

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2013
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: Barry Bruns, Barbara Bradford Eschbach, Elmer Gooding, Dick Jacob, Dick Kelly, Gary Kleemann, Jo Madonna, Barry McNeill, Bill Moor, Dave Scheatzle, Dave Schwalm, Joy Shearman, Bill Stasi

Absent: Arthur Ashton, Wilma Mathews, Jeannette Robson

Committee Chairs Present: Sue Blumer, Val Peterson, Linda Van Scoy

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Executive Staff Present: Carolyn Minner

Guests Present:

I. Call to Order

President Bill Moor called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

II. Introductions and Welcome to Guests

No guests attended the meeting.

III. Adoption of Today's Agenda

Dave Schwalm made a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted and Barbara Bradford Eschbach seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Review and Approval of the Minutes of January 9, 2013 Board Meeting

Dave Schwalm made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Barry Bruns seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

V. Financial Report/Treasurer's Report –Barry Bruns, Carolyn Minner

Treasurer Barry Bruns explained that on the financial report the \$846.00 (proceeds from the golf tournament) shown under the “Special Projects Expenses – Transfer 1/3 golf tournament net revenue to Endow. Scholarship” needs to be moved to the spending account for the scholarship. This change is necessary because the tournament did not advertise that the proceeds would be dedicated to the Scholarship Endowment. Therefore, the revenue must be used directly for the scholarship and not for the Scholarship Endowment Fund. Bill Stasi motioned that this change be approved and Joy Shearman seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

VI. Ex-Officio Reports

- Human Resources – Sheree Barron or designee
No report.
- University Liaison – Barbara Shaw-Snyder/Abby Polito
No report.
- University Senate
No report. Dick Jacob did mention that the Emeritus College members are also members of the Academic Assembly and that they do have a senator.
- University Staff Council – Stephen Potter
No report.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Community Outreach Committee – Subcommittee Reports

- Adopt-A-Family – Joan Leard
No report
- Emeritus College Liaison – Dick Jacob
The Emeritus College is looking for a new dean and three new members of the board. A nominations committee has been formed.
- Scholarship Committee – Sue Blumer
Sue reported that ASU does offer a degree which may be earned totally through on-line courses. Currently, these on-line students would be eligible for the ASURA scholarship if the criteria are met. More information will be provided and further discussion will be held at the May Board Meeting.
- University Club Liaison – Jim Fordemwalt
Bill Moor announced that Jim will continue to be the ASURA liaison to the University Club. He will report to the Board when topics/issues need to be brought to the Board's attention.
- Video History Project – Linda Van Scoy
Twenty-four interview clips are now available on the website. The new interview room will be tested soon for sound and lighting to determine if it will be suitable for the recording of the interviews.

B. Events Committee and Subcommittee Report

- Events Committee – Barry McNeill
ASURA did participate in the ASU Day at the Capitol. ASU President Michael Crow, Abby Polito (Public Affairs) and Martha Byrd (Alumni Association) are among those that stopped at the ASURA table.

In preparation for the event Barry McNeill developed a tri-fold brochure about ASURA. Elmer Gooding mentioned that this would be a good handout to

distribute at the Human Resources sessions for prospective retirees. Elmer and Barry will work together to further develop the flyer and determine printing options.

- Luncheons and Special Events – Barbara Bradford Eschbach
No report.
- Retirees Day – Barry McNeill
At the time of this meeting there were 60 registrants. It is hoped that at least 112 people will register. There will be 9 presenters and 6 of them plan to stay for the luncheon.
- Seminars – Gary Kleemann
Publicity for the next seminar will coming out soon.
- Travel – Bill Stasi
Twenty-three people attended the Wild West Day Trip. There was a net profit of approximately \$200. There are 11 people signed up for the African Safari trip and 6 people are signed up for the Great Rivers of Europe trip.

C. Finance Committee – Mary Stevens

- Book Sale – There was no oral report but a written report was submitted.
- Golf Tournament – Dave Schwalm
No report

D. Government Liaison Council

- ASRS General – Dick Jacob
A written report will be sent out to Board Members in a few weeks. It appears that the idea of a Permanent Benefit Increase (PBI) is being dropped. Other provisions in bills being considered by the Legislature are: a return to work compensation limit so that no one can get a raise if they retire from the state and then return to work for the state.

Dick announced that at the end of this term he wants to be replaced as an ASURA government liaison.

- Legislature – Designee
Bill Moor announced that ASURA is seeking someone who would like to serve as the ASURA liaison to the Legislature. This person would need to register as a lobbyist. A couple of suggestions were made of people who might have an interest in this role. Bob Mings and Quentin Bogart will be approached to ascertain either or both have an interest.

E. Health Insurance Liaison Council

- ADOA – Arthur Ashton and Robert Moroney

Dick Jacob suggested that ASURA should consider developing its own written information regarding insurance changes. Jo Madonna said that this could put the organization in a difficult position because unintentional misinformation might be distributed to members. Sue Blumer said that the benefits fairs that are available in preparation for open enrollment are the best source of information for members because individual questions may be asked and answered. Barbara Bradford Eschbach suggested that ASURA hold an informational seminar on open enrollment at Friendship Village because so many members live there and many of them do not have the transportation to attend the other seminars that we sponsor. President-elect Barry McNeill said that one of his goals for the next year is to put together a committee to propose what the organization can do to get more information to the members on this subject.

- ASRS – Rose Minetti
Bill Moor reported that at the January meeting he had mistakenly reported that Rose Minetti wished to resign as an liaison to both ASRS and the Legislature. Rose Minetti will remain the ASURA liaison to ASRS. She no longer will be an ASURA liaison to the Legislature.

F. Membership and Communications Committee – Subcommittee Reports

- Membership Update – Elmer Gooding
Seven people have taken advantage of the newly approved policy offering a year of free membership for new members.
- Prime Times – Jeannette Robson/Wilma Mathews
No report
- History Committee – Val Peterson
The book has been edited by Wilma Mathews and another round of editing is now being done. The next phase is the selection of photos for the book. It is estimated that the book will be about 175 – 200 pages long. Five potential business sponsors have been approached and Friendship Village has expressed interest but no sponsor has been signed yet. Individual sponsorship levels are also being considered. Sponsors would receive recognition in the book. The committee estimates that between \$5000 – 8000 in sponsorship is needed to cover the cost of printing hard copies of the book.
- Web Site and Data Base – Barry McNeill
The development of an option for the on-line payment of ASURA membership, donations, event registrations, etc., is moving forward with the ASU Foundation. This should be able to be used for the first time for the next membership renewals.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- Amendments to By-laws – Mary Stevens
A written report was submitted. 168 members voted. 164 voted to approve the Amendments and 4 disapproved.
- AROHE (Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education)
Membership Discussion – Dick Jacob
A copy of the AROHE tri-fold brochure was distributed. At the present time AROHE has 120 members and the ASU Emeritus College is one of them. Dick reported that the majority of the organization’s members are more like ASURA than the Emeritus College. The cost of the membership dues is based on the size of the member organization’s budget. The cost for ASURA to join would be \$100/year.

The discussion about whether to join centered on whether ASURA would benefit from membership and how the membership would be utilized. Barry McNeill spoke against joining, expressing that he did not believe that ASURA would benefit. Gary Kleemann said that he believed that the benefits may be subtle and not readily apparent. He also shared that he thinks that ASURA has a responsibility to share what our organization is doing. Elmer Gooding said that Emeritus College involvement in AROHE has its increased visibility and membership would “help put ASURA on the map.”

Bill Stasi made a motion that ASURA should join AROHE at the \$100 level of membership and Gary Kleemann seconded the motion. Bill Moor called for a show of hands vote. Eleven members voted to approve the motion and one member opposed. The motion carried.

IX. New Business

Bill Moor announced that Martha Byrd is Executive Director of Operations of the ASU Alumni Association. He recommends that she be added as an ex-officio member of the ASURA Board. Dave Schwalm motioned that the Executive Director of the ASU Alumni Association be added as an Ex-Officio Member of the ASURA Board of Directors. Dave Scheatzle seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

X. Announcements

- Bill Moor reported that the Luncheon for ASURA Past Presidents went well. 14 past presidents attended, and 22 lunches were served. The event was held at Friendship Village.
- Bill Moor announced that it is time for preparations for the ASURA Annual Report begin. The report will be distributed at the ASURA Annual Meeting in April. He wants the committee chairs and sub-committee chairs to prepare draft copies of their reports and send them to Bill by the March Board Meeting.

XI. Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at noon.