

**BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2015 – 1:30 p.m.
COLLEGE PARK OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 2**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Charlie Applebaum, Jim Corbitt, Ellen Dalton, Judy Donald, Gaylyn Finn, Jan Finn, Barbara Keller, Tina Martini, Barbara Moses, Jan Peterson, Carol Sanner, Chris Sexton, Bob Thayer, Bonnie Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ted Groat, Linda Hammer, Karel King, Carol Lininger, Ellen Williams

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Chris Sexton.

MINUTES

Bob Thayer made a motion to approve the July 8, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Charlie Applebaum. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gaylyn Finn shared the actual 2015 fiscal year-end report and fiscal year 2016 budget needs projection. The FY 2015 report reflects a year-end balance of \$10,483.89 from \$9,363.23 in fiscal year 2014, an increase of \$1,120.66. The newsletter costs are down because of retirees receiving electronic newsletters. Membership is currently down by ten one-year memberships.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sexton announced that the move to Room 37 will be made soon and will ask for assistance from the Board to move the office material. The phone issue in the office is an on-going battle. As a new install, we are unable to retrieve messages. The phone will need to be reset.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES –Jan Finn reported that committee members are Elsa Thomas, Jane Schimpf, Pat Koehler and herself. The BCI Tour scheduled by Margaret Tucker will be October 23, 3 p.m. Use Lot 8 at the Jordan Center for parking. Ralph Wolfe will again host the Holiday Gathering on December 17, 4-7 p.m. Activities for the Spring are forthcoming.

BENEVOLENCE – Jan Peterson continues to send cards to families of deceased retirees. Her Mileti Alumni Center contact is retiring, but a replacement will allow this assistance to continue. She also finds information of the deceased in the BG Magazine, Sentinel-Tribune, the Blade and links with funeral homes.

BYLAWS – No report. Any potential changes are welcome.

DATABASE ADMINISTRATION – Chris Sexton shared her thanks to Paul Lopez who gives the database updates considerable attention.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE –Jim Corbitt shared that as of October 6, 2015, we have a total of 380 members (150 regular, 14 associate, 105 life, 10 associate and 101 comps). Last year at this time we had 393 members. He sent 46 letters to those who joined last year, but not yet this year. This year 9 comps became members and 6 lapsed members from 2014 rejoined, thanks to the email pitches to both groups. Jim thanked Paul Lopez for the database numbers that the membership committee is provided.

NEWSLETTER – Ellen Dalton announced that the newsletter just went out by email. The next newsletter will be going out the beginning of February. She would like items by January 15.

WEB DEVELOPER – No report.

NOMINATING –Jan Peterson reported that Ellen Williams goes off as Faculty Senate Representative to BGSURA, on December 31, 2015. She has agreed to complete Ivan DenBesten’s two-year term (May 2017). An Activities Chair is needed to replace Pat Koehler. Jim Corbitt’s term limit expires in June.

OFFICE STAFFING – Barbara Keller noted that retirees are using the office. Users continue to sign in for her to monitor usage.

PROGRAM – Barbara Moses shared that the committee will meet in November. The 2015-16 luncheons are held the second Monday of the month at the Bowling Green Country Club. The following are the programs for the remainder of the year.

November 9, 2015 – Alan Mortensen, personal injury attorney, lead attorney for Clyde Cancer Cluster

March 14, 2016 – Jon Sprague, Director, BGSU Center for the Future of Forensic Science

April 11, 2016 – Tom Henry, *The Blade*, “Lake Erie Water Issues” (joint meeting with UT Retirees)

May 9, 2016 – Jerry Wicks, “Trains”

OCHER – Roger Anderson shared that the legislative in the biennial budget from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017 placed a moratorium on the mitigating rate. It will remain at 4.5%. You can get an explanation of the mitigating rate in the article Roger wrote in the latest newsletter. Last week the Ohio legislature passed a charter reform bill. In the bill an amendment was approved that states that teachers and employers in charter schools run by management firms do not have to pay into STRS. They do have to pay into social security. This means that STRS Ohio does not receive any payments from the employers and teacher employees of those schools. An OCHER report will be included in the next newsletter.

FACULTY SENATE – No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL – No report. Report included in next newsletter.

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – No report. Information included in next newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

HANDBOOK UPDATE – Handbook updates were discussed in detail. All update submissions should now have been submitted with the update completion made soon.

BOARD MEETING DATES – The Board will meet from 1:30-3:30 p.m., College Park Office Building, Room 2 on January 13, 2016 and April 13, 2016.

NO NEW BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. The next Board meeting is January 13, 1:30 p.m., College Park Office Building, Room 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sanner
Secretary