

**BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2008  
BGSU, COLLEGE PARK ROOM 2**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pietro Badia, Clif Boutelle, Don Bright, Ramona Cormier, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Sue Hager, Barb Keller, Park Leathers, Hal Lunde, Chuck McCaghy, Becky McOmber, Janet Parks, Chris Sexton, Diana Shamp, Elmer Spreitzer, Genevieve Stang

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Roger Anderson, Ted Groat, Jane Schimpf, R.K. Clark

President Cormier called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. She introduced Diana Shamp as the new Secretary and thanked Joan Gordon for her past secretarial work and agreeing to become a member of the Board. Congratulations were also extended by President Cormier to Joan for winning the "I Love BG" award, presented by the Chamber of Commerce on July 22.

**MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2008 MEETING**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Lunde's report provided fiscal year end comparative summary of income and expenses for 2006, 2007 and 2008, as well as projected remaining 2008 figures. Income for 2008 (through June 30) was \$19,737.32, expenses \$10,892.37, leaving a carryover of \$8,845.95. (*Itemized copy of report on file with minutes*)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Cormier introduced Sue Hager as a new board member, and then reviewed the calendar of the Board and membership luncheon meetings. She noted that luncheon meetings will now be held at Stone Ridge Golf Course. The date of the April 2009 meeting to be held jointly with University of Toledo is yet undetermined. Cormier announced Janet Parks as new chair of the Nominating Committee and advised that all appointments were confirmed. She clarified that all terms of office expire on June 30.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **ACTIVITIES** - In the absence of Wally Pretzer, President Cormier told members of the October 5 dance at the Bavarian House in Deshler and the September 23-24 book discussion at the home of Dick and Nadine Edwards. She asked for suggestions or volunteers for future book discussions. Joan Gordon suggested the book "The Last Town on Earth," the University's "community reads."
- **BY LAWS** - None

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Leathers provided a report on membership totals, which are up nine new members from last year. He noted that the first newsletter goes to all new retirees along with a one-year free membership to the Association.
- **NEWSLETTER** - Jim Gordon stated that he hoped to get the newsletter out the first week of September.  
Barb Keller is the subject of the Pallister Profile. Dick Edwards had also written an article on the Poe Ditch Festival of 1975 when approximately 45,000 converged on Doyt Perry Stadium for a rock concert. Jim Gordon asked for some suggestions on editorials for future newsletters.
- **NOMINATING** - President Cormier welcomed Janet Parks as the new chair of the Committee. As a result of the ballot sent in the May newsletter, Ted Groat was elected Vice President; Diana Shamp, Secretary; and Clif Boutelle, Sue Hager, Joan Gordon, Park Leathers, Chuck McCaghy and Janet Parks as Board members. The proposed amendment to the Bylaws passed with 72 yes votes and 5 no votes.
- **OCHER** - Stang stated the next meeting of the group is on September 16. Ted Foster is chair and Roger Anderson, Secretary, for the coming year. Stang reported House Bill 315, proposed in an attempt to save STRS healthcare by raising contributions 2.5%, will need to be reintroduced. STRS announced changes in healthcare premiums for 2009. On August 20 the Governor's reform meeting will discuss higher education.
- **OFFICE STAFFING** – McOmber had a signup sheet for those interested in volunteering to staff the office on Mondays and Thursdays. The office has a new IMAC and has purchased Filemaker Pro for \$179.00
- **PROFESSIONAL** - NONE
- **PROGRAM** - President Cormier shared information regarding the September 17<sup>t</sup> fall convocation with Larry Weiss, speaker. Weiss will talk on “*A Legacy of Excellence / A future without limits: BG @100.*” She noted that Gary Hess, BGSU History Research Professor, will speak at the November 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting. Cormier also noted that Boutelle and Hager are members of the University's 100-year Celebration committee.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL (ASC)** – Keller stated a resolution had been made by ASC to thank Dr. Ribeau for his years of service and to rename *The President's Leadership Academy* to the *Dr. Ribeau President's Leadership Academy*.

- **FACULTY SENATE** – In Clark’s absence, President Cormier said the Faculty had received a 44-page document from Provost Shirley Baugher with responses to concerns of the faculty.
- **CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL (CSC)** – Sexton explained that with the passing of HB 187, BGSU has the ability to determine which of their “non-student” positions will be considered classified civil service. Others could be out-sourced and pay into social security rather than the state retirement system. This could have a detrimental effect on OPERS funding. These could include such groups as food service, maintenance, custodial, grounds, etc.
- **COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS** – Bill Rock is representative. No report

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Lunde noted that the Golden Book Award has become endowed with a total of \$16,401.06. \$383.00 was collected at the free will offerings and two Board members contributed additional funds to make a \$500 award, which was presented to Rachael Sample of Canton, MI, an Arts and Sciences major. Interest on the endowment will pay for the Golden Book award in the future. Parks moved to thank President Cormier and Treasurer Lunde for prompting additional monies into the scholarship fund from members with their “challenge.” The motion was seconded and approved.

President Cormier stated she received a response from Provost Baugher regarding the concern of retirees no longer being able to purchase computer software at the University Bookstore for \$10.00, as they had in the past. Dr. Baugher’s response was that the Microsoft contract was renewed and changes in distribution were made by Microsoft in that renewed agreement.

Stang asked that congratulations and appreciation be sent to Dr. Ribeau and Dr. Linda Dobb for continuing to fund Charles Applebaum’s position as “computer troubleshooter” for retirees. President Cormier stated she would do so.

Jim Gordon stated he would forward a story to the MONITOR about the Golden Book Scholarship Award endowment.

The next meeting will be October 15 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 2, College Park.

Parks moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Diana Shamp  
Secretary