

**BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

March 3, 2010
College Park 2, BGSU

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ramona Cormier, Ted Groat, Harold Lunde, Roger Anderson, Genevieve Stang, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Clif Boutelle, Janet Parks, Sue Hager, Elmer Spreitzer, Paul Haas, Linda Hamilton, Paul Lopez, Christine Sexton, R. K. Clark, Barbara Keller

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Diana Shamp, Charles McCaghy, Park Leathers, Joe Jacoby

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

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2009, MEETING

Corrections:

- PRESENT: Clif (not Cliff)
- Treasurer's Report, 2nd paragraph, 2nd line: Memberships_ (needs s and comma)
- Same paragraph, next to last sentence, not a sentence. Delete The fact that and begin sentence with A spending . . .
- Nominating Committee: reported that the (not "et")
- OCHER: PowerPoint (one word, both p's capitalized)
- ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL, CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL, PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS: There were no reports from the representatives as they were all absent.

Stang moved to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lunde reviewed the financial report as of January 31, 2010, noting total income of \$16,229.48, and expenses of \$4,533.95, leaving a balance of \$11,695.53. The estimated balance at the end of the year is \$9,344.88. Financial report on file with these minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President introduced Dana Nemeth from the Center for Archival Collections, Jerome Library. Nemeth explained that a web site has been created for a digital scrapbook which will feature memories about the University during the University's Centennial celebration. Retirees were encouraged to contribute a photo or words of a favorite memory during their years at BGSU.

President Cormier next asked Joan Gordon, chairman of the Bylaws Committee, to present the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Board members discussed the proposed changes and amended some for clarification purposes. Gordon moved that the Bylaws as amended at this meeting be recommended for approval by the membership. The motion was seconded and approved. Balloting will be done through the May newsletter, which also will contain the ballot for election of officers and directors. (Bylaws with proposed amendments are filed with these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ACTIVITIES**— The report of the Activities Committee was given on behalf of Wally Pretzer, chairman, by President Cormier, who noted the Book Discussion Group will meet March 23 at the home of Clif and Judy Boutelle. *Iron Lake* by William Kent Krueger will be the subject of the discussion.

- **BYLAWS**—Report above.

- **MEMBERSHIP**—Leathers sent a report which shows 362 total members for 2010, compared to 325 for 2009. He also noted other statistics regarding first-year retirees and life members (Report on file with these minutes)

- **NEWSLETTER**—Jim Gordon, editor, reported there will be an abbreviated issue of the newsletter for the April 14 meeting. Sixty BGSU administrators are now receiving the digital version of the newsletter. Carol Lininger, a recent retiree, is helping to put material on the BGSURA web site.

- **NOMINATING**—Chair Parks reported that the following will be on the ballot which goes out in May—David Chilson for Vice President; Diana Shamp for Secretary; Jim Corbitt, Joan Gordon, Ted Groat, Chuck McCaghy, Sue Hager, Janet Parks, Elden Snyder for Directors.

- **OCHER**—Anderson reported the OCHER Board had a successful meeting in November. He then gave a comprehensive report on the items discussed there, including what other retirees associations are doing in the state. The five retirement systems are suggesting reforms in one bill. Aetna is phasing out its long-term plan.

Stang noted that full-time faculty at Kent State will get bonuses if enrollment goes up. She related that she doesn't know where health care is going.

- **OFFICE STAFFING**—No report.

- **OFFICE OPERATION**—No report.

- **PROFESSIONAL**—Larry Daly is using the Research Room.

- **PROGRAM**—The question of continuing an annual meeting with the Wood County Retired Teachers Association was raised by Groat. The Program Committee would like some guidance on the matter—keep it as one of BGSURA's meeting or not. He also explained that there will be a full-service menu with a cash bar at the April 14 meeting.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—Keller reported that the constitution of the Administrative Staff Council includes a relationship with BGSURA which means a once-a-year speaker and once-a-semester meeting with the Executive Committee. Keller is not interested in being a speaker or attending the Executive Committee once a semester. She feels she has outlived her usefulness in this position. President Cormier thanked her for her service.

- **CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—Sexton reported that 154 University employees will be taking the separation package, with about 83 from the classified staff. The feeling is that the University now has changed to a business atmosphere (e.g. with construction debt), not a collegial or learning atmosphere.

• FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE— No report.

• FACULTY SENATE—Clark reported that the attitude seems to be “we’ll tell you what’s going on” and “we don’t want your input.” The University has done a survey of building needs which might cost an estimated \$500,000, so there is a need to prioritize.

• VOLUNTEER RETIREMENT PROGRAM—Sexton said the program has been in operation for one year. Volunteers have seen 92 clients so far. Rebecca Ferguson, assistant vice president, human resources, lauded the service during a meeting on “separation.” She said HR doesn’t have the time needed to provide help to clients.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

• STATUS OF GOLDEN BOOK AWARD—There is \$2,001.50 in the spendable account for the scholarship award. Lunde moved that BGSURA issue one scholarship of \$500 (to be determined this spring) and BGSURA hold off on the spending the rest of the dollars. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

• MEETING WITH TOLEDO RETIREES

Discussion was held on the annual luncheon meeting with Wood County Retired Teachers Association. Anderson gave a little background on the annual event, which began as a legislative meeting. Many BGSURA members do not attend as they may be members of OPERS. Anderson and Stang would like it to return to a legislative day. Discussion will continue at the next meeting. President Cormier will prepare pro’s and cons for the discussion.

• FITNESS PROGRAMS

Aetna and Humana will pay \$35 per month toward the membership fee at specified fitness clubs as part of the Silver Sneakers program.

• NEXT MEETING —

The next BOARD meeting has been changed to April 21 because of the schedule conflict with the joint meeting with Toledo.

MEETING adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Joan H. Gordon, Secretary Pro Tem