

ASURA President's Message

submitted by Larry Edmonds — ASURA President, 2021-2022

"It's important to have a twinkle in your wrinkle." - Anon

According to the calendar, Spring this year is not an official season until March 20. For those of us who still reside in the sun-drenched Southwest, however, winter is generally not the excruciating ordeal that it can be for our families and colleagues who live in much colder climates. Many of us don't have to chomp at the bit waiting to get to our outdoor activities and say goodbye to cabin fever. The question is, "have we been taking advantage of Arizona's mild winter temperatures that allow us to engage in health-building and maintenance activities?" As Spring lurks in the not-too-distant future, we can start our 2022 health regimen now and carry it into the new season.

The National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Aging recommends that we follow some basic ways to maintain a healthy body and brain:

- 1) Get moving — exercise and physical activity
- 2) Pay attention to weight and shape
- 3) Healthy food for thought—think about what you eat
- 4) Participate in activities you enjoy

[People who are involved in hobbies, social, and leisure activities may be at lower risk for some health problems]

While ASURA in-person activities have been restricted by the pandemic, like those of most other entities, members still have had opportunities to participate in the association and to be parts of activities they enjoy. The outdoor ASURA picnic in December afforded members an opportunity, once again, to socialize face-to-face, swap stories, catch up on "whatcha been doin's," and enjoy a potluck during one of those famous Arizona December days. Members could get a bit of physical activity (walking in the park), watching how MUCH they ate (even when other members brought items that were THAT delicious), be mindful of WHAT items were consumed, and could participate in an ASURA event that had to be previously postponed.

Spring will surely bring, along with new ASURA leadership, increasing opportunities to meet (face-to-face, online via Zoom, and the great seminar offerings ASURA plans and provides). I would urge our new members to explore the ASURA website to keep informed about activities and opportunities to make a difference in ASURA, and for more established members renew their interest and commitment to ASURA, the largest (by far) university retirees association in Arizona.



Stay safe. Stay well. Stay kind.



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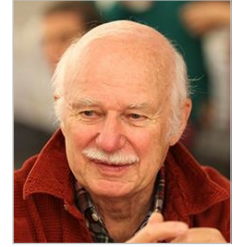
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Spring 2022 ASURA Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

Monday: Nanci Beardsley & Jeannette Robson

Tuesday: Nancy Lesko & Linda Van Scoy

Wednesday: Beverly Buddee & Tara Roesler

Thursday: (morning TBD) & Sharon Wielert

Friday: Closed

Time to Vote! 2022 ASURA Board Members Election

submitted by Carl J. Cross — Past President, ASURA Board of Directors

Hello ASURA Members! It's that time again and we need to hear from you. The annual election of ASURA Board members is an important process for our organization and it is always our goal to hear from every member.



Ballots have been distributed via email and regular mail and we need to hear from you by **February 28, 2022**. If you have misplaced your ballot or email announcement, you can vote as follows:

1. Visit the Board of Directors Ballot page on the ASURA website at <https://asura.asu.edu/board-directors-ballot>, **or**
2. Call the ASURA Office at 480-965-7668 and ask for a ballot to be sent, **or**
3. Email asura@asu.edu with your vote. The email subject should be "ASURA Board Ballot" and the content should contain the names of the candidates for whom you are voting (up to five names) and your name.



Thank you for participating in this election process.

Full bios for each nominee can be found on your ballot and on our website: <https://asura.asu.edu>.

ASURA Office Updates ... Spring 2022

submitted by Linda Van Scoy and Nancy Lesko — ASURA Office Coordinators

Greetings 2022!

A new year again already. How does that happen in the blink of an eye? It's starting to seem a bit more normal ... travel plans being made, in-person events, dining out, and more. Fingers crossed we continue on that path. Our office staffers are well and coverage remains the same. We are still looking for a Thursday morning person from 9am-12 noon. Below is the current office schedule of morning and afternoon shifts:

Monday: Nanci Beardsley and Jeannette Robson
Tuesday: Nancy Lesko and Linda Van Scoy
Wednesday: Bev Buddee and Tara Roesler
Thursday: (Morning shift TBD) and Sharon Wielert
Friday: Closed



Linda Van Scoy



Nancy Lesko

The Picnic in the Park was especially nice. Perfect weather, great location, easy parking and most of all, visiting face to face with new and current members. I hear there will be a repeat of this event in the Spring so be on the lookout and by all means plan to join in.

We are happily receiving book donations. Just phone ahead, 480-965-7668, to be sure a volunteer is available to assist you.

Wishing our members a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Join the ASURA Scholarship Committee!

Submitted by Joy Shearman and Jan Shore

Looking for a way to participate with ASURA in an impactful and time-limited way? If so, please consider joining our Scholarship Committee.

We will be awarding a \$10,000 scholarship to an undergraduate again this year and are seeking ASURA members to participate in the review process. Each application is individually reviewed then all together we choose a 2022-2023 academic year recipient. All this will be accomplished online.

If you are interested in joining our committee, please email Joy and .cc Jan or you may call either one of us at our phone number listed below:

Joy Shearman: (602) 448-5556 — joyrn@cox.net

Jan Shore: (480) 368-1876 — janshore@aol.com



Welcome New ASURA Members

submitted by Carolyn Minner

James Abbas
Marjorie Baldwin
Laura Bettine
Bulent Bicer
Donald Bocchi
Kathleen Bossert
TJ Buck
Gregory Castle
Dale Chapman
Sharon Cichocki
Patricia Clark
Carol Comito
Frederick Corey
Angela Creedon
Kim Danielson
Carolee Deuel
Karen Dwyer
Debra Faulkner
Carlos Felix
Dora Felix
Lisa Fitzgerald
Maria Flores
Karen Frickey

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Maria Grimshaw-Clark
Carolyn Hirata
Dijiang Huang
Mary Hyduke
Rita Jennings
Amy Jurewicz
Anna Keilty
Jane Laux
Laura Lee
Terry Lewis
Kimberly Linehan
David Lowry
Jeanine Malone
Anthony Marquez
John Mulkey
Guy Mullins
Josepha Mulvihill
Julie Murphy Erfani
Bradley Myers
Bruce Oberstein

Donna Percy
Monica Perrin
Dana Pomploon
Pamela Pramhus
Kristopher Przeor
Ryan Regennitter
Lori Robbins
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Michael Rotondi
James Sliwicki
Eileen Standley
Kelly Steele
Gregory Stetka
Kathleen Tibbetts
Nancy Tribbensee
Sander Van Der Leeuw
Wendy Van Duyn
Carmen Vargas
Kay Vasley
Barbara Ward
Cindy White
Kathy Williamson
Anmin Zhu

Becky Reiss Steps Down After Long Service to ASURA

submitted by Connie McNeill

Becky Reiss retired from ASU in 2002. She immediately joined the ASU Retirees Association and volunteered to be the “obituary person”. She continued in that role right up until November 2021, and thus became one of the longest-serving ASURA volunteers ever.



I first met Becky when she worked for me in Computing Services at the Tempe campus. I was very impressed with her quiet efficiency and her ability to quickly understand what was needed and to willingly take on new assignments. When I worked with her at ASURA, these same traits were very much in evidence. I know of no one who is more steady, calm, and reliable than she is.

When Becky first started handling obituary responsibilities, the job was to read the newspaper and look for people who had worked at ASU, then edit those obituaries for quarterly publication in Prime Times. Over time, she discovered ways to find obituaries online, began emailing them instead of waiting for the next Prime Times issue, and started recording deaths in our membership database.

Many, many ASURA members have depended on Becky’s timely information to allow them to attend services for former colleagues, and to send condolences. We are all extremely grateful.



It is hard to appreciate enough how dependable she has been. Think about how she did this job EVERY day for 20 years. Whether she was on vacation, whether she had visitors, whether she had health issues – she still took time to provide us with those valuable notices. It is simply amazing, as she is.

On behalf of ASURA – heartfelt thanks to Becky, and very best wishes for her now that she is truly retired. I hope we will still see her at ASURA events, once we are able to have more of those “in person”.

(the following is from an email that Barbara Eschbach sent to Connie McNeill on November 19, 2021)

Joy and I were together last week for a wonderful concert at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts: “**Trio 380 with Jan Sandwich as the vocalist**”

Joy truly had the time of her life with respect to the music! We also loved being together for dinner at AZ88, which is walking distance to and from the Center.

Joy thought you might want to publish our photo in some way. Joy **IS** truly a Joy!!!



Joy Shearman & Barbara Eschbach

(Editor’s Note: If any of our ASURA members are getting together with each other during 2022, please take photos and email them to us to publish in our “Photo Gallery” and the next newsletter. Along with the photos, please include names of each ASURA member, what the activity was and one or two sentences as to what inspired the get-together.

Please email all to barry_mcnell@outlook.com and to jrobson@asu.edu).

ASURA Needs Your Old Books!

submitted by Mary Stevens — Book Donations



- Are your bookshelves too full?
- Are you downsizing your office or your home and don't have space for all of your books?

Donate your used books to us, and we will work with our partner, Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, to sell them. We'll use proceeds of the sale to support our programs. Half of the proceeds will be used for our ASURA scholarship that goes to an ASU student, and half will be used for our Video History project. When you drop off your books, the office volunteer will give you a Gift in Kind form to complete and sign. The form is sent to the ASU Foundation, a separate nonprofit organization that exists to support ASU. The Foundation will provide you with a gift receipt for tax purposes.

You may drop off your books at the ASURA Office, Community Services Bldg., 200 E. Curry Road, room 201B, Tempe, AZ, 85281. Please call the office before you come to make sure there is a staff volunteer in the office (480-965-7668).

- For books that are on an ASU campus, ask Facilities Management to pick them up and deliver them to us. To accomplish this, your department assistant can complete and submit a [FACMAN service request](#) on an on-line form. Facilities will schedule a pickup date with the office assistant. Advise the office assistant to provide your name and department to the FACMAN representative who picks up the books.
- **OR** bring your books to [our office](#). We have 2 dollies for your use. Parking is readily available by the building with 3 ramps into the building and 2 elevators to the 2nd floor.

If you are unable to deliver your books to our office, please contact Mary Stevens at (602) 758-3750 or marystevens0@gmail.com or [contact our office](#). Provide your *name, e-mail address* (if you have one), *phone number* and the *approximate number of books* you would like to donate. Mary or another ASURA volunteer will work with you to get the books transferred. Thanks so much for your donation!



Volunteers Needed

- ◆ **Office staff/substitutes** **Contact** - Linda Van Scoy, lvs@asu.edu or Nancy Lesko, nclesko@asu.edu
- ◆ **ASURA Committee members:** **Contact** - Larry Edmonds, Larry.Edmonds@asu.edu
- ◆ **ASURA Committee Coordinators** needed for “Membership”, “Obituaries”, and “Luncheons/Special Events”: **Contact** - Larry Edmonds, Larry.Edmonds@asu.edu
- ◆ **Video History Project:** Volunteers needed to view collection interviews then update with abstracts, table of contents, etc. **Contact** - Barry McNeill, barry_mcneill@outlook.com
- ◆ **Technology/Website Committee:** Needs help to maintain ASURA’s technology infrastructure. **Contact** - Connie McNeill, connie.mcneill@outlook.com

ASURA Seminar Committee Report

submitted by Patricia Schneider — Chair, ASURA Seminars Committee

October 2021-2022 — Open Enrollment Seminar

On Thursday, October 7, 2021, the ASURA Seminar Committee hosted the annual open enrollment/social security seminar for the ASURA membership and their guests. This year, members from NAU and UArizona retirement associations were also invited to join the event. Due to COVID, the seminar was held via Zoom with over 100 people in attendance. Speakers from AARP, ASRS and ADOA presented on the various options that retirees have available for health insurance and answered attendee questions.

Rob Foster, Community Volunteer with the Community Educators Program at AARP Arizona started the seminar off by presenting on the various options available as a Medicare participant. He explained the differences between the original Medicare plan and the Medicare Advantage Plans that retirees can choose from. In addition, he covered the Medicare drug plans and the Medigap plans. He provided a valuable comparison sheet that can be found on the ASURA website.

Next on the agenda was Randi Gray, the plan administrator from ASRS. She presented the options available from the Arizona State Retirement Association. She mentioned that there would be no changes to the plans this year, but there would be a slight increase in the premiums. Since there were no changes, enrollment for this year is considered to be a “passive” enrollment where only if you are making changes to your coverage will you need to participate in the open enrollment process.

Finally, Tracie Carruthers, plan administrator in the Benefit Services Division of ADOA presented the options available from the Arizona Department of Administration. There were no changes to the ADOA plans for the upcoming year nor were there any premiums increases. As with ASRS, enrollment during the open enrollment period is a “passive” enrollment where you only have to participate if you are making changes to your plan options.

Links to the seminar recording as well as any documents provided by the presenters can be found on the ASURA website (<https://asura.asu.edu>) under Events/Event reports/Seminars/October health insurance seminar.

January 2022 — Downsizing/What do I do with my Stuff?

“Downsizing/What do I do with my stuff?” was the first seminar of 2022 offered by ASURA.

The seminar was held via Zoom with over 34 attendees and featured a panel consisting of Ruth Jones and Alleen and Don Nilsen who told their stories about making the decision to downsize, what factors they considered in determining where they would live, overall what effort did it take to get them to their new home and their current experiences living in a senior community. Ruth made the decision to move to Mirabella while the Nilsens moved to Friendship Village.

Sue Henderson and Marianne Gariti followed the panel discussion with a presentation on what to do with all that stuff you've accumulated! Sue talked about having a plan and tips for getting over emotional attachment to stuff. Marianne, who owns a company that specializes in helping seniors with downsizing, gave the

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attendees suggestions for how to go about downsizing, options that are available to them through her agency and many general helpful suggestions once you decide to make that step to downsize.

Links to the seminar recording as well as any documents provided by the presenters can be found on the ASURA website (<https://asura.asu.edu>) under Events/Event reports/Seminars/Home and living options.

January 24, 2022 — Volunteer Opportunities with CASA

ASURA Seminar Committee hosted a seminar on “Volunteer Opportunities with CASA” on January 24, 2022. Roger Lurie, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and Lawrence Falvey, a staff member at Voices for CASA Children and CASA presented on what a CASA is, the overall agencies affiliated with CASAs and how an individual can become a CASA.

Lawrence pointed out that today just within Maricopa County there are over 8000 children in foster care, living with relatives, or group homes and only 1000 have a CASA so the need for more volunteers is great. CASA volunteers come from all walks of life with no special experience necessary except the desire to want to help kids have a better life. The qualities of a CASA are – consistency, flexibility, neutrality, patience, integrity, commitment and confidentiality. CASAs are typically only assigned one case at a time allowing for the CASA to be fully present for the child they are working with. Roger pointed out that generally a CASA will spend between 15-20 hours a month on the assigned case, with 2 or more visits per month with the child. An additional 12 hours per year is spent in court hearings and other meetings. A CASA typically stays with the child until they age out of the foster system or return to their parents/family.

People who are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer are interviewed to discuss their desire to work with children in this capacity. Once approved, CASAs are provided training and continuing education opportunities as well as support from CASA of Arizona, CASA of Maricopa County and Voices for CASA Children. VOICES Programs support CASA volunteers child enrichment by providing complimentary experiences and resources supporting of a child’s well-being. They support the CASA through CASA care by providing volunteers with tools and techniques that are used to promote and improve emotional, mental and physical well-being.

Email info@voicesforcasachildren.org or visit their website at www.voicesforcasachildren.org or call (480) 685-4888 for more information on CASA or how to become a CASA volunteer .

Upcoming Seminars

February 10, 2022 – “An Event that Changed My Family’s Story”

March 10, 2022 – Affordable Senior Housing

May 12, 2022 – Brain Health



Note: More information and registration for all seminars can be found by going to the ASURA website (<https://asura.asu.edu>) and finding the event you wish to register for under the Events tab, Upcoming Events.

Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) Report

submitted by Richard J. Jacob — ASRS Retirement and Health Insurance Liaison

The Board of Trustees of the Arizona State Retirement System has met only electronically during the period of the pandemic. Although the public, myself included, can call in, the meeting proceedings themselves attended in that manner are quite uninformative. However, during a lunch meeting with ASRS Director Paul Matson, and based on documentation provided with the meeting agenda, I obtained the following information of interest to ASURA members from the ASRS Board Meeting of November 12, 2021:

1. **Permanent Benefit Increase (PBI):**

The ASRS Board approved a PBI for eligible retired members and survivor beneficiaries beginning with the July 2022 benefits check. To qualify for the PBI a retiree must have been retired by July 31, 2021. Retirees with an ASRS membership date of Sept. 13, 2013 or later are not eligible under state law for a PBI, nor are retirees who choose a lump-sum benefit instead of a monthly annuity. The annual increase will be \$11.49 for each year of service. Thus, for example, the calculation for a retiree with 20 years of service is as follows: $\$11.49 \times 20 \text{ years of service} = \229.80 annual PBI, divided by 12 months = \$19.15 increase to monthly benefit payment.

2. **Contribution Rates:**

Contribution rates paid by active members and their employers will decrease by 0.24% of pay, falling from 12.41% to 12.17% on July 1, 2022.

3. **Financial Health of the ASRS Fund:**

The (actuarial) funded status of the total plan as of June 30, 2021 is 71.5%. If you include the unrecognized gains still in the investment portfolio, the funded status would be 80.0%. The (actuarial) funded status of the health benefit supplement plan as of June 30, 2021 is 133.1%. If you include the unrecognized gains still in the investment portfolio, the funded status would be 148.9%. The (actuarial) funded status of the long term disability plan as of June 30, 2021 is 87.6%. If you include the unrecognized gains still in the investment portfolio, the funded status would be 94.0%.

4. **Investment Returns:**

The ASRS investment returns as of June 30, 2021 are:

- 1 year: 25.1%
- 3 year average: 10.3%
- 5 year average: 10.9%
- 10 year average: 8.9%

The ASRS investment returns as of September 30, 2021 are:

- 1 year: 21.1%
- 3 year average: 9.9%
- 5 year average: 10.5%
- 10 year average: 10.3%



5. **Prefunding Initiative:**

Due to both the current very low interest rate environment, and also the cash balances that some employers have generated, the ASRS has conducted significant research and analysis to enable it to accept additional contributions from employers, and is working with the State legislature on a program where the ASRS can accept additional employer contributions. There are multiple benefits for such a program including increasing expected returns on the funds, decreasing unfunded liabilities, increasing funded status, and lowering expected future contribution rates.

6. **Legislature:**

There were no successful legislative attempts to separate the Board of Regents system from the ASRS.

Government Liaison's Report — Spring 2022

submitted by ASURA Government Liaison Team: Jeri Meeks & Tara Roesler (registered lobbyists), Pat Schneider and Larry Carlson



The 55th Legislature – Second Session started on January 10, 2022 and the legislators are off to a bumpy start as a noticeable number of members have been absent due to Covid. Leadership has been forced to appoint new members to committees to replace those absent albeit excused. There are many things to watch for this session, including, but not limited to, Arizona State Retirement System and Optional Retirement Program changes, senior care initiatives, guns on campus and voting rights.



As always, ASURA appreciates our seasoned group of watchdogs that have volunteered to monitor and report legislation this year — Tara Roesler, Larry Carlson, Pat Schneider and myself. Don Dotts has expressed an interest in getting involved this year and we look forward to working with him.



So here's what your ASURA Legislative Team has been up to:

Jeri and Tara met with ASU University Liaison Kendra Burton on November 29, 2021 to discuss ASU's and ABOR's legislative priorities. The state budget request is again, and always, the University's priority. ASU is aware of another attempt to legalize guns on campus this year. Kendra feels there is a strong lobbyist for this initiative and there will be another attempt to pass a bill that will allow weapons on university grounds. ABOR is working with legislators to move a bill forward that would allow Class 1 university employees – people making \$35,000 or less – to have a choice between the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) or an Optional Retirement Program (ORP). **NOTE:** Right now, these employees' default to ASRS. There are approximately 300 current Class 1 employees.

Jeri and Tara attended the December 2, 2021 **Sun Devils Advocacy Breakfast with President Crow**. ASU is promoting the New Economy Initiative with significant investments in ASU's Engineering School to provide applied learning opportunities for students, a ready to go workforce for AZ Technology startups and partnerships with established AZ Technology companies. New ASU Science and Technology Centers will bring students, faculty, researchers and private sector partners together to both learn and meet business objectives in the areas of communications technologies, extreme environments, human performance, energy materials and advanced manufacturing. I encourage you to visit neweconomy.asu.edu for more information.

Pat attended the **Arizona Retirement Security Coalition (ARSC) Pre-Legislative Session Training** on December 13, 2021 hosted by Daniella Smith, Lobbyist for ARSC. Unlike ABOR and ASU, ARSC is very concerned about legislation that would open voluntary defined contribution plans or hybrid plans as options for new ASRS hires. In addition, they are watching for legislation that would restructure the current plan, forcing ASRS new hires into a mandatory defined contribution or hybrid plan. Lastly, they are watching for legislation that would set the default for not making a retirement plan choice within 30 days to the defined contribution plan option for new employees.

Pat and Jeri attended a **Capital Times Midterm Election Seminar** December 15, 2021. The topic was: *“What races will be most significant for Arizona in 2022?”* The panel for this webinar included Gary Grado (Capitol Times), Ken Matta (Information Security for the Secretary of State and Election Security officer),

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Scott Jarrett (Director of Elections for Maricopa County) Paul Senseman (public affairs and public policy specialist) and Gina Roberts (Arizona Clean Elections). Arizona elections will be watched closely again, with a national audience.

The senate race between Mark Kelly and the yet-to-be-defined GOP candidate again will impact the makeup of the senate. The governor's race will be intensely observed as there will be no incumbent candidate running. Also, Secretary of State, Attorney General and Treasurer races will be interesting to watch as the new administration will undoubtedly bring about new public policies for the state. In addition, there are a significant number of legislative seats that will be up for election. New district boundaries may influence voting outcomes. And because we are electing a new governor, it is anticipated we will see a higher voter turnout than we normally have in midterm elections. Ken Matta indicated that the greatest threat to a successful election is dis-information spread by domestic groups and individuals. Again, he stressed going to trusted sites for objective facts. Gina Roberts mentioned that the Arizona Clean Elections site contained candidate information based on the position not by political party. Information can be found for a wide range of elected positions especially at the local level.

Bills to Watch

As of this writing I see fourteen bills addressing senior care and changes to ASRS or state employee retirement options. There are 75 bills affecting voting rights, places, requirements, and more. I see four bills addressing firearms. Here are just a few of the bills to watch:

SB1123 - disruption; educational institution; concealed weapon. The purpose of this bill is to prohibit “the governing board of any university, college or community college from prohibiting the possession of a concealed weapon by a concealed weapon permit holder, or the lawful transportation or storage of a firearm.” [There is also a House bill – **HB2447** which is almost identical in terms of this Senate bill.]

SB1145 - ABOR optional retirement programs. The purpose of this bill is to allow ABOR to set up an ORP for employees and guarantee that ABOR matching funds, if not transferred to an ORP after 5 years of service, are “forfeited to the institution” instead of going to the state.

HB2276 - state law; violation; schools; universities. This is a revision to Revised Statutes and expands the legislators' abilities to call for an attorney general investigation for violations of state law, ordinance, regulation, order or other official action. Originally meant for investigations into city, county and town violations, this bill specifically adds the “Arizona Board of Regents or governing body, or the governing board of a community college district, school district or Charter.”

SB1082 - This bill is an emergency measure that allows an Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) employer to prepay the employer's required pension contributions directly to ASRS for deposit in the ASRS Trust Fund or a section 115 trust managed by ASRS. Outlines pension prefunding payment and written agreement requirements.

As for bills pertaining to voting, there are too many to list. But here are some interesting titles: **HB2237** - same day voter registration prohibition, **HB2240** - elections voting centers prohibited, **HB2241** - early ballot drop off identification, **HB2243** - voter registration state residency cancellation, **HB2289** - challengers polling places tabulation observation, **SB1008** - elections recount margin, and **SB1120** - ballot fraud countermeasures paper ink. There's a lot going on with voter regulation again this year!

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Please stay engaged during this legislative session and contact your state senator or representative if you are concerned about one or more of these issues. And let me know if there's something I can research for you – OR if you'd like to learn how to do your own research! I, or one of our team, would be happy to help. My contact information is Jeri Meeks, Government Liaison and Lobbyist, Meeksjeri58@gmail.com.

References and Helpful Websites:

Arizona Secretary of State - <https://azsos.gov/elections>

Arizona Clean Elections - <https://www.azcleelections.gov/>

Service Arizona (voter registration) – <https://servicearizona.com/>

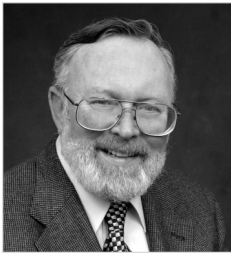
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In Memory of William (Bill) Moor



ASURA lost its 22nd President, Bill Moor, in December.

Bill joined the Industrial Engineering faculty in 1968. I worked with Bill off and on during our shared academic years, developing various versions of introduction to engineering courses. We had some similar ideas and enjoyed working together.

Bill retired in 2007 and shortly thereafter joined ASURA, becoming a Board member in 2009. In 2012 he stepped in to replace the Vice President, who had resigned. This of course meant that he became President the following year. Bill also served several terms as Treasurer.

I got to work closely with Bill during his presidency, as his Vice President, and saw and appreciated the improvements he made to the association.

As a member of many organizations and associations, Bill was aware of the importance of the governing rules, i.e., the bylaws, and he instigated a review and update of the ASURA bylaws. The result was the current version, approved by the membership in January, 2013.

Bill believed that in a volunteer organization, recognition of individual contributions is especially important. He oversaw the creation of the plaque of past Presidents that's displayed on the wall by the door as you enter the ASURA Office.

I worked with Bill in the creation and interpretation of the membership survey that was sent out in 2014. The results of the survey are still referred to in some of the Board discussions.

ASURA is a better organization because of Bill, and ASURA and I will miss him and his input.

— submitted by Barry McNeill

Obituary Notifications: September 26, 2021 to January 24, 2022



submitted by Tara Roesler

Please note that all obituary notices and photos, when available, are on our website at <https://asura.asu.edu/asu-obituaries>.

Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Adams, Kendall A. (Shetterly)	December 6, 2021	College/department affiliation unknown
Akins, Jr., William Howard	December 21, 2021	Interim Dean of Fine Arts, Director Institute of Studies in the Arts, Chair of Theatre Department, 1975-1995
Anderson, Marcia L.	January 12, 2022	Librarian, 1986-2016
Berch, Michael	November 6, 2021	Professor, College of Law
Bess, Bill	October 1, 2021	Director, Public Safety, 1989-1999
Bode, Joseph M.	December 8, 2021	Professor, Mathematics
Boley, Gena M.	November 10, 2021	Professor, Special Education
Borovansky, Vlaldimir T.	December 5, 2021	Arizona State University Libraries
Brandt, Wesley	September 10, 2021	College/department affiliation unknown
Brazil, Patricia Barrows Langlin	August 23, 2021	Member of Gammage Theater Board
Brown, Ryan Thomas	May 10, 2021	Adjunct Faculty, Emergency Management Degree Program
BurrueI, Jose Maria	October 11, 2021	Assistant Dean of Students
Byrd, Barbara Jean Frisbie	November 16, 2021	Nursing Instructor
Christensen, Rosanne Burt	November 2, 2021	Hayden Library
Clark, Gerald LaMont	October 3, 2021	Instrumental in bringing ASU to Lake Havasu City, initiating ASU Alumni Association LHC Chapter
Cochran, Mary Leffler	October 24, 2021	Wife of John A. Cochran, former Chair of Economics
Covey, Howard Keith	September 27, 2021	Member of Sun Devils Foundation

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Dale, Arnold James	September 25, 2021	College/department affiliation unknown
Dresp, Donald Francis	September 20, 2021	Education Librarian
Drury, Stephen Alan	September 10, 2021	Spearheaded the effort to build a four-year ASU campus in Payson
Emerson, Rev. Doctor Charles Leroy	January 5, 2022	Religious Studies/1981-2014
Fargotstein, Barbara Palley	October 4, 2021	Clinical Associate Professor, Edson College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation
Fortunato, Carla D.	November 10, 2021	Substance Abuse Counselor
Gastello, Pete (Peter)	September 7, 2021	College/department affiliation unknown
Hamm, Neva Jane (Janie) (Widow of Dr. George F. Hamm)	November 28, 2021	Husband was Dr. George F. Hamm, Former Dean of Students and Vice President Student Affairs
Heath, Sr., Robert Winship	September 19, 2021	Professor, College affiliation unknown
Heier, Carolyn Elizabeth	October 6, 2021	Wife of William Heier, Professor, College of Business
Hensel, James Stephen	November 20, 2021	College of Business
Howard, Linda K.	October 5, 2021	College/department affiliation unknown
Howell, Jr., Llewellyn Donald	October 21, 2021	Emeritus Affiliate
Huston, Joan	June 26, 2021	Wife of Gary Huston, Professor Emeritus of Information Systems
Isaak, Bea Van Demark	October 6, 2021	Wife of Donald Isaak, Professor, School of Music
Jerrell, Max Edwin	January 1, 2022	W.P. Carey School of Business, Economics Department 1981-2006
Kary, Raymond E.	December 7, 2021	College of Engineering and College of Technology & Applied Sciences
Ledoux, John Paul	October 19, 2021	Professor, Spanish Language Literature
Lee, Rabbi Barton	October, 2021	Taught American Jewish History & American Judaism
Lee, Ruth E.	September 21, 2021	Security for Sports Program

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Lendle, Janet M.	December 7, 2021	Nurse Educator, College of Nursing
Maquire, Evelyn Lujan Baca	December 24, 2021	Head Start Trainer
McDonald, John Nicholas	October 19, 2021	Professor Emeritus, School of Mathematical & Statistical Sciences
McKenzie, Patrick Bruce	November 18, 2021	Professor, Accounting 1970-1997
Moor, William (Bill) C.	December 10, 2021	College of Engineering & Applied Sciences, 1968-2007, Professor Emeritus, Industrial Engineering
Pettit, George	September 21, 2021	Dalton Professor of Cancer Research & Medicinal Chemistry
Phillips, Al	December 13, 2021	Police Sergeant, Department of Public Safety 1985-2012
Pizzarello, Sandra	October 24, 2021	Emeritus Professor, Research Professor, School of Molecular Sciences 1977-2020
Rich, Stephen Knox	October 25, 2021	Reference Librarian
Riker, Carolyn Ann Fitzgerald	November 2, 2021	College/department affiliation unknown
Robertson, Harry	October 9, 2021	Professor, Aviation Safety & Engineering and Co-founder of Crash Survival Investigators School
Robinson, Bennie C.	September 21, 2021	Professor, College of Public Programs, School of Social Work
Scammon, Denise A.	September 1, 2021	Associate Editor, ASU Law Journal
Snell, Alice Cosette Wiley	December 28, 2021	Dean's Advisory Boards of College of Education & College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Swaim, Shirley L.	December 1, 2021	Wife of Daniel Swaim, Professor Emeritus, School of Music, 1975-2014
Thieme, Adelheid	December 31, 2021	Professor, English Department (Writing Programs)
Thompson, Delores A.	October 12, 2021	Admissions, School of Music
Umberson, George	October 16, 2021	Chair, Department of Music
Van Houten, Donna L.	October 10, 2021	Faculty Associate, Nursing Instructor, College of Nursing
White, Gerry Wayne	October 5, 2021	Utility & Energy Conservation Engineer
Ziegler, Ellen Glazer	December 21, 2021	Hugh Downs School of Human Communication

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