

**BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

February 15, 2009
College Park 2, BGSU

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pietro Badia, Clif Boutelle, Ramona Cormier, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Ted Groat, Harold Lunde, Becky McOmber, Janet Parks, Jane Schimpf, Chris Sexton, Barbara Keller, Genevieve Stang

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Anderson, Diana Shamp, Don Bright, Sue Hager, Charles McCaghy, Park Leathers, Elmer Spreitzer, R. K. Clark.

President Cormier called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2008, MEETING

Corrections: McCaghy should be added to the Absent List, and under Faculty Senate information, the McMaster Room should be in the Bowen-Thomas University Union. Sexton moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lunde reported income as of January 31 at \$15,052.40 and expenses at \$4,027.27, leaving a balance of \$11,025.13 as of that date. He also noted the various membership levels, indicating that most were above estimates. Financial report on file with these minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cormier introduced Alaina Kantner, a member of the BGSU Dance Marathon Committee, who invited retirees to participate in the event. The Marathon, which is in its 14th year, is the largest student-run philanthropy in Ohio. It includes 1,000 undergraduate participants. The event is March 21-22 this year.

Correspondence from Mildred Alred about the joint meeting with the Toledo retirees was read by President Cormier. The joint meeting will be April 22.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ACTIVITIES**—Wally Pretzer has arranged a cocktail party on February 27, hosted by Fred and Nancy Leetch, in Nancy's art studio.
- **BYLAWS**—Joan Gordon has been appointed to chair the Bylaws Committee.
- **MEMBERSHIP**—Treasurer Lunde reported “we are holding our own” regarding membership. Membership is down only by 6, compared to last year, for a total of 323.
- **NEWSLETTER**—Jim Gordon, editor, reviewed the contents of the March newsletter. 180 members now are signed up to receive the list proc.
- **NOMINATING**—Chairman Parks reported that the committee has met and begun its work.
- **OCHER**—Stang reported that the state of Ohio thinks its stimulus funds are more “designated” than officials expected.

RMD (Required Minimum Disbursement) withdrawals have been suspended for those who wish to do so in 2009.

STRS (State Teachers Retirement System) Board is meeting tomorrow. Two new Board members will be elected in April. There are 20 nominees now. STRS members need to get information on candidates.

PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) continues to have concerns about health care and funding.

- **OFFICE STAFFING**—McOmber reported the office is fully staffed for spring. There are six new volunteers.

- **OFFICE OPERATION**—No report.

- **PROFESSIONAL**—Badia reported that one retiree is using the Research Room.

- **PROGRAM**—Groat reported the next two meetings will be at Stone Ridge Golf Club. The September 16 Convocation will be in Bowen –Thompson Union. President Carol Cartwright will be the speaker at the January 13, 2010, luncheon.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—Keller reported that HB 235 which would amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives January 7. It has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. She urged members to write their Congressmen to support the repeal.

- **CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—Sexton reported that she presented information to the Classified Staff Council about the Volunteer Retirement Program at the Council's last meeting. Members were very receptive.

Judy Hageman, chairman of the CSC, likes the BGSURA newsletter and would like to link the CSC web site to BGSURA's. Lunde moved that the link between CSC and BGSURA be allowed. The motion was seconded and approved. Keller moved to allow the linking of web sites of BGSURA and the Administrative Staff Council (if that group has one). The motion was seconded and approved J.R. Gordon said he would check for a Faculty Senate web site linkage.

- **FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS**

- **REPRESENTATIVE**— Bill Rock, BGSURA's representative on the committee, sent a written report on the committee's last meeting. The report centered mostly on the state budget and a trip to Columbus to meet with local legislators. Report attached to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **VOLUNTEER RETIREMENT PROGRAM**—Sexton reported on the process which was used to get the program up and running. She gathered material and Jim Gordon printed some informational cards to put in the Human Resources office. HR is referring people to BGSURA except those with special disabilities. Sexton said the program seems to be working well. Volunteers so far are Gaylyn Finn and Janice Peterson.

NEW BUSINESS

• **STATUS OF GOLDEN BOOK AWARD**—There is \$15,578.50 in the Award Endowment, but no spendable amount in the scholarship account. Parks moved that \$500 be guaranteed from the BGSURA budget for the scholarship to be awarded in the fall and that members be given the opportunity to contribute through a coupon in the newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEXT MEETING — The next meeting has been changed to APRIL 15 because of the schedule conflict with the joint meeting with Toledo.

MEETING adjourned.

Joan H. Gordon
Secretary, Pro-tem