard, director of municipal utilities for Bowling Green
- **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—Keller reported that several issues are being looked at—the Compensation Committee is looking at equity for faculty and administrators and consistency in evaluations. and exit interviews for employees who leave the University.
- **CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—Sexton reported that CSC is reviewing HB187 which proposes changes as to who is considered as “classified” in the government system. She will work with the committee because of experience with HB309.
- **COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE**—Bill Rock, BGSURA representative to this committee, sent a written report which was distributed to members. President Cormier noted concerns with the governor appointing the chancellor as it then becomes political.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **GOLDEN BOOK AWARD ENDOWMENT**—President Cormier said she thinks BGSURA will come up with the dollars for this year’s \$500 scholarship award. But the BGSURA fund still needs about \$8,000 to become endowed. A campaign is needed to raise money. Discussion centered on when such a campaign should be held and a goal for each year. It was also pointed out that small amounts add up.

NEW BUSINESS

- **WOOD COUNTY ORTA** wishes to continue the joint meetings. ORTA President John Hiltner has said they cannot be scheduled on Wednesdays as that is a “bad” day for him. Bright moved to continue the joint meetings. The motion was seconded and approved.
- **CHANGE OF BYLAWS** The Bylaws Committee has submitted an amendment to the BGSURA Bylaws: Article IV, Section 2, (b) Officers of the association — The elected officers of the association shall be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. These officers are expected to have served one year on the Board of Directors to be eligible for one of the positions.

The proposal to amend it is as follows (sentence 2):

These officers are expected to have served one year on the Board of Directors or to have served in a similar leadership position in another organization to be eligible for one of these positions.

Joan Gordon raised a point about including the word “similar” which would mean that a candidate for secretary would have had to be secretary in another organization, etc. She moved to strike the word “similar” in the proposed amendment. The motion was seconded and approved. Joan Gordon moved that the recommendation as amended be adopted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Article IV, Section 2, sentence 2 would then read: These officers are expected to have served one year on the Board of Directors or to have served in a leadership position in another organization to be eligible for one of these positions.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, April 23, at 1:30 p.m.

THE MEETING was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Joan H. Gordon, Secretary