

BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
JULY 22, 2009
ROOM #2, COLLEGE PARK, 1:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Clif Boutelle, Ramona Cormier, Joan Gordon, James Gordon, H. Theodore Groat, Paul Haas, Sue Hager, Linda Hamilton, Joseph Jacoby, Barbara Keller, Park Leathers, Paul Lopez, Harold Lunde, Charles McCaghy, Janet Parks, Christine Sexton, Genevieve Stang, Diana Shamp

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: R. K. Clark, Elmer Spreitzer

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Cormier, who also welcomed new Board members, Paul Haas, Linda Hamilton, Joseph Jacoby, Paul Lopez and congratulated Hal Lunde and Chris Sexton on their re-elections.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2009 MEETING

Joan Gordon noted several corrections to the minutes, which Genevieve Stang moved to accept, seconded by Gordon. The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hal Lunde provided members with a three-page report, which gave fiscal years 2007 and 2008 actual activity amounts, as well as 2009 budget activity through June 30, and projected budget needs for the balance of the fiscal year. He noted that the balance in the account as of June 30 was \$10,589.48. The report also projected a 2010 fiscal year estimate of budget needs along with an accrual estimate for that time period based on membership dues paid in advance.

Chris Sexton prepared an estimate of anticipated budget expenses (\$55.00) for the Retirement Information Volunteers for the 2009/2010 fiscal year, which included some printing and long-distance phone charges. Lunde noted the budget could absorb the anticipated expenses of the RIV program into the current proposed figures. Linda Hamilton suggested that the expenses of the RIV program be a separate line item in the budget (for tracking purposes). Lunde moved, Roger Anderson seconded the recommended budget for fiscal year 2010 be approved absorbing the RIV expenses, but showing those expenses as a separate line item. The motion was unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cormier thanked everyone on the Board and committees for serving and asked that they review the listings of officers, board members, committee appointments and calendar of meetings and programs for accuracy. Stang corrected her phone number and Sue Hager made a change to her email address. A final corrected copy will be resent to the members.

President Cormier informed members that Michael Nehf, Executive Director of STRS Ohio, will be the speaker for the March 11, 2010 joint meeting with the Wood County Teachers

Association. President Cormier also clarified that all membership program luncheons begin at 11:30 a.m.

President Cormier noted that she had received a phone call from Jeff Bassett of Otterbein Retirement Homes asking to come and speak to the membership. She stated she felt she had discouraged him as all program speakers had been confirmed for the upcoming year. The members agreed to not request he attend any meetings.

A phone call from Ellen Dalton of the League of Women Voters' was received by President Cormier. Ms. Dalton wanted to know if the BGSURA would help sponsor a meeting on October 25, 2009 where local political candidates are introduced and answer questions from the community. Ted Groat moved and Stang seconded a motion to help sponsor the meeting. The motion was approved and President Cormier will notify Ms. Dalton of the group's approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ACTIVITIES** – In the absence of Wally Pretzer, President Cormier noted that the committee would like to continue dances and have more book reviews in the future.
- **BYLAWS** – Joan Gordon stated that the bylaws were last reviewed in 2008 and do need to be reviewed again. She will send a copy to everyone to look over. Anderson spoke about the possible need for an advocacy committee that would stay on top of issues involving the retirement systems and notify members of pending legislation, changes, etc. He noted that representatives of OCHER do attend legislative meetings and BGSURA could possibly establish a relationship with the OCHER committee. He will forward suggestions to Gordon.
- **MEMBERSHIP** -- Park Leathers provided a report of June 2008 versus June 2009 memberships. It showed that first time new memberships were down by 10, but regular memberships remained pretty constant. He did note that five life members had passed away during the 2008-2009 membership year. He also noted that many renewals have been received since Jim Gordon included the renewal form in the May newsletter and he would like to see that inclusion be continued.
- **NEWSLETTER** – Jim Gordon stated that the hard copy deadline for the next newsletter is August 15th. He is looking for new editorial subjects and welcomes ideas that members may have. The next newsletter will be mailed the last week of August.
- **NOMINATING** – Janet Parks stated that the group will be getting together in October or November to begin the process of finding candidates for next year.
- **OCHER** – Anderson stated that more than 80 people attended the last OCHER conference in Columbus. Stang noted that Anderson was serving his second year as OCHER Secretary. Stang also stated that STRS open enrollment materials will be sent out in October for November signups and that STRS was implementing some changes to the healthcare program for January 2010.
- **OFFICE STAFFING** – President Cormier noted that Jan Peterson will handle the office staffing for this year. The office, located in Room 5 of College Park, is open Mondays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sexton stated that

the RIV group had checked on phone calls and emails during the summer months when the office was not open. The office had received a round table and two swivel chairs and Shamp noted that she would check to see if two more chairs with casters could be obtained to replace the two low back chairs still in the office.

- **OFFICE OPERATIONS** – Anderson thanked Jim Gordon for getting the new website up and running.
- **PROFESSIONAL** – Anderson suggested that President Cormier and Chair Lunde may want to meet with the new Provost, Dr. Kenneth Borland, to introduce BGSURA and its involvement and support of the University.
- **PROGRAM** – President Cormier commended Groat and his committee for a great job in getting interesting programs. Groat went over the programs scheduled for the 2009-2010 academic year and asked for ideas for programs in the future. Lunde noted the budget would need to be amended to reflect luncheon costs as \$10.50 rather than \$10.00. Lunde also asked for verification of the \$16.00 he currently shows in the budget for the convocation to be Wednesday, Sept. 16, in the Sky Bank Room 201 of the BGSU Bowen-Thompson Union. Is that the correct amount? Groat is to let him know following final negotiations with the Union. Lunde suggested that \$11.00 be charged for luncheons rather than \$10.50. This would eliminate the need for handling coin. Hager moved and Groat seconded the motion to price luncheons at \$11.00. Motion approved.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL** -- **Barbara** Keller noted that John Harbal, President of the Board of Trustees, spoke at the last meeting answering questions from the ASC Executive Board. Sarah Zulch-Smith will be the new Chair of ASC for the 2009-2010 year. Joan Gordon suggested a letter from President Cormier be sent to the new ASC chair introducing Keller as a Retiree Association representative and include a copy of the ASC governance noting the representative from BGSURA as part of the ASC membership. Gordon also suggested sending similar letters to the new chairs of Classified Staff Council and Faculty Senate. President Cormier will send the letters.
- **CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL** -- Sexton noted that Violet Serrato is the chair of CSC for the 2009-2010 year. CSC was very appreciative of BGSURA's assistance with the Helping Hands Program.
- **PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS** -- Bill Rock will continue to serve as representative. There was no report.
- **FACULTY SENATE** -- No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RETIREMENT INFORMATION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM – President Cormier noted that she, Sexton and Shamp had met with Human Resources representatives following the first 6 months of the program to see how HR felt about the program, what RIV might do differently or suggestions on how to better improve the program. Human Resources were appreciative of the committee's efforts and assistance. Meetings will be held periodically in the future. Shamp noted that committee representatives had met with approximately 20 individuals since the inception of the program in January 2009.

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD – President Cormier reminded members that all monies donated toward the award are being put into the spending account. The award has collected more than \$17,000 and the scholarship for this year has been paid. Rawlin Myers, College of

Business, is the current scholarship winter. He was to be invited to the convocation luncheon, but will be leaving for Europe on August 31 as part of the Education Abroad Program. Lunde suggested that some type of formal policy be formed to build the endowment in the future so that additional scholarships might be given. Anderson noted that President Cormier and he were put on the Family Campaign committee for this year and that a letter had been sent out to retirees designating that any monies donated be put into the Golden Book Award endowment spending account. The motion that baskets be put out at all 2009-2010 luncheons for donations will remain in effect. President Cormier noted that scholarships given in the past included an Undeclared (Honors') Group the first year, College of Arts and Sciences the second year and College of Business this year.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE – Addition of possible new committee

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m.

President Cormier adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Diana Shamp
Secretary