

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

**Board Members Present:** Gary Anderson, Barry Bruns, Barbara Bradford Eschbach, Dick Jacob, Barry Leshowitz, Wilma Mathews, Connie McNeill, Rose Minetti, Carolyn Minner, Bill Moor, Jeannette Robson, Dave Scheatzle, Dave Schwalm, Joy Shearman, Sheila Stokes

**Absent:** Doug Johnson

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Sheree Baron, Abby Polito for Barbara Shaw-Snyder

**Committee Chairs Present:** Sue Blumer, Elmer Gooding, Gary Kleeman, Barry McNeill, Mary Stevens, Linda Van Scoy

**Guests Present:**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President David Schwalm called the meeting to order at 10 am.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME TO GUESTS**

President David Schwalm welcomed the guest, Abigail Polito for Barbara-Shaw Snyder. ASU Public Affairs

**III. ADOPTION OF TODAY'S AGENDA**

No changes to the agenda were requested.

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2011 BOARD MEETING**

The minutes of the October, 2011 Board meeting were approved with minor amendments.

**V. FINANCIAL REPORT / TREASURER'S REPORT – CAROLYN MINNER, BILL MOOR**

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**VI. EX-OFFICIO REPORTS**

- Human Resources – no report
- University Liaison

Abigail Polito, ASU Legislative Liaison in the Office of Public Affairs, discussed the ASURA participation at ASU Day on February 9, 2012 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. This year, the University would be attempting to maximize interaction with State legislators and that ASURA could play an important role in this effort. Wilma Matthews and Sheila Stokes will follow up with Abigail Polito on ASURA participation.

- University Senate

Joe Carter, President of the University Senate informed the Board that untenured individuals now comprise one-third of the ASU faculty. Efforts were being made to integrate them more completely into the University's teaching mission. He also described the new ASU campus in Lake Havasu, which will attempt to recruit students in California who might be interested in attending ASU whose out-of-state tuition is less than that in-state tuition for the California's university system. Pointing to the Senate's student-centered philosophy, Joe asked that retirees underscore these values when communicating with legislators and others. Finally, Joe observed that faculty at the East and West campuses had voted to continue their relationship with ASU rather than being spun off as distinct universities.

- University Staff Council – no report

## **VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Community Outreach Committee - Subcommittee Reports**

- Adopt-A-Family – no report
- Emeritus College Liaison

Dick Jacob reported that the Emeritus College's Symposium attracted a record number of more than 80 participants. He also described the College's intention to provide a diverse selection of activities to its members. Some of the events were aimed at attracting a large number of people, such as the College's symposium. Other smaller events were directed toward more narrowly defined interests, such as the Creative Writing interest group. Dick then proposed that the ASURA take part in a meeting of all ASU retirement groups to be held in January. The purpose of the meeting is to coordinate the calendar of events and to exchange ideas among the members of ASURA, The Emeritus College, and the Emeritus Faculty Association. Following discussion, Dick made a motion incorporating the aforementioned points. The motion was seconded and passed following discussion.

- Scholarship Committee

Sue Blumer announced that she would be posting the application for the ASURA 2013 scholarship

- University Club Liaison – no report
- Video History Project

Linda Van Scoy reported that the committee had settled on 14 nominees for new interviews, including some who are now living out of state.

### **B. Events Committee - Subcommittee Reports**

- Luncheons & Special Events

Barbara Bradford Eschbach informed the Board that the Annual Potluck would take place on December 15, 2011 at 11:30 AM in room 330 CSB. In a discussion of the event, it was decided to invite all retirees who had retired after July 1, 2011 and had not as yet joined ASURA.

- Retirees Day

Barry McNeill led a discussion of the possibility of inviting non-ASURA members to Retirees Day and other ASURA events. President Schwalm summarized the Board's discussion: It is generally agreed that the invitation list should be tailored to the nature of the particular event. For

example, travel and seminars might be events where the list of invitees might include non-ASURA individuals.

- Seminars

Gary Kleeman, who recently accepted the chair of the Seminars Committee, asked that the committee meet with him after the meeting to discuss the spring schedule. Barry McNeill announced that the ASURA seminar on social networks would take place on November 17 and that more than 25 people had signed up for the event.

- Travel

Gary Anderson reported that the trip to Southern Arizona did not take place due to lack of interest. The trip down the Amazon was going to take place, although the present enrollment of eight was considerably less than the expected twenty. It was suggested that the trip be made available to University of Arizona retirees.

C. Finance Committee

Mary Stevens reported that the book project's sales totaled \$72 since its inception in September. As the Committee improves its outreach to retiring staff and faculty, Mary expected sales to increase greatly and was optimistic about the project's future.

President Schwalm reported that he made good progress appointing a committee to run the golf tournament in the spring. Dave Scheatzle agreed to consult with the committee which will include Gary Krahenbuhl, Mernoy Harrison, Gary McGrath and Jim Odenkirk.

D. Government Liaison Council

- ASRS General – no report
- Legislature – no report

E. Health Insurance Liaison Council

Rose Minetti reported that 35 people attended ASURA's seminar on health insurance, which was a very good turnout since there were no changes in the State's health plans this year. Doug Johnson submitted a written report on ADOA issues.

F. Membership and Communications Committee – Subcommittee Reports

- Membership Update

Elmer Gooding reported that ASURA's present membership was 633, which compares well with last year's total of 645.

- Prime Times

Wilma Mathews emphasized in her report that January 20, 2012 was a firm deadline for receipt of articles and that photos were especially desirable for inclusion in Prime Times.

- Web Site and Database

Connie McNeill reported that the ASURA office computer now supports Windows 7.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. President Schwalm asked the Board in the future to make every effort to submit reports for distribution to the Board on the Friday prior to the Wednesday Board Meeting.
- B. Next Meeting – December 14, 2011, 10:00 AM—Noon, CSB 203

**XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Account Categories	Approved Budget	Actual YTD Amount	Budget Minus YTD	COMMENTS
<b>ASURA Operations - Income</b>				
Balance Forward	23,051	23,051	0	Balance Sheet Data
Events Registration Fees & Donations Collected	8,000	0	8,000	
Membership Donations ("Dues")	12,000	5,460	6,540	
General Operations Donations	3,000	910	2,090	
<b>Total ASURA Operations Income</b>	<b>46,051</b>	<b>29,421</b>	<b>16,630</b>	Includes Balance Sheet Data
<b>ASURA Operations - Expenses</b>				
<i>Printing and Mailing Costs</i>				
Annual Report	100	0	100	Press run of 60
Events - Advertising	1,500	831	669	12 events @\$125/event
Seminars - Advertising	750	204	546	6 seminars @125/seminar
Board Ballots	400	0	400	
Membership Drive	1,050	795	255	Split with Public Affairs
<i>Other Operations Costs</i>				
Business Luncheons/Staff Appreciation	900	0	900	
Events - All Costs Except Advertising	8,000	290	7,710	Includes Meet/Greet & Holiday Potluck
Office Equipment & Supplies	3,500	190	3,310	
Retirees Day - Speaker & Guest Lunches	400	0	400	
Foundation Management Fees	900	143	757	
Transfer from Special Projects-Golf Luncheon	0	-4,562	4,562	Luncheon paid from Operations in error
Transfer to Special Projects for 2012-13 Scholarship	10,000	0	10,000	Current tuition is \$9,716
<b>Total ASURA Operations Expenses</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>-2,108</b>	<b>29,608</b>	
<b>Uncommitted ASURA Operations Funds</b>	<b>18,551</b>	<b>31,529</b>	<b>-12,978</b>	Includes Balance Sheet Data
<b>Public Affairs</b>				
<i>Printing &amp; Mailing Costs</i>				
Membership Drive	575	326	249	Split with ASURA Operations - Expense
Prime Times	3,800	963	2,837	4 issues @ \$950/issue
Annual Meeting	175	0	175	
Retirees Day	250	0	250	
<i>Other Public Affairs Operations Costs</i>				
Office Supplies	1,250	0	1,250	
Phone/FAX Service	100	0	100	Small allocation to cover long distance
Annual Meeting Refreshments	450	0	450	
Copier & Fax Maintenance	400	313	87	
<b>Total Operations Expenses Covered by PA</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>5,399</b>	

Account Categories	Approved Budget	Actual YTD Amount	Budget Minus YTD	COMMENTS
<b>Special Projects - Income</b>				
Balance Forward	9,807	9,807	0	Balance Sheet Data
Adopt-A-Family Donations	1,000	525	475	
Video History Donations	750	375	375	
Book Sale Net Income	200	0	200	
Transfer from Operations for 2012-13 Scholarship	10,000	0	10,000	Current tuition is \$9,716
<b>Total Special Projects Income</b>	<b>21,757</b>	<b>10,707</b>	<b>11,050</b>	
<b>Special Projects - Expenses</b>				
2012-2013 Scholarship	10,000	0	10,000	
Adopt-A-Family	2,000	0	2,000	
Video History	3,500	102	3,398	No major equipment purchases this year.
Transfer to Operations-Golf Luncheon	0	4,562	-4,562	Luncheon paid from Operations in error
Foundation Management Fees	350	18	332	
<b>Total Special Projects Expenses</b>	<b>15,850</b>	<b>4,682</b>	<b>11,168</b>	
<b>Uncommitted Special Projects Funds</b>	<b>5,907</b>	<b>6,025</b>	<b>-118</b>	Includes Balance Sheet Data
<b>Scholarship Endowment Fund - Assets &amp; Income</b>				
Endowment Balance July 1	37,052	37,052	0	Balance Sheet Data
Invested Funds Gain (-Loss)	7,000	-4,114	11,114	
Transfer to Scholarship Endowment - Spending	0	0	0	
Foundation Management Fees	-493	-460	-33	
Current-Year Contributions	1,000	620	380	
<b>Total Scholarship Endowment Assets &amp; Income</b>	<b>44,559</b>	<b>33,098</b>	<b>11,461</b>	Includes Balance Sheet Data
<b>Scholarship Endowment - Spending</b>				
Balance July 1	819	819	0	Balance Sheet Data
Payout from Endowment	1,000	0	1,000	
Reinvest in Endowment	0	0	0	
Scholarship Support from Endowment	0	0	0	
<b>Total Scholarship Endowment Spending</b>	<b>1,819</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>1,000</b>	Includes Balance Sheet Data
<b>Total Scholarship Endowment</b>	<b>46,378</b>	<b>33,917</b>	<b>12,461</b>	Includes Balance Sheet Data

**MEET & GREET LUNCHEON - 9/14/2011**

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

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**-290.45 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements**

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

-541.81 Overall net gain/loss

**AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND - 9/26/ - 10/28/2011**

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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

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**0.00 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements**

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

0.00 Overall net gain/loss

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRIP - 10/25 - 10/27/2011**

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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

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**0.00 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements**

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

-200.23 Overall net gain/loss

**HOLIDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON/ARTS & CRAFTS SALE - 12/15 - 12/16/2011 (FUND RAISER)**

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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**

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

0.00 Overall net gain/loss

**PERU/AMAZON TRIP - 2/9 - 2/20/2012**

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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**

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

-379.55 Overall net gain/loss

**RETIRES DAY - 2/25/2012**

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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**

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

0.00 Overall net gain/loss

**-290.45 Net gain (loss) - all completed non-fundraising events, exclusive of advertising**

**-290.45 Net gain (loss) - all non-fundraising events, exclusive of advertising**

**831.14 Total advertising cost - non-fundraising events**



## **Travel Committee Report November 9, 2011**

The Travel Committee met on November 1st and discussed plans for travel events for the spring semester. Plans are being developed for a local event that will likely include a meal function and a theatre event. Most likely this will be in late January. Plans will be finalized in the next several weeks and be announced and publicized to members.

Bill Stasi reports that the trip to southern Arizona was cancelled due to only nine members signing up.

Every day's a school day, mate.

Eighteen ASURA Boomerangs spent about 24 days exploring Australia and New Zealand, covering nearly 25,000 air miles. We learned about Australian and New Zealand history, geography, culture and wildlife. Some snorkeled in the waters of the Great Barrier Reef, zip-lined in the jungle rain forest, slept under the squawking flying foxes, petted kangas, and cuddled koalas. And, we learned how to throw boomerangs! Visits to the iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock) in the desolate Outback and the very cosmopolitan Sydney landmarks of the Opera House, the Quay, the Rocks and Bondi Beach stretched the mind. One Boomerang, after extensive research, claims to have discovered Australia's finest beer: Carlton Lager. One hiccup occurred when weather prevented a flight out of Queenstown, NZ, but all turned out very well, actually extending the trip by one day. It was a great trip, and all the Boomerangs came back.

More school days planned for 2012.

Efforts continue to inform members of the great trip planned to Peru to cruise on the Amazon in February. Eight ASURA Capybaras are signed up at the moment and the registration deadline is very close.

Mailed publicity has gone out to non-email members and listserv has been used to inform other members. Members of the NAU and MCCC retirees associations have also been invited.

The Amazon River cruise trip includes a couple days exploring Lima, flight into the jungle city of Iquitos, five days cruising the Amazon with guided walks into the jungle, visits to riverside Indian villages and extensive wildlife viewing. An optional five day post-trip includes the chance of lifetime visit to Machu Picchu. Cost of the basic trip, including RT air from Phoenix is \$3595. The final informational meeting about the trip is Monday, November 21st, at 11-12 noon at the Tempe Public Library Connections Room.

# ASU Retirees Online Sales Report

July- Sept, 2011 (Sept. 14-30)

MarketName	City	State	Country	Title	Price
AmazonMarketplaceUS	HERRIMAN	UT	UNITED STATE	Interior Design and Decoration	\$88.28
AmazonMarketplaceUS	GAINESVILLE	FL	UNITED STATE	Introduction to Managerial Accounting	\$42.81
AmazonMarketplaceUS	FAYETTEVILLE	NC	UNITED STATE	Managerial Accounting	\$21.80
Ebay	College Park	MD	UNITED STATE	Out of the Crisis	\$5.78
Ebay	Tucson	AZ	UNITED STATE	The Diving Bell and the Butterfly: A Memoir of Life in Death	\$5.62
Ebay	Elgin	IL	UNITED STATE	Salt: A World History	\$5.16

**Gross Total:** \$169.45

**Subtract Market Commissions (15%):**

\$144.03

**Subtract Friends Portion (50%):**

**NET TOTAL TO YOU** \$72.01

Report to the ASURA Board of Directors  
Submitted by R. J. Jacob

Not having attended the last two ASRS Board of Trustees Meetings due to travel, I do not have a point-by-point report to make of their agendas. However, Alan Johnson has graciously attended in my absence and written to me of the proceedings. In a word, nothing much has happened through the meeting of October 21. Actions have generally involved internal affairs and policies, with no 2 or 3 star items. However, the upcoming legislative agenda for ASRS is now being discussed and a report of the November 18 meeting, which I will attend, should contain several items of direct interest.

From: Doug Johnson  
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 04:47 PM  
To: David Schwalm  
Cc: Rose Minetti  
Subject: Comparing Health Insurance Plans

Dave,

I was hoping to be able to attend the ASURA Board meeting on Wed. and provide a report on the recent health insurance seminar, but I am behind schedule for getting packed. Peg and I are driving to Seattle for the winter. I know that doesn't sound right, but our daughter is expecting twins soon, and we hope to be there and to be of some help. I don't know how long we will be there; perhaps three months.

So here is a brief report on the Health Insurance Seminar.

Marcia Jarvis, ADOA Benefits Chief Operating Officer, and Ed Rappaport, ASRS Benefits Director, provided a two hour workshop for 35 ASURA members on November 4th in Rm 330, Community Service Bldg. They answered the tough questions about the differences in coverage of the plans offered in the respective Open Enrollment Guides, and they even discussed their value compared to alternative street plans.

Here are a few note worthy answers:

You may get a lower premium (and cost) from a street(public) plan if you don't need very many medical services and don't have preexisting conditions. You can try one and see if you like it. If you choose to switch out of an ADOA medical plan, be sure to keep your dental plan so you have the option of returning at a future open enrollment period. ASRS does allow you to re-enroll at a future open enrollment without that restriction. But, you will be in that street plan for the policy year.

For most people the ADOA EPO plans are a better value than the more expensive PPO plans as both use the same network of providers in state. PPOs do provide some additional coverage if you go to an out of network (out-of-state) provider. All these plans do provide some national network and you are covered for emergency services out of country.

A major advantage of the ADOA EPO Plans is that they cover virtually all your medical costs (not covered by medicare) after your co-pay. Many other plans have deductibles, co-insurance, or more limited coverage.

If you are on Medicare, it is your primary coverage, and all claims should go to medicare first. But, there is a claim cross-over program that will transfer any unpaid balance to your ADOA Plan (your secondary coverage) without your having to re-submit a claim.

This is a passive open enrollment, so no action is required to keep the plan you now have. Open enrollment change forms will be accepted if received or postmarked by 5PM November 18, 2011.

ASURA Health Insurance Team  
Doug Johnson (ADOA Plans)  
Rose Menenitti (ASRS Plans)

## ASURA MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

### 2012 Membership Year

Counts	As Of 11/4/2011	As Of 11/4/2010	More Counts	
<b>Current-year Members</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>Current Members by Address Location</b>	
Renewals from Prior Years (any prior year)	575	599	Arizona (Zip 85xxx and 86xxx)	572
New This Year	58	46	California (Zip 900xx - 961xx)	12
Paid for the Current Year, Now Deceased	1	4	All other	49
<b>Last Year's Members Who Have Not Renewed</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>109 *</b>		
Last Year's Members Who Are Now Deceased	18	14		
<b>Current Members by (Approx.) Time Since First Joining</b>				
Members for 0-2 Years	100	154		
Members for 3-5 Years	210	168		
Members for 6-10 Years	95	84		
Members for more than 10 years	228	239		
<b>Current Members by Communications Preference</b>				
Prefer E-mail	333	N/A		
Prefer E-mail with No Obituary Notices	62	N/A		
Prefer US Postal (paper)	234	N/A		
No Mail of Any Kind	4	N/A		
<b>Current Members by Former Employment Category</b>				
Faculty	294	296		
Staff	214	228		
Academic Professional	41	41		
Administrative	31	32		
Service Professional	50	47		
Non-employee	0	0		
Unspecified	3	1		

\*This figure is as of the end of last membership year, rather than as of the date in the column header.