

**BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2015 – 1:30 p.m.
HUMAN RESOURCES - CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Applebaum, Jim Corbitt, Ellen Dalton, Judy Donald, Gaylyn Finn, Jan Finn, Linda Hamilton, Barbara Keller, Pat Koehler, Barbara Moses, Jan Peterson, Chris Sexton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Anderson, Ted Groat, Karel King, Paul Lopez, Carol Lininger, Tina Martini, Carol Sanner, Ellen Williams, Bonnie Woods

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

MINUTES

After a couple housekeeping items, Barbara Keller made a motion to approve the October 9, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Charlie Applebaum. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gaylyn Finn shared that projected membership is down about 30, thus revenue from dues is less than anticipated. The Foundation seems to be catching up with paying bills.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sexton will email a registration reminder for the February 25, 2-5 p.m., estate planning session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES – Pat Koehler indicated that no new activities are currently planned. Several ideas were shared.

BENEVOLENCE – Jan Peterson announced that 52 retirees passed away in 2014. A list of these individuals was shared. She noted that not all on the list are BGSURA members.

BYLAWS – Barbara Keller asked the board members to review the by-laws and let her know of anything that needs attention.

DATABASE ADMINISTRATION – No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Jim Corbitt shared a membership comparison of 1/13/15 with 1/18/14. Regular members are down 14, life and associate life members are each up 1, with no change in the number of associate members. There are 83 complimentary memberships for first-year retirees, compared to 62 a year ago. Total membership is down from 323 to 311. The committee reached out via email during the fall to non-renewing members and got a small return. The renewal form for the 2015-16 membership will be included in the April newsletter.

NEWSLETTER – Ellen Dalton is working on the next newsletter that is to be sent out the beginning of February.

WEB DEVELOPER – No report.

NOMINATING –Jan Peterson announced that the committee (Linda Hamilton, Janet Parks, Jan Peterson) will meet in the next couple of weeks. Linda Hamilton and Paul Lopez are term limited.

OFFICE STAFFING – Barbara Keller complimented office users for signing in to document usage. There were thirteen entries over the summer which is usually a time of little use. Office is used for meetings and appointments.

PROGRAM – Barbara Moses announced the remainder of the luncheon program speakers for this year and also the lineup for the 2015-16 year.

March 9 – Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Commissioner, “Project Connect”

May 11 – Ray Braun, Dean, College of Business Administration, “The HATCH and other Business Innovations”

2015-16 Luncheon Program Speakers

September 14 – Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, President, BGSU

November 9 – Alan Mortensen, personal injury attorney, lead attorney for Clyde Cancer Cluster

March 14 – Jon Sprague, Director, BGSU Center for the Future of Forensic Science

April 11 – Tom Henry, The Blade, “Lake Erie Water Issues” (joint meeting with UT Reitreers)

May 9 – Jerry Wicks, “Trains”

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FACULTY SENATE – No report. The report was sent by email to board members.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL –Observer Judy Donald shared that the report will be in the next newsletter.

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – No report. The report was sent by email to board members.

RETIREMENT INFORMATION VOLUNTEERS – Chris Sexton reported that it is getting harder to counsel potential retirees, because retirement systems are not sharing information. Information is getting more complex and information is on-line. Should the BGSURA continue to offer this service? (See New Business.)

OLD BUSINESS

HANDBOOK UPDATE – Chris Sexton shared that the handbook update is in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD MEETING NEW LOCATION – Chris Sexton stated that our meeting place at Human Resources is only guaranteed through March 2015. Other offices are moving into the building and Becca Ferguson is unsure how much space Human Resources will continue to occupy. Ferguson has announced her retirement for the end of the fiscal year. She has been extremely supportive of the BGSURA.

CEASE RETIREMENT INFORMATION VOLUNTEERS – Based on individual retirement complexity and on-line availability, it was decided that the BGSURA discontinue offering counseling service effective February 1. However, Chris and Diana Shamp will finish working with people currently being counseled.

NEWSLETTER PROFILES – Chris Sexton shared that we need someone to prepare profiles for the newsletter to replace Clif Boutelle. In the search for a replacement, one individual didn't feel they were a good enough writer while another didn't feel comfortable with photography.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting is April 8, 2015, 1:30 p.m., location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dalton
Newsletter Editor
(for absent secretary)