

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 8, 2020

1:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting: ZOOM

Attendees: Laura Waggoner Arnold, Clif Boutelle, Jim Corbitt, Ellen Dalton, Chris Dunn, Gaylyn Finn, Ray Heitger, Naomi Lee, Stan Lewis, Carol Lininger
Reg Noble, Jan Peterson, Kay Sergent, Patricia Wilhelm, Ellen Williams

President Chris Dunn called the meeting to order and asked Vice President Ellen Williams to act as Secretary due to the excused absence of Lynette Rosebrook, BGSURA Secretary.

Williams used a roll call to identify attendees. There were 15 members present. Williams noted that for the purpose of voting at today's meeting, all 15 members would be casting votes and the majority rule would apply to voting decisions.

President Dunn called for the reordering of the agenda to accommodate the business needs of the agency.

Old Business:

Approval of January 8 2020 Minutes: Ellen Williams moved for approval. Chris Dunn seconded. Minutes were approved.

Due to the Cobid-19 Pandemic, BGSURA canceled the April 8th Board meeting and the May 11th Luncheon meeting.

The Nominating Committee (per Clif Boutelle and Marcia Seubert) recommended the following people as new members of the Board of Directors (Ray Heitger, Naomi Lee, Reg Noble, and Jerry Wicks). Ellen Dalton moved for acceptance of this recommendation. Chris Dunn seconded. Motion approved.

New Business:

Chris Dunn noted that several meetings (June 8th and June 15th) had been held (at the request of the Membership Committee) to discuss the future plans for BGSURA in view of the Cobid-19 Pandemic. As a result of these meetings, the BGSURA Board/Executive Committee was asked to discuss/vote on the following items:

The Membership Committee recommended that BGSURA (a) suspend the membership drive for the year: and (b) extend all memberships gratis through June 30, 2021. Stan Lewis moved for acceptance of this recommendation. Jan Peterson seconded. Motion approved.

The Program Committee recommended that we cancel all four luncheons for 2020-2021 and that we consider offering the programs to membership on a virtual basis (e.g. ZOOM).

Ellen Williams moved for acceptance of this recommendation (with the stipulation that if the Pandemic Safety situation improved, we might consider face to face meetings).

Gaylyn Finn seconded. Motion approved.

Gaylyn Finn moved that we authorize Stan Lewis and Milt Hakel to investigate the purchase of a ZOOM License for BGSURA. Naomi Lee seconded. Motion approved.

Ellen Dalton reported that the Newsletter would continue to be published four times per year (August, October, February and April).

Ellen Dalton made a motion that we offer one Golden Book Award for \$1,000 this year. Jim Corbitt seconded. Motion approved. Ellen Dalton will follow up on this.

Ellen Williams made a motion that all current Officers/ Committee Chairs be asked if they would “stay in place” for this upcoming year, in order to bypass elections and to maintain some continuity during these uncertain times of the Pandemic. Jim Corbitt seconded. Motion approved.

Consequently, the BGSURA Board/ Executive Committee would consist of the following:

Officers: President: Chris Dunn Vice; President: Ellen Williams; Secretary: Lynette Rosebrook; Treasurer: Gaylyn Finn

Board Members: Laura Waggoner Arnold, Ray Heitger, Naomi Lee, John Konecny, Stan Lewis, Reg Noble, Jan Peterson, Kay Sergent, Linda Treeger, Jerry Wicks, Patricia Wilhelm

Committee Chairs: Activities: Jan Finn; Benevolence: Jan Peterson; Database Administration: Paul Lopez; Membership: Jim Corbitt; Newsletter: Ellen Dalton; Web Developer: Carol Lininger??; Nominating: Clif Boutelle; Programs: Stan Lewis/Ellen Dalton; OCHER Representatives: Dave Hyslop/ Karol King; BGSURA Representative to Faculty Senate: Chris Dunn; BGSURA Observer to Administrative Staff: Laura Waggoner Arnold; BGSURA Observer to Classified Staff: Patricia Wilhelm; Golden Book Scholarship Coordinator:???

Committee Reports:

Benevolence: Jan Peterson indicated that upcoming obituaries in the Newsletter may be shorter because it is more difficult to gain information on deceased personnel through University sources.

Database Administration: Paul Lopez (via email) reported that he was looking into the purchase of Filemaker software and a printer through ITS. He also mentioned that he was in charge of compiling the BGSURA Membership Directory.

Newsletter: Ellen Dalton indicated that she had contacted Bonnie Blankenship to see if she might contribute to the Newsletter with some feature stories for retirees

Web Developer: Carol Lininger indicated that the BGSU Marketing Office was taking over a number of Web sites on campus in order to provide Web pages that were user friendly for persons with visual impairments.

Office Management: Jan Peterson indicated that she and Chris Sexton would continue to “look in on” the BGSURA office in College Park.

Gaylyn Finn made a motion that BGSURA co-sponsor a Candidate Forum with the League of Women Voters on October 4, 2020 in the BGSU Ballroom. Ellen Williams seconded. Motion approved.

Stan Lewis brought up a request from Janet Parks about Membership needing to buy a printer. Jim Corbitt recommended that we continue to authorize Paul Lopez to investigate this purchase.

Stan Lewis and Ellen Dalton will be hosting a Program Committee meeting open to all. Date to be announced.

Chris Dunn suggested that we consider having something like a “Virtual Happy Hour” in connection with our upcoming ZOOM Luncheon Presentations. This would be a way of keeping members connected with each other. It was also suggested that BGSURA might consider listing presentations (at the university, through TED talks, through other professional organizations, etc.,) that might be of interest to our retirees.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Next Scheduled Board Meetings: October 7, 2020; January 13, 2021; and April 14, 2021 at 1:30 pm (Via ZOOM)

Respectfully submitted: Ellen Williams (for Lynette Rosebrook)