

**BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2014 – 1:30 p.m.
HUMAN RESOURCES - CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Applebaum, Jim Corbitt, Ellen Dalton, Gaylyn Finn, Jan Finn, Linda Hamilton, Barbara Keller, Pat Koehler, Paul Lopez, Tina Martini, Barbara Moses, Jan Peterson, Carol Sanner, Chris Sexton, Ellen Williams, Bonnie Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Anderson, Judy Donald, Ted Groat, Karel King, Carol Lininger

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by President Chris Sexton.

MINUTES

After a couple housekeeping items, Pat Koehler made a motion to approve the July 9, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Woods. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gaylyn Finn shared the treasurer's report. The June 30, 2014 year-end balance is \$9,363.23. There is \$31,917.26 in the Golden Book Award account with a spendable balance of \$3,113.50. An administrative fee of \$127.44 was noted. Finn indicated that membership is down from last year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sexton announced two estate planning sessions, presented by University Development Officer Kirk Ross, on February 25 and May 20 at Wood County District Public Library's Carter House. Each session is limited to 25 individuals. Further details will be included in the next newsletter. Sexton learned from Human Resources Director Becca Ferguson that the instructional fee waiver is extended through July 1, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES – Pat Koehler shared that around fifty retirees and their guests attended the wonderful social event at Marie Rogers' home. The Hot Glass Gallery tour hosted by Milt and Lee Hakel is October 23. (See Sexton's September 18 email to BGSURA members for details.) Handel's Messiah is December 7. Ralph Wolfe is hosting a holiday gathering at his home on December 18.

BENEVOLENCE – No report.

BYLAWS – No report.

DATABASE ADMINISTRATION – No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Jim Corbitt stated that emails were sent to retirees who have not renewed their membership and to recent retirees with one-year complimentary memberships.

As of today, total membership (regular, life and comp) is 371, down from 407 last year. Two reasons membership is down: 1) deaths - ten regular members passed away last year, and 2) less retirees - number of complimentary memberships down from 55 to 30. It is important to continue positive support through contingency groups. Paul will provide Ellen Dalton names of recent retirees for inclusion in newsletter.

NEWSLETTER – Ellen Dalton needs newsletter items by the end of this week. We are in need of a profiler to replace journalist Clif Boutelle who has recently resigned from this position.

WEB DEVELOPER – Chris Sexton asked for ideas to encourage more retirees to visit our website. Listing estate planning sessions and social events on the website were suggested.

NOMINATING –Jan Peterson stated that current board members may serve three consecutive terms.

OFFICE STAFFING – No report.

PROGRAM – Barbara Moses requested program speaker suggestions for the 2015-16 luncheons. It was recommended that health care be one of the programs.

OCHER –No report. Meeting information will be printed in the next newsletter.

FACULTY SENATE – Representative Ellen Williams prepared written highlights from the September 9 meeting which will be printed in next newsletter. Williams shared that although BGSU admitted a smaller freshman class this year, the academic profile is higher than last year. The retention rate for students (full-time freshmen to sophomore) increased from 70.2% in 2013 to 75.8% in 2014. Enrollment statistics show that we are down overall 2.4%. Faculty Senate approved Firelands' Inclusive Childhood Associate Degree proposal. General education courses are being refined from 300 to 180 class offerings.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL – No report. Observer Judy Donald has forwarded her written report to Ellen Dalton for inclusion in the next newsletter.

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – Observer Tina Martini shared that her written report will be printed in the next newsletter. At the July meeting, Dean Balzer updated CSC on campus renovations, expansions to degree programs and Fireland's 50th Anniversary in 2015. Mary Beth Zachary spoke in August with a slide show tour of the library with an explanation of services and resources available. Karen Smith, Recreation and Wellness, spoke in September on the WellAware Fitness Program and the offerings to faculty, staff and retirees.

RETIREMENT INFORMATION – Chris Sexton announced a spur of activity in August as a few employees contemplated retiring by November. Most decided it was worth it. A couple of inquiries were handled this month. Diana Shamp is working from home.

OLD BUSINESS

HANDBOOK UPDATE – Chris Sexton shared that the committee will be meeting. Please send any updates to her.

NEW BUSINESS

CONVOCATION INVITEES – Roger Anderson inquired if the University President and University Provost should be on the invite list for our convocations. The administrators are to be invited to all BGSURA convocations.

SPEAKER THANK YOU NOTES – The by-laws do not specify who should send luncheon speakers thank you notes. After deliberation, it was decided the secretary should be given the duty of mailing thank you notes to each luncheon speaker.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – BGSU United Way Co-chairs Sara Bushong and Jill Carr have goal of raising \$100,000 for United Way.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting is January 14, 2015, 1:30 p.m., Human Resources, Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sanner
Secretary