

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

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

Absent: Elmer Gooding, Wilma Mathews

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

Ex-Officio Members Present: None

Executive Staff Present: Carolyn Minner

Guests Present: None

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introductions and Welcome to Guests

N/A

III. Adoption of Today's Agenda

Dave Schwalm made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Barry Bruns seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

IV. Review and Approval of the Minutes of February 13, 2013 Board Meeting

Barry McNeill made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Dave Scheatzle seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

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

Barry Bruns reported that 30 copies of the book *Arizona State University* were sold at Retirees Day. He also reported that Olympus Building Services donated \$500 toward the printed publication of the ASURA history book, *A Second Decade of Success*. Bill Stasi made a motion to accept this month's financial report as presented and Joy Shearman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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.
- 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 colloquiums continue to take place. The search for the new dean for the Emeritus College continues and the result should be available in about a month.
- Scholarship Committee – Sue Blumer
The scholarship applications are in the Scholarship Office. The ASURA Scholarship screening and selection will take place at 10am on Tuesday, April 16th at 10am. The applications will be available in the ASURA Office for review prior to this meeting. Members interested in participating in the screening and selection should contact Sue Blumer.
- University Club Liaison – Jim Fordemwalt
There was no liaison report. Dick Jacob said that the University Club Board does include spot for a retiree representative.
- Video History Project – Linda Van Scoy
There are two interviews coming up. One is Jacob Fuchs who is reportedly the longest serving ASU faculty member. Bill Moor asked that this committee develop a 15 – 20 minute Video History Project clip to be shown at the Annual Meeting in April.

B. Events Committee and Subcommittee Report

- Luncheons and Special Events – Barbara Bradford Eschbach
The Fashion Show Brunch will take place on May 9th. Details will be provided at a later date.
- Retirees Day – Barry McNeill
There were approximately 90 attendees at Retirees Day. Evaluations and comments indicated that this was a very successful event. There were positive reviews about the new format of 3 morning sessions.

- Seminars – Gary Kleemann
The last seminar for the year will be held on March 20th. To date there are 31 people signed up for it. Room scheduling for seminars is an issue because of the limited availability of the 3rd floor classroom. A suggestion was made that perhaps it would be best to schedule the seminars during the academic breaks. The Events Committee will discuss this and other possible options as part of the planning for next year.
- Travel – Bill Stasi
There are 14 people signed up for the trip to Africa and 8 for the Great Rivers of Europe trip. There was a net profit of \$195.50 from the Wild West Day Trip.

C. Finance Committee – Mary Stevens

- Book Sale
No report
- Golf Tournament – Dave Schwalm
No report

D. Government Liaison Council

- ASRS – Dick Jacob
Dick is trying to locate a copy of the Registered Lobbyist Statement for ASURA that was filed with the Secretary of State Office. It was suggested that he contact Jerry Aronson to see if he has a copy. He also distributed a written report of current legislative bills that may be of interest to retirees but said he sees nothing of concern.
- Legislature – Designee
No report.

E. Health Insurance Liaison Council

- ADOA – Arthur Ashton and Robert Moroney
Art said that a Benefits Options survey is being conducted on-line and will be available until 3/31/13. Anyone interested in providing feedback is encouraged to take the survey.
- ASRS – Rose Minetti
No report.

F. Membership and Communications Committee – Subcommittee Reports

- Membership Update – Elmer Gooding
Barry McNeill reported that he and Elmer have been exploring options for the printing of the ASURA Tri-fold Brochure. Using the Video History Committee's printer is not a viable option. The price quote from Alpha Graphics is \$1.88 per flyer. Barry distributed an analysis report that compares

the cost of purchasing and flyer production using three different color printers that are highly rated. Purchasing the HP Laserjet Pro 400 and self printing would reduce the cost to approximately 34 cents per copy. Barry McNeill motioned that ASURA purchase the HP Laserjet Pro 400 and Jo Madonna seconded the motion. A discussion was held about the need to establish guidelines for use of this printer and there was consensus on this point. A vote was called on the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Prime Times – Jeannette Robson/Wilma Mathews
The articles for the summer edition of Prime Times are due no later than May 20, 2013.
- History Committee – Val Peterson
A written report was submitted. Editing and photo selection is currently taking place. Alpha Graphics has agreed to give ASURA a 20% discount as a sponsoring donor toward the publication of this book. Additional sponsors will be pursued, however, if corporate sponsors are pursued the committee learned that this must be pre-approved by the ASU Foundation. The book will not be available for distribution in time for the Annual Meeting in April.

Bill Moor explained that a meeting with Virgil Renzuli, ASU Vice President of Public Affairs, has been set up. The purpose of the meeting is to ask him for a contribution toward the publication of the ASURA history, *A Second Decade of Success*. Dave Scheatzle made a motion to ask Virgil Renzuli for half of the cost of the publication of the book and for ASURA to cover the remaining cost. Dave Schwalm seconded the motion. A discussion followed about whether this is a wise approach since Public Affairs does provide ASURA with support in the amount of \$7000 each year. An amendment to the motion was made by Bill Stasi and Dave Scheatzle seconded the amendment. The amendment was to ask for no more than \$2000 in support and ASURA would pay the remaining cost of the publication. After further discussion the amended motion was brought up for a vote. One person voted in favor of the motion and all others voted nay. Therefore, the motion was not approved.

Because the History Committee needs to know whether to pursue the printing of a book, Dick Jacob made a motion that ASURA publish 1000 copies of the book, subsidized by ASURA and any additional donations received. Dave Scheatzle seconded the motion. A discussion followed about whether the printing of 1000 copies is needed or whether fewer copies would be better. A question about how much it would save to print fewer copies of the book was raised. Val Peterson, the chair of the History Committee, did not have the breakdown of the printing cost for various numbers of copies with him at the meeting. He was asked to look into these costs and bring the information back to the Board. Barbara Bradford Eschbach offered an amendment to the motion made by Dick Jacob and Bill Stasi seconded the amendment. The

amendment was accepted by Dick. This amendment was that the total number of copies to be printed would be determined after the analysis of printing costs is completed and that the printing of the books will be paid by donations and from the ASURA account. A vote was called on this amended motion. There was one opposing vote and the motion passed.

After further discussion it was determined that the meeting with Virgil Renzuli should take place. However, instead of asking for funding for the publication of the book, the ASURA representatives will update him on our organizations activities, with care to mention the Video History Project, the ASURA Scholarship, the Adopt-a-Family and the new ASURA history book.

- Web Site and Data Base – Barry McNeill
N/A

VIII. Unfinished Business

Bill Moor reported that he has 15 reports so far to be included in the ASURA Annual Report. The additional reports need to be submitted no later than April 1st.

IX. New Business

N/A

X. Announcements

Bill Moor reminded the Board that the Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

XI. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Account Categories	Approved Budget	Actual YTD Amount	% Realized/Expended	COMMENTS
ASURA Operations - Income				
Balance Forward	30,734	30,734		
Current Year Revenue				
Events Registration Fees & Donations Collected	7,500	4,710	63%	
Membership Donations ("Dues")	17,000	6,348	37%	
General Operations Donations	2,000	1,374	69%	
Sale of University History Book	0	502		Proceeds from sale at Retirees Day Event
Total ASURA Operations Current Year Revenue	26,500	12,934		
ASURA Operations - Expenses				
<i>Printing and Mailing Costs</i>				
Annual Report	150	0	0%	
Events - Advertising	1,600	210	13%	
Bylaws & Ballots	400	548	137%	
Membership Drive	900	819	91%	
<i>Other Operations Costs</i>				
Purchase of ASU History Book	0	653		Books to be sold at Retirees Day Event
Business Luncheons/Staff Appreciation	800	559	70%	Tri-Univ Luncheon; Past Presidents' Luncheon
Events - All Costs Except Advertising	7,500	5,059	67%	
Seminars - All Costs	300	41	14%	
Membership Database	1,200	1,293	108%	This cost covers a full year + 2 months
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,000	1,057	106%	
Prime Times	0	643		5000 shells (expected to cover minimum of 2 years)
Retirees Day - Speaker & Guest Lunches	200	200		
Retirees Day - Additional Support	750	750		
Service Appreciation Gifts	500	393	79%	
Transfer to new Video History account	0	902		
Transfer to new Adopt-a-Family account	0	1,555		
Transfer to Special Projects	0	782		
Foundation Management Fees	900	383	43%	
Total ASURA Operations Expenses	16,200	15,847		
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance for Current Year	10,300	-2,913		
Uncommitted ASURA Operations Funds	41,034	27,821		

Account Categories	Approved Budget	Actual YTD Amount	% Realized/Expended	COMMENTS
Public Affairs Allocation				
<i>Printing & Mailing Costs</i>				
Membership Drive	1,500	0	0%	
Prime Times	3,300	2,732	83%	Includes Summer Edition missed at yearend
<i>Other Public Affairs Operations Costs</i>				
Annual Meeting Refreshments	300	0	0%	
Copier/FAX Equipment Annual Lease	1,900	0	0%	
Total Operation Expenses Covered by PA	7,000	2,732	39%	
Special Projects				
Special Projects - Income				
Balance Forward	15,406	15,406		
Current Year Revenue				
History Book Donations	500	165	33%	
Transfer from Operations	0	782		
Bake Sale Income	0	237		
Friends/Phx Library Book Sale Net Income	900	444	49%	
Golf Tournament	0	7,667		
Total Special Projects Current Year Revenue	1,400	9,295		
Special Projects - Expenses				
2012/2013 Scholarship	10,000	10,000		
Golf Tournament	0	5,130		
Transfer 1/3 golf tournament net revenue to B. Winkles	0	846		
Transfer 1/3 golf tournament net revenue to Endow. Scholshp	0	846		
Transfer 1/3 golf tournament net revenue to Video History	0	846		
Transfer to new Video History account	0	4,895		
Transfer to new History Book account	0	575		
Foundation Management Fees	200	300	150%	
Total Special Projects Expenses	10,200	23,437		
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance for Current Year	-8,800	-14,142		
Uncommitted Special Projects Funds	6,606	1,264		

2012/2013 Scholarship	10,000	10,000		
Golf Tournament	0	5,130		
Transfer 1/3 golf tournament net revenue to B. Winkles	0	846		
Transfer 1/3 golf tournament net revenue to Endow. Scholshp	0	846		
Transfer 1/3 golf tournament net revenue to Video History	0	846		
Transfer to new Video History account	0	4,895		
Transfer to new History Book account	0	575		
Foundation Management Fees	200	300	150%	
Total Special Projects Expenses	10,200	23,437		
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance for Current Year	-8,800	-14,142		
Uncommitted Special Projects Funds	6,606	1,264		

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Adopt-A-Family				
Adopt-a-Family - Income				
Balance Forward	0	0		
Current Year Revenue				
Adopt-A-Family Donations	2,000	458	23%	
Transfer from Operations	0	1,555		
Total Adopt-A-Family Current Year Revenue	2,000	2,013		
Adopt-A-Family - Expenses				
Adopt-A-Family	2,000	1,350	67%	
Foundation Management Fees	42	18		
Total Adopt-A-Family Expenses	2,042	1,368		
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance for Current Year	-42	645		
Uncommitted Adopt-A-Family Funds	-42	645		
Video History				
Video History - Income				
Balance Forward	0	0		
Current Year Revenue				
Video History Donations	1,000	417	42%	
1/3 net revenue from Golf Tournament	0	846		
Transfer from Operations	0	902		
Transfer from Special Projects Account	0	4,895		
Total Video History Current Year Revenue	1,000	7,060		
Video History - Expenses				
Video History	2,400	524	22%	
Foundation Management Fees	50	1		Estimated for Dec thru June
Total Video History Expenses	2,450	525		
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance for Current Year	-1,450	6,534		
Uncommitted Video History	-1,450	6,534		
History Book				
History Book - Income				
Balance Forward	0	0		
Current Year Revenue				
History Book Donations	0	1,075		Includes \$500 sponsorship donation
Total History Book Current Year Revenue	0	1,075		
History Book - Expenses				
History Book	0	0		
Foundation Management Fees	0	0		
Total History Book Expenses	0	0		
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance for Current Year	0	1,075		
Uncommitted History Book	0	1,075		

Account Categories	Approved Budget	Actual YTD Amount	% Realized/Expended	COMMENTS
Scholarship Endowment Fund				
Scholarship Endowment - Principal				
Endowment Balance July 1	36,715	36,715		
Invested Funds Gain (-Loss)	7,000	4,244		
Transfer to Scholarship Endowment - Spending	-900	-1,031	115%	Accrued Payout
Foundation Management Fees	-600	-533	89%	
Transfer from Scholarship Endowment - Spending	1,778	1,778	100%	
Current-Year Contributions	2,000	390	20%	Member contributions
Total Scholarship Endowment Principal	45,993	41,562		
Scholarship Endowment - Spending				
Balance July 1	1,778	1,778		
Payout from Endowment	900	1,031		Accrued Payout
Reinvest in Endowment	-1,778	-1,778		
Scholarship Support from Endowment		0		
Current-Year Contributions	0	846		1/3 of Golf Tournament Proceeds
Total Scholarship Endowment Spending	900	1,877		
Total Scholarship Endowment	46,893	43,439		

MEET & GREET LUNCHEON - 9/12/2012 (Completed)

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

-354.87 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements

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

-564.87 Overall net gain/loss

SANTE FE, NEW MEXICO TRIP - 10/15 - 10/18/2012 (CANCELLED)

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

VETERANS DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT - 11/12/2012 (Fund Raiser)

3726.00 Registration fees collected
3941.00 Sponsor donations collected
0.00 Event costs - travel & related
5130.00 Event costs - food, entertainment & related
0.00 Event costs - lodging & related
0.00 Event costs - other

2537.00 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements

0.00 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges)

2537.00 Overall net gain/loss

FALL LUNCHEON - 11/15/2012 (Completed)

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

-47.13 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements

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

-47.13 Overall net gain/loss

FUNDRAISER HOLIDAY POTLUCK - 12/13/2012 (Completed)

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

-26.16 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements

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

-26.16 Overall net gain/loss

WILD WEST DAY TRIP - 2/7/2013 (Completed)

1378.00 Registration fees collected
123.00 Registration fees refunded
507.50 Event costs - travel & related
552.00 Event costs - food, entertainment & related
0.00 Event costs - lodging & related
0.00 Event costs - other

195.50 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements

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

195.50 Overall net gain/loss

RETIREEES DAY - 2/23/2013 (Completed)

2700.00 Registration fees collected
 0.00 Registration fees refunded
 0.00 Event costs - travel & related
 3766.21 Event costs - food, entertainment & related
 0.00 Event costs - lodging & related
 0.00 Event costs - other

-1066.21 Net gain (loss), exclusive of advertisements
-116.21 Net loss when \$950 Board-approved support accounted for
 0.00 Advertisements (printing/mailing/overhead charges) - covered by Operations

-1066.21 Overall net gain/loss

SPRING FASHION SHOW & BRUNCH - 5/9/2013

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

GREAT RIVERS OF EUROPE - 8/6 - 8/21/2013

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

-1298.87 Net gain (loss) - all completed non-fundraising events, exclusive of advertising

-1298.87 Net gain (loss) - all non-fundraising events, exclusive of advertising

210.00 Total advertising cost - non-fundraising events

Retirees Day Committee Material for March Board Meeting

The 20th annual Retirees Day, held on Saturday, February 23, 2013, was planned and carried out by the Retirees Day Committee consisting of Barbara Eschbach, Gary Kleemann, Wilma Mathews, Barry McNeill (chair), Donna Portz, Mary Stevens, Jan Thompson, and Hal White. The committee was formed in the early fall and held its first meeting on September 20, 2012, a bit latter than desirable. The committee met twice in October and then once a month through March 2013.

The event was held in the Memorial Union on the Tempe Campus and proceeded smoothly following the developed script. There were 92 registered attendees about the same as last year. In an attempt to increase attendance this year the event was advertised to the following non ASURA groups: NAURA, UARA, and New Frontiers. Two of the non-ASURA members were UARA Executive Committee members who drove up from Tucson.

This was the first year that the event had to cover room charges in setting a registration fee. The ASURA Board approved a \$750 subsidy for the room charge to keep the registration fee reasonable. Even though the event had to pay room charges, the food cost was lower this year and the committee was able to keep the registration fee of \$30. When all costs and incomes were tallied the event showed a net loss of \$116.79, primarily due to not getting the anticipated attendance of 112 that was used when the registration fee was set.

The facilities were good. The temperature problems in Ventana that we had last year were solved. There were several computer projection problems which probably bothered the presenters more than the audience.

A new format was tried out this year. There were three fifty minute sessions with each session having three presentations. The reduction to three sessions per presentation was done primarily to 1) increase presentation attendance and 2) to reduce the room charges by dropping one of the rooms.

The final program consisted of the following nine morning presentations:

- *Partisan Media and the Damage to Democracy* by Aaron Brown, ASU Walter Cronkite Professor of Journalism.
- *Beethoven: Man of Mystery* by Dr. Lou-ellen Finter ASU emeritus Professor of Music.
- *Shift The Way You Shop* by Kimber Lanning Executive Director of Local First Arizona.
- *Project Humanities: A Model for Collaboration and Possibility* by Dr. Neal Lester, Foundation Professor of English and Associate VP for Humanities and Arts in the Office of Knowledge Enterprise Development at Arizona State University.
- *A Centennial Celebration of Arizona Architecture* by Mark Vinson Faculty Associate in ASU's Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts; Tempe's City Architect and Design & Preservation Manager.
- *The Continuing Adventures and Investigations of a Mars Rover* by Dr. Steve Ruff Mars researcher at ASU in the School of Earth and Space Exploration's Mars Space Flight Facility.
- *Income Inequality: Why is it Growing in the U.S. and Around the Globe* by Dr. Lee McPheters Research Professor of Economics in the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University and Director of the school's JPMorgan Chase Economic Outlook Center.
- *Better Dreams for Better Futures: The Center for Science and the Imagination* by Dr. Ed Finn Director, CSI / Asst. Prof., joint appointment to School of Arts, Media and Engineering and Dept. of English.

- *The Corroding Brain: Myths, Speculations and Facts* by Dr. Jay Braun ASU emeritus Professor of Psychology.

The luncheon program had two parts. Since this was the 20th Retirees Day the committee prepared a short celebration presentation which included acknowledging the work of past Retirees Day chairs and a discussion of how the session topics have changed over the years. This was followed by a presentation by Drs. Stephanie deLusé and Denise Bates, the two authors of *Arizona State University*. They gave a wonderful presentation of how they made decisions about what topics to include and what pictures to include. Copies of their book were for sale at a reduced price (a small ASURA fundraiser). Twenty-nine of the fifty books were sold.

Fifty-four evaluations were received (about 68% of those who attended the lunch). The form this year did not have the historic rating scheme but rather relied on written responses which the committee felt would give more useful information for next year's committee. The result was that some forms were only partially completed while some of the forms had multiple responses to a single question. Some of the major results were:

- 94% liked or found the new format comparable to the historic format
- 45% felt no improvements were necessary
- Several people mentioned the AV problems in the presentation rooms
- Thirty members (57%) responded with suggested topics for next year. The range of suggest future topics was large; Economics / Economy got the most votes (six); several other topics got mentioned three times.
- Thirty forms (57%) added some general comments which were mostly that this was one of the best Retirees Day ever.

Recommendations

The committee discussed the evaluations and their own experiences and developed some recommendations for next year. The more important ones were:

1. Given the short time between presentations it seems prudent to alter our approach. Rather than having the presenters bring their own laptops it is recommended that three dedicated laptops be used in the projection rooms and the presenters asked to bring their presentation on a thumb drive. To make this work the dedicated laptops will need to be checked out in the room it is to be used prior to Retirees Day.
2. (to be continued)

ADOA HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Art Ashton, ADOA Liaison

The Benefits Services Division of the Arizona Department of Administration offers the Benefits Options program for State employees, retirees, their spouses and dependents. The Benefit Options program offers health, dental and vision plans for ASURA members and their families. Information about these plans is available at 602-542-5008 or <http://benefitoptions.az.gov>.

This year the rates for medical and vision coverage did not increase and new dental plan tiers were offered along with lower dental plan rates. Of particular interest was the 2012 ADOA premium holiday for the ADOA medical plans. No medical insurance payments were required last November and there was a small reduction in the December payments. This was made possible by Senate Bill 1523 enacted by the Arizona Legislature.

The fall open enrollment period allowed members to make changes in their election for the 2013 plan year. Our ASURA, ASRS and ADOA Health Insurance Open Enrollment Seminar featured representatives from each of the organizations. In addition, Benefit Expos were held by ADOA where ASURA members could receive free flu shots, free health screening and talk to health insurance providers.

Benefit Options continues to offer a more expensive PPO plan that provides out-of-network benefits that may be important to members seeking maximum out-of-town and/or out-of-network specialist flexibility. The more popular EPO plan provides the similar benefits in-network at a much lower cost.

It is difficult to predict what future changes might occur in Medicare and the State self-funded health insurance plans. Comparing the coverage of the ADOA EPO plan with Medicare Advantage plans offered by affinity organization like AARP or most health insurance providers is difficult. After careful evaluation, the plan that most meets your needs is best for you. If you are considering not participating in the ADOA plan it is recommended that you, at least, retain one of their dental plans because this keeps open the option of returning to the ADOA health insurance plans at the next open enrollment period.

The Affordable Care act (Obama Care) is being monitored in terms of how it may impact our members. Important provisions like young adult coverage, pre-existing condition insurance access, preventive care, and curbing insurance cancellations have been or are being implemented. In Arizona, the Governor is proposing Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act. This has been covered extensively in the press and, in the main, does not directly affect our retirees. If passed by the Arizona Legislature it would provide medical coverage to hundreds of thousands of Arizonians who are under 133 percent of the poverty level with the Federal government picking up most of the cost.

ASURA Board Report – History Committee

By Val Peterson, Committee Chairman

March 13, 2013

As noted in the last Board meeting, the History Committee has now assembled all written chapters, articles and other documents and produced a full working draft manuscript of the book for ASURA's second decade history. Each committee member has reviewed that draft document for accuracy, errors, name and/or title corrections and other details. Wilma Mathews who rejoined our committee ranks in February has completed the first full edit of the history and she has additionally addressed questions, concerns and comments about the book's content received from committee members.

Connie McNeill recently led an effort with selected history committee members to continue the process of identifying the names of individuals included within the large volume of photos contained within the ASURA Website Photo Gallery. The next meeting of the full committee will start the photo selection process for each of the book's sections and chapters.

Some comparisons of the first book and our current book may be insightful. The first book titled *A Decade of Success* contained 94 pages which included photos. The current book manuscript is 75 pages in an 8½" x 11" format without photos. Converting the current book to a 6"x 9" format will bring the pages of text to about 125 pages. When photos are added, it is estimated that the current book's size will be around 200 pages, which is more than double the size of the first book.

A formal printing estimate of \$6,100 has been obtained for the current book in the 6"x 9" format assuming 200 pages and 1,000 copies. The printer has also offered a discount of \$1,000 on the printing as a sponsor donation. The title for the current book, as selected by the committee, is *A Second Decade of Success*.

Sponsor proposals have currently been sent to eight companies or individuals and one of those firms has given ASURA a check for \$500. Adding this amount to the printer discount we would have \$1,500 from outside sponsors. ASURA members have donated about \$600 so far and additional funds are expected in member renewals this year. We plan to request a one-time partial funding for printing from the Office of Public Affairs and a meeting has been scheduled with V.P. Renzulli to discuss this matter along with other matters as well. With the above noted funding, we will still need additional financial support from outside sponsors.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2013 in CSB 330 at 10 a.m. to noon.

ASURA MEMBERSHIP TOTALS
2013 Membership Year

Counts	As Of 3/8/2013	As Of 3/8/2012	This Yr - Last Yr -	More Counts	
Current-year Members	588	660	-72	Current Members w/ Arizona Address	529
Renewals from Prior Years (any prior year)	544	598	-54		
New This Year	44	62	-18	Current Members' Level of Activity	
Paid for the Current Year, Now Deceased	1	2	-1	Checked at least one volunteer area	59
				Attended at least one event this year	141
Last Year's Members Who Have Not Renewed	118	106	12	Attended an event ever	317
Last Year's members Who Are Now Deceased	14	21	-7	Logged in to Members-only Site (ever)	41
				Made an additional donation this year (this is only since about 15 Aug)	47
Current Members by (Approx.) Time Since First Joining				Non-members in Database	
Members for 0-2 Years	94	101	-7	Was a member at some time	311
Members for 3-5 Years	162	220	-58	Never a member	830
Members for 6-10 Years	122	107	15	Deceased (may include some members)	86
Members for more than 10 Years	210	232	-22		
Members by Communications They Want to Receive¹					
Upcoming Event Announcements (e-mail)	385	412	-27		
Obituary Notices (e-mail)	315	346	-31		
Prime Times (US Post)	578	656	-78		
Other ASURA Communications (e-mail)	393	412	-19		
None of The Above	5	4	1		
Current Members by Former Employment Category					
Faculty	276	307	-31		
Faculty with Admin Appointment	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Academic Professional	38	43	-5		
Staff	186	223	-37		
Service Professional	61	54	7		
Administrative	25	33	-8		
Unspecified	1	0	1		

¹All members receive the annual Board of Directors ballot, and membership renewal notices. Those with e-mail addresses also receive confirmation notices (by e-mail) about renewal, event registrations, and donations.

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 counts to determine the correct dollar value of membership donations in the current fiscal year.