

MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2011
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: Gary Anderson, Joyce Hartman Diaz, Elmer Gooding, Dick Jacob, Doug Johnson, Jo Madonna, Connie McNeill, Rose Minetti, Carolyn Minner, William Moor, Dave Scheatzle, David Schwalm, Joyce Shearman, Mary Stevens

Absent: Bill Stasi

Ex-Officio Members Present: Barbara Snyder

Committee Chairs Present: Sue Blumer, Barbara Bradford, Wilma Mathews, Barry McNeill, Linda Van Scoy

- I. CALL TO ORDER -
President Connie McNeill called the meeting to order at 10am.
- II. ADOPTION OF TODAY'S AGENDA
No changes to the agenda were requested.
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9 BOARD MEETING
Dick Jacob made a motion that the minutes of the February meeting be approved and Elmer Gooding seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- IV. EX-OFFICIO REPORTS (*5 minutes or less please*)
 - Human Resources - Sheree Barron or designee – No report
 - University Liaison – Barbara Shaw-Snyder
No announcements but Barbara reiterated that Public Affairs remains supportive of ASURA.
 - University Senate – Gary Grossman – No report
 - University Staff Council – Robert Muscari – No report
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT / TREASURER'S REPORT – Carolyn Minner, Joyce Hartman Diaz
This month's report on the Golf Tournament will show the transfer to Bob Winkles charity.
- VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (*5 minutes or less please*)
 - A. Community Outreach Committee - Subcommittee Reports
 - Adopt-A-Family - Joan Leard – No report
 - Emeritus College Liaison – Dick Jacob
Dick mentioned that their newsletter should be going to all ASURA Board Members. He also mentioned that the Emeritus College Guide to Lectures and Courses is available.
 - Scholarship Committee - Sue Blumer
Many applications are being screened.
 - University Club Liaison - Jim Fordemwalt – No report

- Video History Project - Linda Van Scoy
One interview was conducted last month and 6 are scheduled for April and May. Space in which to conduct the interviews is still being investigated. A number of interview clips will be shown at the ASURA Annual Meeting in April.

B. Events Committee - Subcommittee Reports

- Luncheons & Special Events – Barbara Bradford
The advertisements for the Jam Session are out and 10 people have registered. Barbara will do some one-on-one publicity. The invitations for the Spring Luncheon have been sent out. Barbara suggested that there should be a Fall event, such as a coffee, to welcome new members and welcome back on-going members. Bill Moor motioned that \$200.00 be appropriated for this event and Joyce Hartman Diaz gave the second. There was unanimous approval. Connie McNeill suggested that the various Event Committee Chairs meet in August to discuss activities that each committee is considering and the possible event dates so as to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- Retirees Day – Barry McNeill
Barry reported that there were 106 registrations and of these 69 were ASURA members. Attendance in the sessions was well balanced. The cost was \$3300, including advertising, food, programs and speaker gifts. If the number of lunches ordered had been reduced by 10, we would have broken even because there were 12 who had planned to come did not attend.
- Seminars – Dick Jacob
Volunteers committee members met on February 18th to discuss the philosophy and goals for the seminars. The seminars will have cover topics that have application in retiree life. Each committee member has been asked to submit a 1 page proposal for a seminar, including what questions would be answered by the seminar and possible speakers. They intend to do the 1st seminar in the near future. They plan to include an annual seminar on open enrollment options.
- Travel – Bill Stasi, Gary Anderson
The Musical Instruments Museum trip was successful. The Boyce Arboretum day trip will take place in April. The trip to Australia is sold out. There are 16 registered and 2 more are on a waiting list. The dates of the trip have been changed to 9/26 – 10/18.

C. Finance Committee – Mary Stevens

A survey about the Book Fair will be coming out soon. A donor form from the ASU Foundation will be used. Logistics on delivery dates, pick-up volunteers, boxes, storage, etc. are being worked out.

D. Government Liaison Council

- ASRS General – Dick Jacob
Dick distributed a handout on information about the last ASRS meeting he attended. Nothing will happen in this legislative session that will affect current retirees unless they return to work. There may not be any benefit increases for 8 – 10 years.

- Legislature - Jerry Aronson

Rose Minetti gave and distributed a report. ASRS did take issue with HB 2726.

- E. Health Insurance Liaison Council – Doug Johnson, Rose Minetti
Doug reported that rates will likely increase for both ADOA and ASRS plans in the upcoming enrollment period..
- F. Membership and Communications Committee – Subcommittee Reports
 - Membership Update - Elmer Gooding
A membership report was distributed that provides current membership numbers. He is looking for a volunteer to speak at the October 12th pre-retirement seminar.
 - Prime Times – Wilma Mathews
The date for the next issue of Prime Times will be announced. It will probably be ready in June and have a May article deadline.
 - Web Site and Database – Connie McNeill – no report

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Board Elections - announcement of results to membership – Connie McNeill
Connie thanked Mary for the committee work on the election. 241 members voted. Connie proposed that we announce the results on the Web and via e-mail.
- B. Guidelines for Establishing Event Fees – Connie McNeill
The proposed guidelines were distributed. It was suggested that words “for example more than \$200” be added to point 5 after the words “surely be a significant loss.” Bill Moor motioned that the guidelines be approved as amended and Elmer Gooding seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously by the Board. Committee chair Barry McNeill expressed his opposition to the guidelines because of his concern about whether Retirees Day Speaker and Luncheon expenses would be negatively impacted.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of 2011-2012 ASURA Officers – Dave Schwalm
The new executive board was announced. They are: Sheila Stokes, Vice President; Bill Moor, Treasurer, and the Secretary will be appointed very soon. Connie McNeill asked for a vote of approval. The executive board was approved unanimously.
- B. Annual Membership Drive – Enrollment Form Changes – Connie McNeill
The Board reviewed and discussed the enrollment form. Bill Moor motioned that the form version that included “renewing members” wording be approved. Dick Jacob seconded that motion and it was approved unanimously.
- C. History of ASURA 2001-2010 – Connie McNeill
Connie suggested that a new book that updates the history of ASURA since the publication of the last book be undertaken. There was general consensus that this would be a worthwhile undertaking. Wilma Mathews said that she is willing to serve on a committee but is not willing to chair the committee. No further action was taken on this idea at this meeting.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Annual Report – due by week of March 21– Connie McNeill

B. Annual Meeting – April 30

C. Next Meeting – March 9, 2011

X. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Bill Moor motion that the meeting be adjourned and Joyce Hartman Diaz seconded the motion. It passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 12:10pm.

**ASURA FINANCIAL REPORT
7/1/2010 THRU 2/28/2011**

	FY 2011 Budget (Approved)	Actual Year To Date Amount	Budget Minus YTD	COMMENTS
ASURA Operations - Income				
Balance Forward	28,216	28,216	0	
Events Registration Fees Collected	4,000	3,207	793	2010-11 FY travel will use travel agencies to handle money
Membership Donations ("Dues")	14,000	3,820	10,180	Estimated membership of 700 @ \$20
General Operations Donations	3,000	2,115	885	
Total ASURA Operations Income	49,216	37,358	11,858	
ASURA Operations - Expenses				
<i>Printing & Mailing Costs</i>				
Annual Report	300	0	300	Printing costs
Events - Advertising	2,400	1,188	1,212	Budget set as 12 events/advertisements at \$200 each (excludes fund-raising events)
Board Ballots	550	337	213	
Membership Drive	950	941	9	
<i>Other Operations Costs</i>				
Business Luncheons/Staff Appreciation	1,200	659	541	Includes appreciation luncheon for Richard Murra
Events - All Costs Except Advertising	3,500	2,400	1,100	Retirees Day + free and local events
Office Equipment & Supplies	3,500	2,286	1,214	Envelopes, printer cartridges
Foundation Management Fees	800	331	469	% of transactions
Transfer to Special Projects for 2011-12 Scholarship	6,500	6,500	0	Per decision of Board in January meeting
Total ASURA Operations Expenses	19,700	14,642	5,058	
Uncommitted ASURA Operations Funds	29,516	22,716	6,800	
Public Affairs				Expenses paid by Public Affairs
<i>Printing & Mailing Costs</i>				
Membership Drive	550	0	550	
Prime Times	4,600	2,211	2,389	4 Prime Times @ appx \$925/issue, additional shells @\$900 (was \$2700)
Retirees Day	275	240	35	
Open Enrollment Orientation	0	0	0	
<i>Other Public Affairs Operations Costs</i>				
Phone/FAX Service	0	0	0	
Annual Meeting	850	0	850	Refreshments, speaker gift
Copier Maintenance	700	0	700	
Total Operations Expenses Covered by PA	6,975	2,451	4,524	

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7/1/2010 THRU 2/28/2011

Special Projects - Income				
Balance Forward	18,989	18,989	0	
Adopt-A-Family Donations	600	460	140	
Video History Donations	500	2,239	-1,739	Actual YTD includes \$1,017 (1/4 of the proceeds from the Golf Tournament)
Golf Tournament Net Income	4,068	4,068	0	Net after all expenses, including advertising
Transfer from Operations for 2011-12 Scholarship	6,500	6,500	0	Per decision of Board in January meeting
Total Special Projects Income	30,657	32,256	-1,599	
Special Projects - Expenses				
Scholarship	6,500	6,500	0	
Adopt-A-Family	2,100	1,398	702	
Video History	11,000	7,068	3,932	Most of the budget is for a Video Editing Studio in our office area
Golf Tournament Proceeds Transfers Out	4,068	4,068	0	Transfers to Bobby Winkles (1/2), LVHP Donations (1/4), Scholarship Endowment (1/4)
Foundation Management Fees	150	368	-218	% of transactions against our account
Total Special Projects Expenses	23,818	19,401	4,417	
Uncommitted Special Projects Funds	6,839	12,855	-6,016	
Scholarship Endowment Fund				
Endowment Balance July 1	21,550	21,550	0	
Invested Funds Gain (-Loss)	1,509	3,577	-2,068	Endowment funds are invested by the ASU Foundation ¹
Transfer To Scholarship Endowment - Spending	0	-819	819	Endowment does not pay out if "under water". Payout is 1 July when eligible.
Current-Year Contributions	1,200	11,343	-10,143	Member contributions; Golf Tournament Proceeds; Reinvestmt from Spending Acct
Management Fees	-493	-281	-212	Foundation fees for managing and investing funds
Total Scholarship Endowment Fund	23,766	35,371	-11,605	Depends on investment success
Scholarship Endowment - Spending				
Balance July 1	9,927	9,927	0	Payout accumulation since creation of the Scholarship Fund.
Payout from Endowment	0	0	0	No payout this year because balance is less than total of donations.
Reinvest in Endowment	0	9,927	-9,927	Approved by Board in January meeting
Total Scholarship Endowment Fund	9,927	9,927	0	Amount available to pay scholarship or reinvest in endowment.

¹Per the Foundation, "The long-term investment objective of the consolidated endowment pools is to earn an average annual real (i.e., after adjusting for inflation) total return of at least five and a half percent (5.5%), net of investment manager fees, over long time periods (rolling ten- or fifteen-year periods). Over shorter time periods (rolling five-year periods), the consolidated endowment pools will seek to outperform a composite of market indices reflecting the asset allocation policies and perform on par with other institutional funds with broadly similar investment objectives and policies."

2/28/2011

EVENTS COMPLETED LAST FISCAL YEAR (but with some transactions appearing this fiscal year)

71.95 Refund for excess charges related to Verde Canyon RR trip

71.95 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements**COPPER CANYON - 10/16 - 10/23/2010**

0.00 Registration fees collected
 0.00 Registration fees refunded
 0.00 Event costs - travel & related
 0.00 Event costs - food, entertainment & related
 0.00 Event costs - lodging & related
 0.00 Event costs - other

0.00 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements232.88 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges) - covered by Operations

-232.88 Overall net gain/loss

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM - 10/27/2010

1595.00 Registration fees collected
 55.00 Registration fees refunded
 510.00 Event costs - travel & related
 656.70 Event costs - food, entertainment & related
 0.00 Event costs - lodging & related
 0.00 Event costs - other

373.30 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements178.27 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges) - covered by Operations

195.03 Overall net gain/loss

VETERANS' DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT - 11/11/2010 (fund-raiser)

4260.00 Receipts - paid players
 -150.00 Refunds - paid players
 150.00 Receipts - other
 5450.00 Receipts - sponsors
 4562.02 Event costs - food & related
 915.97 Event costs - prizes
 21.20 Event costs - supplies
 95.00 Event costs - sign work

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4115.81 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements48.24 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges)

4067.57 Overall net gain/loss

HOLIDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON/ARTS & CRAFTS SALE - 12/15 - 12/16/2010

0.00 Registration fees collected
0.00 Registration fees refunded
0.00 Event costs - travel & related
0.00 Event costs - food, entertainment & related
0.00 Event costs - lodging & related
0.00 Event costs - other

0.00 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements144.36 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges) - covered by Operations

-144.36 Overall net gain/loss

BREAKFAST & FASHION SHOW - 1/20/2011

410.00 Registration fees collected
0.00 Registration fees refunded
0.00 Event costs - travel & related
165.79 Event costs - food, entertainment & related
0.00 Event costs - lodging & related
0.00 Event costs - other

244.21 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements186.92 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges) - covered by Operations

57.29 Overall net gain/loss

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM - 2/23/2011

935.00 Registration fees collected
0.00 Registration fees refunded
505.00 Event costs - travel & related
562.22 Event costs - food, entertainment & related
0.00 Event costs - lodging & related
0.00 Event costs - other

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-132.22 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements

165.52 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges) - covered by Operations

-297.74 Overall net gain/loss

MUSICAL JAM SESSION - 3/23/2011 (incomplete)

10.00 Registration fees collected

0.00 Registration fees refunded

0.00 Event costs - travel & related

0.00 Event costs - food, entertainment & related

0.00 Event costs - lodging & related

0.00 Event costs - other

10.00 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements

191.01 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges) - covered by Operations

-181.01 Overall net gain/loss

BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM - 4/12/2011 (incomplete)

240.00 Registration fees collected

0.00 Registration fees refunded

0.00 Event costs - travel & related

0.00 Event costs - food, entertainment & related

0.00 Event costs - lodging & related

0.00 Event costs - other

240.00 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements

0.00 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges) - covered by Operations

240.00 Overall net gain/loss

SOUTH SEAS CRUISE - 3/3 - 4/3/2011 (incomplete)

0.00 Registration fees collected

0.00 Registration fees refunded

0.00 Event costs - travel & related

0.00 Event costs - food, entertainment & related

0.00 Event costs - lodging & related

0.00 Event costs - other

0.00 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements

89.39 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges) - covered by Operations

-89.39 Overall net gain/loss

557.24 Total overall net gain (loss) - all completed non-fundraising events, exclusive of advertising

807.24 Net gain (loss) - all non-fundraising events, exclusive of advertising

1188.35 Total advertising cost - non-fundraising events

Scholarship Committee Annual Report

Sue Blumer

The Scholarship Committee met in April, 2010, to select the recipient of this year's scholarship, Anthony Desimoto, an art major at ASU. He presented an outstanding academic record as well as a focused career goal and career experience and a life story of overcoming hardship. He has not only created art, but he has also put together art shows. He has expressed his gratitude for the scholarship.

This scholarship program provides an important means for members to participate in the lives of current students on all of our campuses and to see what unusual and diverse life stories these students bring to the university. Most of these students face long years to complete their undergraduate degrees and graduate work. Since they are reentry students, further delays make it difficult for them to fulfill their potential. Thus, our scholarship, which provides \$6,500 for the academic year, is a powerful means to help one student at a time.

The committee meets each spring to select the scholarship recipient for the next academic year. As tuition rises and economic conditions remain difficult, the number of applications has increased precipitously, demonstrating the importance and need for the scholarship. Committee members spend long hours reviewing the applications before the meeting to make the selection.

The excellent students who apply for the scholarship make selection difficult but rewarding. Their diverse interests and background, their outstanding academic and community achievements, and their academic and professional goals continue the tradition of the ASURA scholarship.

Report to the ASURA Board of Directors on Meetings of the ASRS Board of Trustees
March 9, 2011
Submitted by R. J. Jacob

Note: I use a three-star system in assessing the items according to my judgment.

- *** Worthy of proactive attention
- ** Worthy of active attention
- * Worthy of passive attention at best

I hope that this will enable the reader to pass quickly through my written reports. All ASRS agenda booklets, including appendices and exhibits, are available in the ASURA offices.

ASRS Board of Trustees Meeting, February 18, 2011

1. * Annual Financial Report for 2010. The ASRS auditing firm presented their audit procedures and report. All is well.
2. * Appeal by Member. A member's appeal regarding retirement annuity elections was denied, but ASRS was instructed to review and revise some of its procedures which had been confusing in this case.
3. *** 2011 Legislative Session. Lesli Sorensen, ASRS Government Relations, reported on the bills regarding state retirement programs currently before the legislature. Many were already deemed dead and, at the moment of writing this report, the only substantive bills still moving toward passage are SB 1167 and HB 2726, both with similar provisions. It appears likely that a compromise version of them will pass. Among likely provisions:
 - a. The point system will be dropped in favor of an age + service formula.
 - b. The PBI system will undergo change, if not completely disappear. Various amendments have come and gone.
 - c. Return to work will be constrained and include alternate contributions by employee and employer.

Other provisions of these bills effect other state retirement systems than ASRS. It does not appear that, aside for a study committee, any action will be taken regarding Planned Contribution Systems.

Considerable discussion occurred pertaining to the appropriateness of ASRS staff appearing in favor or against legislation at legislative hearings. As a point of information, the Board was told that once having signed on in opposition to a bill, the formal opposition stuck in the record even if the bill were amended to the satisfaction of the opposer.

4. ** Investment Policy Statement. A recent addition to ASRS protocol is a formal investment policy statement. The current (new) statement was approved.
5. ** Opportunistic Private Investment Plan Review. The OPI strategic plan was reviewed and approved.
6. * General Investment Consultants and Auditors Contract Renewals. Renewals of contracts as recommended by ASRS officers was approved.

7. ** Director's Report. The value of the ASRS portfolio as of January 31 was \$27,073,336,788, an increase of \$1.582 B since November 30, 2010.

Legislative Liaison Committee Rose Minetti for Jerry Aronson

House Bill SB2726 was heard on February 17, 2011. ASURA took a neutral position but against the elimination of PBI. The meeting ended at 7:30pm. I left at 5pm but watched it on-line the next day.

Paul Matson, Director of ASRS, made a presentation and objected to HB2726 doing away with the PBI, indicated that ASRS had not given a PBI for the past six years, and probably would not give one again for another six to ten years. Members of the other retirement systems objected to the bill eliminating COLAs and increasing the contribution rates, and said they believed it was unconstitutional. Rep. John Kavanagh, committee member, proposed three amendments, which were approved. One was to reinstate the PBI and COLAs, provided that the PBI and COLA's would only be given **if and when** the Fund had a **market value** that was determined to be funded over 70% (which is very difficult to do). HB2726 was approved, 5-4 (5 R's voted aye, and 3 D's and one R voted nay).

Other retirement association's (PSPRS), CORP, EORP) speakers passionately argued against some of the changes to the plans but did believe change was necessary.

Also, HB2726 sets up a committee to study the benefits of the Defined Benefit system versus the Defined Contribution system. This committee will take effect once HB2726 is signed into law and will make its recommendations by December 31st. We will need to keep a close eye on the proceedings of this committee. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

HB2726 -Rules 3/7. I will watch it on line and report at the board meeting

SB 1106 definitions, service credits and military. Bill introduced by ASRS. ERA - DPA 3/1 8-0 next stop rules

SB 1107 transfers; distributions; DRO payments ERA- DPA 3/1 7-0

Jerry Aronson

HB2001 concealed weapons on campus: .After an extensive search, I learned that the AZ Commerce Authority bill was substituted for the original (weapons) bill in a special session. I guess the "Commerce" bill is the lesser of the two evils. The concealed weapon bill is dead!

Updates from AEA 3/5/2011

HB2726

Bill summary as it relates to the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS):

- Changes the definition of normal retirement age for a member whose membership in ASRS begins after July 1, 2011. (Those individuals currently in the system remain at the 80-point rule for normal retirement age—your age plus years of experience.)
- For those hired after July 1, 2011, the youngest normal retirement eligibility will be 62 years plus 10 years of service in ASRS. [This means that a person who begins teaching at the age of 22 will have to work for 40 years before reaching the normal retirement age.]
- Removes language allowing for a Permanent Benefit Increase (PBI). [This affects current retirees, active ASRS members, and new hires.]
- Requires employers to pay an Alternate Contribution Rate (ACR) beginning on July 1, 2012 for retired members who perform services that would otherwise be performed by an employee of the employer.
- This ACR will be assessed starting the 366th day after retirement for a member who reached normal retirement, and for a member who is an early retiree, working less than twenty weeks each year and twenty hours each week.

SB1167 Bill summary as it relates those who retire and are rehired:

- Requires employers to pay an Alternate Contribution Rate (ACR) beginning on July 1, 2013 for retired members who perform services that would otherwise be performed by an employee of the employer.
- This ACR will be assessed starting the 366th day after retirement for a member who reached normal retirement, and for a member who is an early retiree, working less than twenty weeks each year and twenty hours each week.

ASRA Insurance Report March 2011 Rose Minetti

The information in its entirety in ASRS newsletter "Your Retirement" 1st Quarter 2011.

Health Care Reform Update

ASRS is working with United Health to craft retiree health care insurance plans so there is minimal impact by the implementation of patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. ASRS already incorporated some of the early reform requirements:

- **Elimination of lifetime limits:** only 2 ASRS plans had life time limits. As of January 2011 none of the ASRS sponsored medical plans have lifetime limits.
- **Dependent Child coverage until at 26years old:** ASRS previous age was 25years old it is now raised to 26year old. Also, ASRS expanded the definition of dependent to include married children not living at home, working children without employer coverage and children not in school.
- **Pre-existing conditions of children under the age of 19:** ASRS already excluded pre-existing conditions for all members.
- **Select preventive services at no cost:** ASRS Medicare Complete and Senior Supplement already offered preventive services without co-payment These co-payments are eliminated from non-Medicare Choice and Choice Plus plans also.

Although ASRS already delivered these benefits costs will still be impacted due to increasing medical expenses, increase utilization and a lack of reduced revenue streams each contributing to increases experienced in 2011.

ASRS is also participating in US Department of Health and Human Services Early Retirement Reinsurance Program which will offset the cost of providing health care to retirees 55 and older not eligible for Medicare. ASRS applied for and was approved to receive funds. United Health Care is preparing necessary documents (for more info contact ASRS).

Senior Supplement Plan; Medicare D

Affordable Care Act changes to the "donut hole"

- If you reach the \$2,830 Total Drug benefit you will receive a 50% discount on total cost of eligible brand name drugs
- From 2012-2020 Medicare will phase in additional savings on eligible drugs and finally by 2020 your responsibility will be 25% of the cost in the coverage gap.

Pharmacy and drug plan changes

- ASRS members who use Prescriptions Solutions mail order can access your orders through mobile phone Go to www.prescriptionsolutions.com
- As of January 2011 non-Medicare Choice plan (in-state, in-network only) will use United Health care Drug List instead of Pacific Care. For more info www.myuhc.com, register and access information on My Formulary.

- New Prescription Discount Card Contract with WellCardRX which replaced Script Save www.wellcardrx.com.

Non-Covered Dental Services

Although Assurant dental contracts did require that dentist provide discounts on non-covered services. Arizona did pass legislation restricting insurers from requiring dentists to extend discounts for services not covered by insurance. If have Assurant dentals plans Freedom basic or freedom Advance and you receive dental care from Dental health Alliance you will want to talk to you DHA dentist to understand your costs.

Best bet contact ASRS for clarification.

<http://www.assurantemployeebenefits.com/wps/portal>

United Healthcare Updates

Mayo Clinic (all locations) and the physicians associated with Mayo Clinic are added to the provider network for non-Medicare and choice plus members. ASRS Senior Supplement members may also use May Clinic but the clinic does not accept Medicare Assignment therefore the member would be responsible for 15% over Medicare amount. ASRS Secure Horizon Medicare Complete Retiree Plan use Mayo only for emergency or urgent care.

The ASRS web site is a wealth of information for retirees

For additional information pertaining to ASRS retirees

<https://www.azasrs.gov/web/Retirees.do>

PDF files of ASRS Printed material i.e. newsletters, open enrollment pamphlet, group insurance contact information.

<https://www.azasrs.gov/web/HealthInsurance.do>

For a “Know Your Insurance” meeting schedule click below

https://www.azasrs.gov/content/pdf/KYI_Meet_Sched.pdf



ASURA MEMBERSHIP TOTALS
2011 Membership Year

Counts		
	As Of March 2011	As Of March 2010
Current-year members	666	674
Renewals from Prior Years	585	535
New This Year	81	139
Paid for Current Year, Now Deceased	9	3
Last Years Members Who Have Not Renewed	110	100
Last Year's Members Who Are Now Deceased	14	15
Current Members by (Approx.) Length of Membership		
Members for 0 - 2 Years	271	286
Members for 3 - 5 Years	94	73
Members for 6 - 10 Years	80	88
Members for More Than 10 Years	221	227
Current Members by Communication Preference		
Prefer E-mail	336	326
Prefer E-mail with No Obituary Notices	66	41
Prefer U. S. Postal (paper)	260	305
No Mail of Any Kind	4	2
Current Members by Former Employment Category		
Faculty	299	288
Staff	234	263
Academic Professional	45	39
Administrative	36	32
Service Professional	51	46
Non-employee	0	0
Unspecified	1	6

More Counts		
	As Of March 2011	As Of March 2010
Current Members by Address Location		
Arizona (Zip 85xxx and 86xxx)		604
California (Xip 900xx - 961xx)		13
All Other		57

Note: Since membership enrollment forms are mailed in May, we begin processing them, with associated dues and donations, before the start of the membership/fiscal year. Therefore it is not possible to use these count to determine the correct dollar value of membership donations in the current fiscal year.

These guidelines are for events that ASURA organizes for the benefit of its members and for which ASURA sets and collects registration fees. They do not apply to events that are held expressly for the purpose of fund-raising or events that are organized through an outside agency, such as a travel agency.

Guidelines

In general, registration fees for events should be set with the expectation that collected fees will cover all costs of the event except advertising.

1. *No planned profit.* We should not *expect* non-fundraising events to make a profit or to cover advertising costs.
2. *Unplanned profits and losses.* It is understood that event costs and attendance can only be estimated at the time that registration fees are set, so there will most likely be a small profit or loss for each event.
3. *Refund deadline.* To help avoid taking a loss from having to pay costs for no-shows or last-minute cancellations, organizers should set and advertise a date after which refunds will not be issued.
4. *No collective profit or loss.* The registration fee for each event should be set based on that event alone, without taking into account any profit or loss for prior events.
5. *Event cancellation.* If registration for an event is so low that there will almost surely be a significant loss (e.g., over \$200) if it is held, the event organizer will normally cancel it in time to avoid out-of-pocket costs. ASURA will refund any registration fees received.
6. *Event sponsor.* It is permissible for an event to have a private sponsor, i.e. someone who agrees to cover the cost or part of the cost of an event in order to keep registration fees low for attendees. Sponsor contributions are made to the ASURA Operations account.
7. *No presenter compensation.* In general, invited presenters or performers will not be compensated. Exceptions would need Board approval.
8. *Exception procedure.* Any Events Committee Chair may request a one-time allocation of budget from the Board for a specific event. Justification for such a request is up to the requestor. Typically, exceptions are granted for educational events that have non-food costs and for “start-up” types of entertainment or social events, e.g. those that have experimental themes or venues.

Pre-established Budget for Specific Events

These “signature” ASURA events typically have budget allocated to them at the start of the year:

1. *Holiday Potluck.* This event is free to members. The budget requirement is minimal.
2. *Retirees Day.* Budget may be allocated to cover speaker costs.
3. *Annual Meeting.* The annual meeting is required by the ASURA bylaws and is free to members. The budget set is typically intended to cover light refreshments for attendees and incidental costs.

Name		Date	
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I. Provide us with current information about yourself.

RENEWING MEMBERS: PROVIDE ONLY INFORMATION THAT HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR.

Spouse/Partner			
Spouse/Partner is a member on his/her own	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Street Address			
City, State, Zip			
Telephone			
E-mail			
Preferred Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail	<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail, but no obituary notices	<input type="checkbox"/> US Post Office (paper) <input type="checkbox"/> No mail at all
If you give us your e-mail address we'll use it for most contacts unless you indicate otherwise here.			

ASU Employment/Retirement. Surviving spouses/partners, please provide us with your spouse's or partner's information.			
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree	<input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse or Partner of Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Employee
Date Retired			
ASU Unit			
Campus:	<input type="checkbox"/> Tempe	<input type="checkbox"/> West	<input type="checkbox"/> Polytechnic <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown
Employment Category:	<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative or Admin Faculty
	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Service Professional	

II. Complete Volunteer Info (Page 2, on reverse). Tell us how you'd like to be involved with the ASURA.

III. Mail us this form and a check.

Annual membership donation	<u> \$20.00 </u>			
Optional added donation to help with operating costs such as mailing	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Optional added donation for our ASURA Scholarship Endowment fund	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Optional added donation for our Video History project	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Optional added donation for our Adopt-a-Family project	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Total donation	<input style="width:60px" type="text"/>			

Make check payable to ASU Foundation (ASURA).

All funds will be deposited with the ASU Foundation, a separate non-profit organization that exists to support ASU. Your total amount may be considered a charitable contribution. Please consult your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of charitable contributions. Foundation accounts: 30003614 for membership and operating cost donations, 40003616 for the Scholarship Endowment, 30004368 for projects.

Mail completed form and check to:

ASU Retirees Association
Arizona State University
P.O. Box 873308
Tempe, Arizona 85287-3308

VOLUNTEER WITH THE ASURA

The ASU Retirees Association (ASURA) is operated entirely by volunteers. Please indicate below if you would be interested in working with us in any of these areas:

Events Committee – Serve on a committee to plan activities and educational programs for ASURA members. Help to:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Luncheon Programs	Plan the Fall, Holiday, and Spring luncheons: locations, entertainment, menus, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Retirees Day	Plan the annual Retirees Day program: speakers, topics, luncheon, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Seminars Committee	Plan presentations/workshops on why/how-to topics related to retirement and aging.
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel	Plan and offer travel outings to members: local, state, regional, national, international.
Community Outreach Committee - Identify and promote opportunities for members to help and cooperate with others.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-a-Family Program	Purchase, wrap, and distribute toys, clothing, etc. for adopted families.
<input type="checkbox"/> Emeritus College Liaison	Attend Emeritus College Council meetings, facilitate organizational cooperation.
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee	Select the best qualified ASURA scholarship recipient from applicant pool.
<input type="checkbox"/> University Club Liaison	Support the University Club and its use by retirees.
<input type="checkbox"/> Video History Project	Arrange for, conduct, and distribute video interviews of people with significant ASU history.
<input type="checkbox"/> Video Editing	Edit video of completed Video History Project interviews.
Government Liaison Council & Health Insurance - Provide liaison and advocacy to agencies as designated by the Board.	
<input type="checkbox"/> AZ Legislative Liaison	Track legislation, contact legislators, and attend hearings if desired. Inform members.
<input type="checkbox"/> AZ St. Retire. Sys. Liaison	Attend monthly meetings at the ASRS office to monitor plans. Inform members.
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance	Monitor and help improve ADOA & ASRS health insurance for retirees. Inform members.
Membership & Communication Committee – Develop ASURA membership, promote and facilitate communication.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Event Photographer	Take photos at ASURA events and activities for use in ASURA publications.
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Prime Times</i> Newsletter	Collect & edit stories, format the newsletter, arrange for distribution to members.
<input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries	Collect obituaries of ASU people and edit for use in ASURA publications.
<input type="checkbox"/> Web Site	Add to and maintain Association Web site content, http://asura.asu.edu .
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Forms, Publications	Help prepare forms, flyers and related publications that are distributed to members.
Board and Operational Support – Provide leadership and support for the overall operations of the ASURA.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors	3-year term, monthly meetings Sept. – May. Help make decisions on ASURA issues.
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee	Make recommendations that will help assure that ASURA has funding for its programs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology	Support ASURA’s technology use – Web site, membership database, equipment, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Staff	Work a weekly 3-hr shift: answer phone, process mail, maintain computerized records.

Questions?

Find out more about ASURA and our programs on our Web site, <http://asura.asu.edu>. Or, phone our office at 480-965-7668. If no one is there (office staff are all volunteers), you can leave a message and someone will call you back.

Comments?

Please write any comments you may have about this form, ASURA’s activities, or any aspect of ASURA.