

BGSURA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2013 – 1:30 p.m.
COLLEGE PARK OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Corbitt, Ellen Dalton, Gaylyn Finn, Pat Fitzgerald, Linda Hamilton, Barbara Keller, Pat Koehler, Barbara Moses, Jan Peterson, Carol Sanner, Chris Sexton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Anderson, Charlie Applebaum, Joan Gordon, Sue Hager, Karel King, Paul Lopez, Tina Martini, Genevieve Stang

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

MINUTES

Following a few housekeeping items, Linda Hamilton made a motion to approve the April 9, 2013 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Barbara Keller. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gaylyn Finn shared the July 2013 Treasurer's Report. It was agreed that line items 4 and 5 be eliminated as the Association no longer offers two-year full and associate memberships. The projected June 30 balance is \$9,166, which is close to budget for the year. The administrative fee from the BGSU Foundation has not been communicated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sexton has observed that the culture at the University appears to be adversarial. As Board members of the BGSU Retirees Association, we are here to serve all retirees of the University. To better serve, we need to make better use of our membership and newsletter. Retirees need to be encouraged to serve on committees, run for an office or serve on the board, and cover needed positions throughout the year. The newsletter is a communication tool to provide the most current information on and off campus. Pat Fitzgerald has agreed to report OPERS information from OCHER meetings in Columbus this year. The Faculty Senate representative should be announced soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES – Pat Koehler announced she is working on a fall social event. Ralph Wolfe has agreed to host the Holiday reception at his home. Having luncheons when no luncheon meeting is scheduled for members is currently under discussion.

BENEVOLENCE – Jan Peterson continues to monitor and send sympathy cards to families of deceased retirees.

BYLAWS – In Joan Gordon's absence, President Sexton reported no changes to the bylaws.

DATABASE – In Paul Lopez’s absence, President Sexton reported that the database is working well.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Co-chair Jim Corbitt reported that total membership as of July 9 is 266 members, which includes 41, ‘14 new comps. The projection is 342 regular members and 83 comps for a total of 425. We are up 4% as of last year at the same time (June 30).

NEWSLETTER – Editor Ellen Dalton requested material for the next newsletter by August 1. Chris Sexton thanked Ellen for taking on this leadership role and asked the Board members to be proactive in submitting newsworthy articles to her for inclusion in each newsletter.

WEB DEVELOPER – No report.

NOMINATING – Chair Jan Peterson recommended that online voting be an option, along with the newsletter mail-in voting.

OFFICE STAFFING – Chair Barbara Keller circulated the office staff volunteer schedule for fall semester and encouraged each board member to sign up for two time slots.

PROGRAMS – Co-chair Barbara Moses shared that the committee will be meeting soon with Chef Jeff at Bowling Green Country Club. He will be serving five meals throughout the year. Announced that there are “Lunches in the Park” located at City Park on Fridays. On August 2, Qdoba is serving lunch with Ragtime Rick & Banjo Betsy performing. She suggests that a couple tables be reserved for BGSURA members.

OCHER – President Sexton announced that Pat Fitzgerald has volunteered to represent OPERS at OCHER meetings. In his absence, Representative Roger Anderson submitted his written STRS/PERS Report. The OCHER Board met May 21, 2013 and elected officers for the 2013-14 year. Congratulations to Roger Anderson for being elected Vice President. As a result of pension reform, STRS should meet the 30 year unfunded liability requirement in two years. The STRS operating budget for fiscal year is \$90.5 million, a small decrease from 2013. STRS investments’ market value is over \$69 billion, as of May 31, 2013, up 15.1% for the fiscal year. As of December 31, 2012 PERS investments are \$83 billion, an increase of 14.52% for the fiscal year. Health care changes for spouses of PERS will go into effect between 2015 and 2017. The PERI web page is an excellent source for pension news for PERS retirees.

FACULTY SENATE – President Sexton has communicated with Faculty Senate on their appointment to BGSURA Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL – Observer Linda Hamilton shared her written report. The May 2 guest speaker was Jill Carr, Sr. Assoc. VP and Dean of Students. The University is diverting \$1.3 million of the general fee to the Rec Center renovation, starting renovations this August, building to close late April, with completion August ‘14. Summer ‘14 all Greek housing will come down, reopening in Fall ‘16. Harshman will serve as Greek community in the interim. On

June 6, Sheri Stoll, Chief Financial Officer & VP Finance and Administration, was guest speaker. New funding formula for State share of instruction begins FY2014. Funding decreased \$3 million next year, uncertain for FY2015. Funding is based on outputs, not inputs (degree completion, not enrollments); funding ½ cost of out-of-state undergrad students; funding based on 3-year average. Approved 2% salary pools, plus targeted market adjustments. The Honors program is to become Honors College. The Board of Trustees have announced that the crime lab construction starts this Fall, \$1 million has been approved for local property purchases, and consideration of a conference center near I-75.

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – In her absence, Observer Tina Martini submitted a written report. CSC was honored with Friend of the Office of Service-Learning Award for making lunches for the MLK Day of Service volunteers. At the May CSC Awards Ceremony, the Spirit of BG Awards were given to 17 classified staff, the Team Award was presented to the College of Arts & Science Administrative Office Staff, the Outstanding Service Award was presented to Kathleen Newman, Office of Service-Learning, and winners of the CSC scholarship were introduced. At July meeting, Chair Terry Carver passed the gavel to Gail Houtz, Chair for 2013-14 academic year.

RETIREMENT INFORMATION – Co-Chair Chris Sexton announced that committee activity has slowed a great deal since spring when employees were preparing to retire at fiscal year-end.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEWSLETTER – Ellen Dalton has agreed to serve as newsletter editor. She is to order the computer software necessary for design purposes. Everyone needs to submit their information by August 1 for the next newsletter.

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD – President Sexton announced that Development Officer Shannon Spencer confirmed that we have the needed dollars to support a student from the College of Musical Arts this year. Baskets for scholarship contributions will continue to be placed on tables at luncheons.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board went into executive session.

CAMPUS PARKING PERMITS – Carol Sanner announced that BGSU retirees may register their vehicle through Parking Services for campus parking. The permit, to be hung from the rearview mirror, is valid for three years (Aug. 2013 through Aug. 2016) at no charge. Visit Parking Services at 1 College Park Office Bldg. with vehicle make, model, year and license plate number. Questions? Contact Parking Services at parking@bgsu.edu or 419-372-2776.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT – President Sexton expressed concern with the management of the office, i.e., no retiree is appointed to care for the office in regards to computer maintenance, phone service and office supplies. She asked the board to attend the next meeting with ideas to remedy this issue.

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD – It was suggested that the last newsletter of the calendar year include information on donating to the book scholarship as an end-of-the-year tax deduction. Another suggestion is to include a donation request for the Golden Book Award with annual membership renewals.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. The next meeting is October 9, 2013, 1:30 p.m., 2 College Park Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sanner
Secretary