

## **BGSURA Board of Directors Meeting**

October 15, 2003

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Officers present: Roger Anderson, Joan Gordon, John Hiltner, Elfreda Rusher, Genevieve Stang

Board Members present: Don Bright, Bob Clark, Becky Eninger, Jim Gordon, Harold Lunde, Phyllis Oster, Wally Pretzer, Karl Vogt

Unable to be present: Dennis Anderson, Janet Barga, Dick Edwards, Bob Krienkamp, Dolores Reynolds

President Roger Anderson called the meeting to order at 1.30PM.

Harold Lunde moved, Genevieve Stang seconded that the minutes of the July 23 meeting be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Elfreda Rusher presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted that the cash balance on hand on August 31 was \$3405. She also presented a revised budget. Following an explanation about how she estimated receipts and expenditures, Don Bright moved, Joan Gordon seconded that the revised budget be approved. Motion carried.

There were no reports from the Activities, By-laws, and Nominating Committees. Jim Gordon noted that he will need items for the next newsletter by October 31. Phyllis Oster reported that the office operation was going well. The Professional Committee will meet at Dick Edward's home on October 29 at 1.30PM.

A written report was received from the Membership Committee. As of 10-14-03 there were 13 Associate Members, 81 One-Year Memberships, 17 Two-Year Memberships, 58 Carryover Memberships, and 24 new 2003 retirees for a grand total of 193 members. The Membership Committee will prepare a reminder letter to those who were members last year but have not joined BGSURA this year. This letter will be mailed to those members in early October. Park Leathers is in the process of computerizing, updating, and maintaining the membership list, succeeding Diane Pretzer in this important task. He will also be developing the mailing labels for this mailing.

Wally Pretzer discussed the remaining programs for the 2003-2004 year and gave highlights of each of them. He noted that the 2004 Fall convocation will be on September 15, 2004 in the Union. He asked for suggestions for speakers.

There was some discussion about a manuscript draft being circulated by Joe Perry about the events leading to the end of the McDonald era.

Genevieve Stang commented briefly on the health care materials which members had received and urged members to consult the ORTA web site for the latest news. She noted that there is considerable activity in the political arena in Columbus due to the widespread publicity about the problems at STRS. She handed out a list of "priorities" for the upcoming year and asked those present to mark those which were of greatest concern to them. Don Bright also commented on the political happenings from the ORTA perspective and urged members to keep on top of the situation.

There were several items of Old Business.

A revised list of Committee members was circulated. Lunde moved, Oster seconded that the revised committee rosters be approved. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the Activities Committee and what it did. Roger will be working on this matter with the current members of the Committee (more members are needed).

There was no update on the Retiree Handbook.

Proposed By-Law revisions were distributed. These relate primarily to the maintenance of membership rolls. (Copies will also be available at the next meeting or contact the Secretary if you wish copies sooner.)

The question of whether or not we need an Administrative Committee was raised. This matter will be referred to the By-Laws Committee. **The Board thanked Diane Pretzer for her work on membership rolls and the computerization of membership records.**

There was lengthy discussion on a request from the College of Musical Arts for our membership list. Finally Lunde moved, Vogt seconded that our membership list be made available to legitimate University groups with the understanding that there will be a charge for services rendered. The motion carried.

The need for Webmaster will be referred to the Membership Committee.

Tom Klein has requested time at the next luncheon to talk about the Chapman Learning Center (now in Kohl Hall). This request was approved. Tom will invite those present to tour the new facilities after that meeting.

There was lengthy discussion about the matter of honoraria for program presenters. The pros and cons of the matter as well as existing donations to the College of Musical Arts were considered. Pretzer moved, Clark seconded that \$200 be allocated to the Program Committee for honoraria to be distributed as the Committee sees fit. Motion carried.

There was also lengthy discussion about the possibility of creating a scholarship fund for students. Roger Anderson will seek clarification on this matter.

The meeting adjourned at 3.05 PM. **The next meeting will be February 18 at 1.30 in College Park.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Hiltner, Secretary