

BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2010
COLLEGE PARK #2, BGSU

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Clif Boutelle, R.K. Clark, Ramona Cormier, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Ted Groat, Sue Hager, Linda Hamilton, Barb Keller, Janet Parks, Chris Sexton, Diana Shamp, Elmer Spreitzer, Genevieve Stang

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Haas, Joe Jacoby, Park Leathers, Paul Lopez, Hal Lunde,

President Cormier called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2010 MEETING

Corrections:

- *Nominating Committee Report* - Chairman Parks changed to Chair Parks. Ted Groat, Sue Hager, Chuck McCaghy and Eldon Snyder's names were omitted from list of those running for Directors
- *Administrative Council* – should read Administrative Staff Council in heading and also second line
- *Meeting with Toledo Retirees* – first line should refer to annual luncheon meeting with Wood County Retired Teachers, not Toledo retirees. Also, delete the sentence "Bowling Green and Toledo are the only groups in the state who have a yearly joint meeting". Next sentence amended to read, "Many BGSURA members do not attend as they may be members of OPERS".

The minutes were approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Lunde, Jim Gordon passed out a copy of the financial report, showing a balance of \$10,071.13 as of March 31, 2010.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cormier thanked the Board and those who worked on the last luncheon with the University of Toledo for a job well done. She noted that speaker, Melissa Miller, appreciated the comments given by those in attendance. Spreitzer noted that the visual presentation was well done. Groat noted that the problems with the microphone will be addressed with the Stone Ridge Golf Course staff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ACTIVITIES:** No report

- **BYLAWS:** Joan Gordon stated that the bylaws (with proposed changes) will be going up on the BGSURA website. A summary of the proposed changes will also be sent out in the newsletter in May.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** In the absence of Chair Leathers, Jim Gordon asked Board members to sign a letter that will be sent to new retirees regarding the Retiree Association. Stang suggested that a membership committee member may want to attend the Spring Retirees Reception on April 26th in the Mileti Alumni Center to make a “pitch” for the Retiree Association.
- **NEWSLETTER:** Editor Gordon noted that a summary of the bylaws had been sent to Carol Lininger for uploading to the BGSURA website. The next newsletter is to be sent out the middle of next week and will include the ballot for the candidates running for Officers and Directors, as well as the reservation for the May 12th luncheon.
- **NOMINATING:** No report
- **OCHER:** A meeting was held on March 19th and Robert Slater, Deputy and Finance Director at STRS, gave a summary of reforms presented to the legislature. Greg Nickell, STRS Director of Health Care, answered questions regarding health care issues. One of those issues was Wood County Hospital not in the STRS Medicare Advantage Plan, but the hospital will accept the insurance. Nickell noted that there is no penalty in benefits if the group or doctor accepts Medicare. More providers are being recruited. Another meeting is scheduled for May. A national conference is scheduled for November. STRS and OPERS to invite other state retirement plans to attend. Anderson noted that only about 25% of OCHER members are OPERS retirees. OPERS doesn’t contribute as much to OCHER meetings. Keller expressed a concern about the lack of information that is shared about OPERS. Stang stated that she has tried to obtain information to share with the group but has had problems doing so. Stang also stated that she attended a meeting about the Aetna/Medicare Advantage Plan. She handed out a summary of change highlights that may impact STRS retirees. Getting information regarding OPERS continues to be a challenge but OCHER continues to try.
- **OFFICE STAFFING:** No report
- **OFFICE OPERATIONS:** No report
- **PROFESSIONAL:** No report
- **PROGRAM:** No report
- **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL:** No report. Just shared concern regarding lack of OPERS information shared

- **CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL:** Sexton reported that BGSU is now self-insured for their liability insurance. The Staff Award Appreciation reception will be held April 22 with Dr. Cartwright as the speaker. Gifts are Bookstore gift cards.
- **PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS:** No report. Possibly no longer a functioning committee
- **FACULTY SENATE:** Clark reported that May 4th will be the next meeting. The speaker will be Dr. Bernice Sandler, the “godmother” of Title IX, and driving force behind the law.
- **RETIREMENT INFORMATION VOLUNTEERS:** Sexton noted that people traffic has slowed. There have been some problems with the on-line application process through OPERS, but that changing to another computer has sometimes solved the problem. The Office of Human Resources announced that 33 Administrative, 78 Classified and 38 Faculty members took advantage of the severance package offered last December. The majority of those retiring will be leaving at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. Some areas were hit hard with the number of people leaving (i.e. 7 in Library, 7 in Education and 6 in the TV station).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **GOLDEN BOOK:** Jim Gordon stated that there is \$1,790.00 in spendable income in the account to give a scholarship. The recipient will be chosen from the College of Education.
- **JOINT MEETING WITH WCRTA:** This is a meeting with interest to faculty only, generally dealing with STRS healthcare, affairs or issues. Do we need to continue this meeting? Do we cancel that relationship? How do we proceed? Stang noted that 80% of BGSURA members are WCRTA members. She also stated that the October WCRTA meeting is on STRS healthcare and Greg Nickell, STRS Director of Health Care will be the speaker. Boutelle asked if the relationship with WCRTA is cancelled, could a meeting with WCRTA be held but present a different subject that would appeal to all members. He suggested a joint meeting between BGSURA and WCRTA in March 2011 with a general topic which would appeal to all. The April meeting is joint with University of Toledo. Could it be eliminated? President Cormier suggested meeting with WCRTA to discuss the issues regarding program topics that would appeal to a more diversified group. Stang will provide President Cormier with a number to make the initial contact regarding resolution of the problem.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of membership letter with Board's signatures to be sent to new retirees
- Anderson moved, Sexton seconded to approve the slate of nominees for Officers and Board. These include David Chilson for Vice President, Diana Shamp for Secretary, Sue Hager, Ted Groat, Janet Parks, Jim Corbitt, Elden Snyder, Joan Gordon and Chuck McCaghy for Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The next meeting in July to be announced.

Diana Shamp

Diana Shamp, Secretary