

BGSURA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2012
COLLEGE PARK OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 38

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Charlie Applebaum, David Chilson, Jim Corbitt, Ellen Dalton, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Tom Hern, Barbara Keller, Pat Koehler, Tina Martini, Barbara Moses, Jan Peterson, Carol Sanner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gaylyn Finn, Pat Fitzgerald, Sue Hager, Linda Hamilton, Joe Jacoby, Karel King, Paul Lopez, Genevieve Stang, Elmer Spreitzer

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Chilson. He gave a special welcome to Joan Gordon who is recuperating from illness and to Tom Hern as the newly appointed Faculty Senate representative. Chilson shared with sympathy the passing this morning of colleague Bob Goodwin.

MINUTES

Roger Anderson made a motion to approve the July 10, 2012 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Joan Gordon. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On behalf of the Treasurer, President Chilson shared some concerns submitted by Linda Hamilton, who was unable to attend the meeting. Because of the treasurer's absence, the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report is to be made upon treasurer's return.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Chilson announced the completion of individual commitments for committee chairs and co-chairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES – Pat Koehler shared the successful trip to the Stratford Festival on August 16-17. She announced that the Hakels are hosting a cocktail party at their home tomorrow, October 10, from 4-7 p.m. Ralph Wolfe is hosting the Holiday Open House at his home on December 19, from 4-7 p.m. Koehler proposed that we offer Wolfe \$50 to pay his assistant whom he paid in 2011. Jim Gordon made a motion to reimburse \$50 to Ralph Wolfe to pay the assistant who prepares and serves the food. The motion was seconded by Ellen Dalton. Motion approved.

BENEVOLENCE – Jan Peterson continues to mail sympathy cards to deceased retirees' families she reads about in the *Sentinel-Tribune*, *The Blade*, and *BGSU Zoom News*. She is assisted by Diana Shamp and Jim and Joan Gordon.

BYLAWS – Joan Gordon reported that anyone can propose a by-law change at any time.

DATABASE – No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Jim Corbitt shared that renewal reminders were sent by mail. Thirty-one past members did not respond. All nonresponding retirees are welcome to join at any time, but will no longer be sent correspondence. Of last year's 78 complimentary members, 19 are now regular members and one is a life member.

NEWSLETTER – Editor Jim Gordon plans to finish the newsletter by the end of next week. Items need to be submitted by end of this week for inclusion. Gordon has volunteered to write and prepare the newsletter for eighteen years and is retiring from this position the end of 2012-13 academic year (May 2013). Expressions of thanks by the committee were made.

WEB DEVELOPER – President Chilson communicates regularly with Carol Lininger to update the website.

NOMINATING – Jan Peterson has initiated the process of forming the committee. (Per a November 16 Chilson e-mail to board members, the following have been appointed to serve on the nominating committee: Jan Peterson as Chair, Chris Dalton, Patricia Griffith and Karel King.)

OFFICE STAFFING – Chair Barbara Keller thanked members who are volunteering to staff the office this fall semester. She passed around the sign-up sheet for the Spring Schedule for staffing needs: Mondays 10-noon and Thursdays 1-3 p.m. from January 7 through May 2 in Room 27 College Park Office Building.

PROGRAM – Co-chairs Barbara Moses and Ellen Dalton are investigating alternatives for luncheon meetings because of disappointment in food served. They have met with staff at Bowling Green Country Club and Dyers and presented a preliminary report. Further information will be shared with the board by email. Upcoming luncheon meetings include the March 13 luncheon meeting with Stan Korducki, the April 10 joint meeting with the University of Toledo Retirees Association in Toledo and a program by BGSU Sustainability Coordinator Nicholas Hennessy on May 8 at the Stone Ridge Country Club.

OCHER – Roger Anderson reported that he and Genevieve Stang attended the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees Association Board quarterly meeting at STRS Headquarters on Sept. 25. The meeting opened with a tribute to Dr. Lou DiOrio, past president of OCHER, who died in July. On Sept. 26 Governor Kasich was to sign the pension reform bill for the five Ohio public pension systems. The Ohio House had passed the pension reform bill in Sept. Although the pension reforms go into effect Jan. 7, the key components of the STRS pension reform plans are not scheduled to take effect until July 1 or in subsequent years. The market value of STRS investments as of July 21, 2012 was \$65 billion, an increase of 2.2% since June 30, 2012. Greg Nickell, Director of the STRS Health Care System, reported that in 2013 the subsidy for health care for each year of service will be 2.3%, down from 2.4% in 2012. Nickel outlined the 2013 program changes in the health care program and in the Express Scripts Prescription Drug Plan. Information will be mailed to STRS retirees in October with retirees having until Nov. 21 to

make any changes in their coverage. Bruce Johnson, CEO and President of the Inter-University Council, described the IUC as an advocacy group to the Ohio legislature, the Governor and his cabinet, the Ohio Chancellor of Higher Education and the Ohio Board of Regents.

FACULTY SENATE – Tom Hern reported that if current faculty members are considering buying credit before retirement, they need to do so as early as February 2013.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL – No report. (Please see November 1, 2012 issue of the BGSU Retirees Association Newsletter for Linda Hamilton's report from September 6 and October 4 Administrative Staff Council meetings.)

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – As an observer, Tina Martini announced goals for 2012-13 include working through consultant AON Hewitt's Work Classification process and to schedule its monthly meetings at various locations on campus. At its July meeting at Firelands, Council learned that new academic programs in health care begin this fall and a new health and science building has been proposed for Firelands. The salary compensation committee met with administration to discuss a proposed salary increase of 4%. Deciding factors include outcome of negotiations with faculty, student FTE, retention of students and the State Share of Instruction (SSI). The Buck'N Ear fundraiser for CSC scholarship was held on Aug. 29. The annual CSC Awards Ceremony is moved from April to May. CSC is to host OSCHE on campus June 27-28.

RETIREMENT INFORMATION – No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD – President Chilson announced that \$791 is currently available for the one \$500 Golden Book Award for 2013-14.

LOCATION FOR BGSURA LUNCHEONS – A report will be prepared by co-chairs and shared with board members for their assessment.

NEW BUSINESSES

BGSURA ANNUAL BUDGET (FY-2013) – The budget projection plan for FY 2013 was distributed with the budget report for review. Treasurer Finn is to discuss any concerns at a later time.

BGSURA POSITION ON BGSU FACULTY SALARIES – Chilson asked board to give some thought to the faculty salaries issue and a suggestion to have the organization prepare an appropriate, well-researched statement.

BGSU EMERITUS STATUS AND @BGSU.EDU EMAIL ADDRESSES – All retirees, including faculty with emeritus status, may continue to use their bgsu.edu email address, but need to use email frequently to keep it activated.

Jim Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Hern seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sanner
Secretary