

# **BGSURA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 26, 2011**

**COLLEGE PARK, ROOM 2**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Anderson, David Chilson, Jim Corbitt, Ellen Dalton, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Sue Hager, Linda Hamilton, Joe Jacoby, Karel King, Paul Lopez, Harold Lunde, Janet Parks, Jan Peterson, Chris Sexton, Genevieve Stang, Elmer Spreitzer, Diana Shamp

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gaylyn Finn, Ted Groat, Chuck McCaghy, Eldon Snyder

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

## **MINUTES**

Parks moved, Hager seconded that the minutes of the April 20, 2011 meeting be approved as presented. Motion approved.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

In the absence of Treasurer Finn, Jim Gordon advised the members of a problem with the computer system in the Office of Development. The office has implemented a new system as of July 1, and has not been able to make deposits to the bank. This situation came to light when the BGSURA Office began receiving calls and emails asking why renewal checks hadn't been cashed. It's hoped that the situation will be resolved by late July, early August. President Chilson asked that anyone receiving a call or email please forward them to Finn for response. (Note: No figures were available regarding the account balance).

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – President Chilson reported to members that more than \$4,300.00 in contributions were made, in former BGSURA President Cormier's honor, to the Golden Book Scholarship Fund. He also noted that he had informal meetings with new BGSU President, Mary Ellen Mazey, and with Monica Moll, new BGSU Police Chief of 7 months. Also had met with and confirmed all the luncheon speakers and dates for the 2011-2012 year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NOMINATING** - Parks introduced new directors, Karel King and Ellen Dalton and then provided members with a listing of current directors' and officers' whose terms are expiring in 2012, those continuing through 2013 and those not eligible to run for re-election because of the Association's limit on serving no more than three (3) consecutive two-year terms, as noted in the by-laws. Parks also noted that Finn should be added to the listing under those continuing through 2013. Parks is the only current director or officer not eligible for re-election in 2013, but three directors (Joan Gordon, Sue Hager and Elmer Spreitzer) will not be eligible for re-election the following year. Because both Parks and Gordon are on the nominating committee and their terms will be expiring within the next two (2) years, Parks asked that more members be added to the Nominating Committee for smooth transition in the future.

Parks also brought forth a motion, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, to appoint and approve Linda Hamilton as Vice President for the 2011-2012 year. Motion unanimously approved.

**PROGRAM** - President Chilson, as out-going Chair, noted that Dr. Mazey had agreed to speak at a special BGSURA luncheon on Wednesday, October 5, and that Dr. Rodney Rogers would still speak at the September 7<sup>th</sup> fall convocation luncheon although his position had recently changed from Business Dean to newly-appointed Interim Provost. Dalton stated she would serve on the committee, but not as chair. Members suggested reaching out to new members or other existing members, by sending an email, for those who might be interested in serving on committees. President Chilson stated he would do so.

**ACTIVITIES** - President Chilson noted that Wally Pretzer had resigned as chair of the committee as of June 30, 2011, after having served many years in that capacity. A new chair will be needed. Sexton suggested Pat Koehler, former WBGU employee, as possible chair and also adding more members to the committee. President Chilson stated he would ask for others to serve on this committee when sending out the email.

**BENEVOLENCE** - Chuck McCaghy has declined to serve as chair of this committee after August 31, 2011. A new chair will also be needed- possibly Marge Miller, who has served on the committee with McCaghy for several years. President Chilson said he would contact Ms. Miller to see if she would be chair or continue to serve on the committee.

**PROFESSIONAL** - Lunde noted that because of the passing of former member, Beth Casey, he would need one new member. Hamilton and Jacoby agreed to continue on committee.

**BYLAWS** - Joan Gordon stated that the Faculty Senate elected representative to serve on BGSURA is a bit "out of sync" with the BGSURA elections. She will work on the bylaws to align with the Faculty Senate process.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Corbitt stated 311 solicitation letters were mailed out to new and existing members on June 24, with 159 responses received. Those responses included 139 regular, 14 associate and 6 new life memberships. Because of the system change in the Office of Development, BGSURA hasn't been able to get a listing of new retirees. Can the Office of Human Resources provide? Shamp will check with the office to see if listing can be gotten. Corbitt noted that 1433 names are in the database with 324 being BGSURA members. Corbitt stated Lopez had been working with Jim Gordon to update the master list into the database, but needs names of new retirees from May 1, 2011 forward. Lopez stated 38 members have no email address or the wrong type of software to accept emails and was unsure how to handle obtaining correct/new information. Corbitt thanked Lopez for his assistance on the Membership and Database Committees.

**OCHER** - Anderson stated the new President and Vice President are both from The Ohio State University and he remains Secretary. Laura Echler, STRS Director, retired June 30, but had met with the group prior to her retirement. She noted that no pension reform bill would be forthcoming until a consulting firm report is performed of all five (5) state systems. Not sure of reason for study. Possibly political? In

house Bill 153, the request to change the formula for contributions from 14% employee/10% employee to an even 12/12 split was removed as it was found that not enough money would be generated to fund health care in the future. Greg Nickells, STRS Director of healthcare, has stated no benefit changes for 2012 but cost to participants would be changing. Newsletters were mailed out to members with more detailed information being sent with open enrollment packets. Stang noted there are campaigns to contact legislative representatives to protect the Defined Benefit pension plan. Because of the state pension programs now offering different pension programs to choose from, contributions into the Defined Benefit plan are getting smaller. Where STRS used to move 4% of contributions into health care, they now only move 1%.

**NEWSLETTER** - Jim Gordon stated deadline would be the following week for the next newsletter. That issue would include reservation for September 7<sup>th</sup> convocation luncheon with a deadline date of Friday, September 2.

**OFFICE STAFFING** - Peterson passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to staff the office on Mondays (10:00 a.m. to noon) and Thursdays (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.) during fall semester. She noted that she would like to involve new people and will be contacting some to members to see if they will volunteer.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL** – Hamilton noted there was nothing new to report as there had not been a meeting since the last BGSURA board meeting.

**CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL** - Sexton stated that a question was presented to Sheri Stoll, Vice President of Finance and Administration, regarding who would be taking care of the maintenance and custodial work in the new dorms. Vice President Stoll stated that Capstone, an outside agency, would be handling those duties. This means no new hiring through BGSU for positions that could have contributed into the OPERS pension fund. Outsourcing is causing morale problems within the classified group. When Rodgers Quadrangle closed, “bumping” began and layoffs occurred. Stoll advised that those laid off would be referred to Capstone for possible jobs. Sexton also stated that classified staff positions used to be reviewed (for possible change in title and/or salary) on basis of state specifications. Now jobs are being reviewed on the “Mission of Department” basis. Mission statements are prepared by the Vice President and Director(s) of areas and a change in the “mission” of a department could change a person’s job without warning. Sexton stated that OPERS had also sent out 2 documents to members regarding healthcare and legislative updates.

**FACULTY SENATE** – Lunde stated he foresees many changes with a new President coming in and the faculty union now approved. The union has changed the charter and he’s not sure what authority/input Faculty Senate may have in the future. He stated Dr. Mazey should be made aware of Faculty Senate’s historical importance. Joan Gordon noted that during a recent conversation with President Mazey, she stated that she is interested in meeting and working with the Retiree Association. Anderson noted that David Jackson was elected head of the union group and that he (Anderson) had sent some OCHER information to Jackson.

**RETIREMENT INFORMATION VOLUNTEERS** – Shamp reported that four (4) people had met with her since May. Two had applied for retirement, one will be applying in the spring of 2012 and the other just wanted information. All were classified employees.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**GOLDEN BOOK AWARD** – President Chilson noted that Susan Ferguson in the Office of Development stated that \$500.00 was available for the scholarship. The Office of Financial Aid will make the decision on the recipient who will come from the area of Health and Human Services. Julie Pontasch, also in the Office of Development, will be checking with Financial Aid as to who the recipient is and notify BGSURA so that he/she may be invited to the September 7<sup>th</sup> fall convocation luncheon. Jim Gordon expressed concern as to whether monies received in the luncheon baskets had all been put into the “spendable” Golden Book account. President Chilson stated he would follow up to make sure.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**MEETING DATES** -President Chilson asked the board about a change in meeting dates from Wednesday to Tuesday because some members had conflicts with the Wednesday date. It was agreed to change the dates of meetings in the future to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of October, February and April.

**BGSURA VICE PRESIDENT** – As Hamilton agreed to serve as Vice President for the 2011-2012 year, President Chilson asked Lunde to take her position as a Director for the year. Lunde accepted.

**BGSURA COMMITTEE CHAIRS/MEMBERS** – President Chilson will send out an email request to all BGSURA members to request volunteers for the vacancies on the various committees.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 CONVOCATION LUNCHEON** - Dr. Rodney Rogers will be speaking as Interim Provost, rather than Business Dean.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 LUNCHEON** – New BGSU President, Mary Ellen Mazey, had confirmed that she will be the guest speaker at this especially-scheduled luncheon.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

President Chilson will contact Dr. Mazey’s office to set up a meeting of BGSURA representatives with Dr. Mazey to promote the association and its desire to be part of organizational decisions affecting retirees, as well as to express some concerns of the membership, as well as let her know the services offered by BGSURA. President Chilson asked the Board to develop questions or concerns for discussion and email them to him so that they may be sent to her prior to the meeting. Suggestions included loss of Charlie Applebaum’s funding for computer assistance to retirees and the loss of the research office. Items to promote include the retiree handbook, the office being staffed to answer questions for retirees, and the retirement assistance program.

President Chilson also reminded members that they should get a BG1 card, which replaces the old I.D. card, if they want to continue to use resources on campus. New parking decals are also now available

and the application for that could be downloaded from the Parking Services website and dropped off or mailed to their office in College Park. Decals are then mailed to the home address.

As a “guardian” for Honor Flights in Wood County, President Chilson told members that Thomas Stubbs, first president of BGSURA, and David Elsass, retired Dean of the College of Education, would both be going on Honor Flights to Washington, D.C. before the end of the year.

**Future meeting dates scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in Room 2 of College Park**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2012**

**April 10, 2012**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diana Shamp**

Diana Shamp, Secretary