

**BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2008  
BGSU, COLLEGE PARK ROOM 2**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Genevieve Stang, Bob Clark, Don Bright, Roger Anderson, Hal Lunde, Barbara Keller, Ted Groat, Jane Schimpf, Janet Parks, Chris Sexton, Joan Gordon, Jim Gordon, Pietro Badia, Becky McOmer, Elmer Spreitzer, Clif Boutelle, Sue Hager, Diana Shamp

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ramona Cormier, Park Leathers, Charles McCaghy

In the absence of President Cormier, Vice President Groat called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2008**

Lunde moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion was seconded and approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lunde reported a balance of \$7,732.58 as of October 15. Treasurer Lunde moved to approve the 2009 proposed fiscal year budget. After review of the proposed budget, it was decided that the luncheon cost should be increased from \$9.00 to \$10.00. This change was incorporated into the motion, which was seconded and approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **ACTIVITIES** – No report
- **BY LAWS** – No report
- **MEMBERSHIP** – In Leather's absence, information was provided about the status of new and renewed memberships. The data indicated renewal numbers are lower than in the past. Keller moved to have office staff, during their time in the office, make telephone calls to those who had not renewed. After discussion regarding potential long-distance tolls, keeping records so no duplicate calls were made, limiting calls to local numbers only, and use of e-mail rather than phone, the motion was amended to have office staff call or e-mail individuals they are comfortable in contacting. The motion was seconded and approved. Groat will inform Leathers of the motion. Jim Gordon discussed the new procedure being implemented regarding the printing of membership status on mailing labels for the newsletters. Renewal forms will also be sent to those who have not paid.
- **NEWSLETTER** – Jim Gordon stated that October 24 is the deadline for articles for the November issue and asked for ideas for future newsletter articles.
- **NOMINATING** – In response to a question from Parks, Anderson clarified that committee activity will begin around the first of the year.

- **OCHER** – Anderson distributed a report of OCHER Advocacy issues following their September 16 meeting. He advised that the President and Executive Committee are suggesting two-year terms of office for better continuity, and that the conference in May 2009 will deal with healthcare. The future of retiree healthcare and how to preserve it is a major concern of everyone in the state retirement system. Stang noted that HB315 will be reintroduced after the first of year and that it must receive support. She also encouraged members to attend the local OPERSI group meetings held at the Senior Center and report back to the group. It was asked if more OPERS information could be provided in the committee reports. Jim Gordon indicated he had tried to get information from the OPERS website, but it was hard to obtain.
- **OFFICE STAFFING** – McOmber said two new desk chairs had been obtained from the BGSU surplus. Because of the new email system (OUTLOOK) that BGSU recently implemented, office volunteers must now sign in under their own individual BGSU ID and password to access the BGSURA website.
- **OFFICE OPERATIONS** – No report
- **PROFESSIONAL** – Badia stated that Professors Joe Perry and Larry Daly had been using the BGSURA research room (College Park, Room 165), but that Perry no longer was interested in the office space and Daly had requested space for only one more year. He asked for ideas on how to get people to utilize the space. Shamp inquired if the room was available to any retiree or limited to faculty. Badia stated the office was obtained primarily as a research space. Shamp indicated that due to budgetary cutbacks, her part-time position in the office of Human Resources would be eliminated at the end of the year. With the elimination of the position, the University would be not have manpower to provide counseling or assistance to employees considering retirement. She asked about the possibility of offering pre-retirement services through BGSURA using Room 165. It was suggested that the BGSURA office, rather than Room 165, be utilized as it has a computer and telephone available. Stang moved to have the Professional Committee study the feasibility of developing a pre-retirement program, using existing resources, for all retirement system members. Lunde suggested that the committee include Shamp as a member. The motion was seconded and approved.
- **PROGRAM** – Groat noted all remaining luncheons will be held at Stone Ridge Golf Club and that the November 12 luncheon would feature Gary Hess speaking on the *“Challenges of Writing the University’s 100th Anniversary History.”* The programs in 2009 will include the traditional musical program in January, Dr. Peggy Giordano as guest speaker in March, a joint meeting in April with the University of Toledo, and Dr. Michelle Grigore, Director of Bowling Green Parks and Recreation, in May. The Committee has also begun working on programs for the 2009-10 academic year. Keller suggested inviting Interim President Dr. Carol Cartwright to attend a luncheon meeting as guest speaker.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL (ASC)** – Keller announced that the Ferrari Award had been presented to Laura Emch, Associate Director of Financial Aid for Systems. ASC had also written a resolution of appreciation for Clarence Terry, Director of Multi-cultural Affairs, who passed away in the spring.
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- **CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL (CSC)** - Sexton stated that Sheri Stoll, Vice President for Finance and Administration, had attended a CSC meeting and discussed the impact of the passage of HB 187 on possible staff reductions and outsourcing of some managerial positions. She indicated she did not anticipate any staff outsourcing at this time and also addressed the issue of the 185% increase (approximately \$187,000) in unemployment compensation payments, clarifying that it represented an increase in the budget over the amount actually spent in the prior year - not an increase compared to the amount budgeted last year.
- **PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS** – No report
- **FACULTY SENATE** – Clark stated that Interim President Dr. Carol Cartwright had spoken at the last meeting regarding BGSU's severe financial situation and two of the active searches currently going on for College of Arts and Sciences Dean and the Firelands Campus Dean. Clark also noted that on October 21 a collective bargaining informational meeting would be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the McMaster Room of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. He also announced the next Senate meeting on Tuesday, October 28 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the BGSU Theatre would be an open forum with Sherideen Stoll, Dr. Cartwright and Provost, Dr. Shirley Baugher.

The next Board meeting will be February 18, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in College Park Room 2.

Anderson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Diana Shamp  
Secretary