

MINUTES OF 13 MARCH 2018
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: Barry Bruns, Bev Buddee, Jay Butler, Larry Mankin, Jeri Meeks, Bill Moor, Don Nilsen, Kathleen Renshaw

Board Members Absent: Anthony Brazel, Betty Landon, Connie McNeill, Tara Roesler, Pat Schneider, Dave Schwalm

Ex-Officio Members Present: Stephanie Salazar

Committee Chairs Present: Dave Scheatzle, Bonnie Scheall

Executive Staff Present: Carolyn Minner

Guests Present:

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Meeks called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

President Meeks welcomed the Board and other attendees.

III. ADOPTION OF TODAY'S AGENDA

MSApproved unanimously.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 13 FEBRUARY 2018 BOARD MEETING

Minutes stand approved with correction to Luncheons and Special Events report.

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

Financial report was approved as presented.

VI. EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- ASU Alumni Association – Rhonda McClintock
No report.

- Emeritus College Liaison – Don Nilsen
Don reminded the Board of a Short Talks luncheon this afternoon at Friendship Village. The Emeritus College is launching a book club; Babs Gordon will be the chair. He also said that the Emeritus College Newsletter will be publishing some of his photos. Don also reported that the Emeritus College recently partnered with Projects Humanities on an event entitled “Dispelling the Myths: Religious doctrines and Religious Dogma.”

- Human Resources – Judy Cato
No report.
- University Club Liaison – Tara Fuchs Roesler
No report.
- University Liaison –Stephanie Salazar
Stephanie reported that this week and next week are the last weeks to hear bills in the Legislature. The University funding request for FY2019 includes:
 - \$18.7 million appropriated, no HITF tax on student tuition.
 - \$15 million to the Arizona Resident Student Funding Model. In each of the past 2 fiscal years, the Universities received one-time monies in flexible spending funding. In FY2017 the legislature appropriated \$19 million and in FY2018 that amount is \$15 million. With increasingly positive revenue numbers, the Universities are requesting that \$15 million be put into the Resident Student Funding Model to assist Arizona students with the cost of education.
 - \$3.7 million to fund statutory tuition waivers. Through the years, the Arizona Legislature has created a number of statutory waivers to allow certain students to receive free or greatly subsidized tuition generally without a state appropriation.
 - HITF tax on student tuition. While all state employees are impacted by the HITF increases, last year’s HITF assessment to Other Funds was paid for largely by student tuition dollars (the primary source of other funds.) This year the proposed budget continues to tax student tuition. The Universities urge the Legislature to stop taxing student tuition to pay for other general fund commitments or to increase the balance in HITF.
- University Senate – Tom Schildgen
No report.
- University Staff Council – Katie Aguilar
No report.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Community Outreach Committee - Subcommittee Reports

- Adopt-A-Family - Joan Leard
President Meeks informed the Board that Joan will be retiring from this committee so a replacement is needed. Joan is willing to train a new person. President Meeks asked the Board members to consider filling this position. Interested parties should contact her directly.
- Scholarship Committee – Joy Shearman, Sue Blumer,
President Meeks reported that Stephanie Renee Watson, this year’s scholarship recipient, will attend the Annual Meeting. At the February

meeting, the Board approved a \$500 stipend to the student for travel expenses since she now resides in Sacramento, California. Per direction from the ASU Foundation, in lieu of the stipend Stephanie will be reimbursed for expenses related to attending the meeting.

- Video History Project – Dave Scheatzle
Dave reported that there have been some issues with the computers and repairs. As a result, the office purchased a new iMac computer for a total of 3 computers for project work. Barry McNeill is working on metadata issues. The Committee is working on a slate of new interview candidates, including the list of Regents Professors. Kathy Church has given good input on potential candidates. The 18-member Selection Committee will vote on the names shortly. Dave reported that he is working on the Committee presentation for the Annual meeting

B. Events Committee and Subcommittee Reports

- Events Committee Coordination – Barry McNeill
No report from Barry. President Meeks noted that the Tempe campus staff appreciation barbeque is scheduled on March 21 at the Sun Devil Fitness complex. She asked for volunteers to man the table at that event. Kathleen Renquist volunteered to staff the table.
- Luncheons & Special Events – Bonnie Scheall
Bonnie reported that the luncheon is confirmed on March 20 at the Shalimar Golf Club. Attendance is down from last year's event. Bonnie is looking for a co-chair for this Committee and asked that any names of potential volunteers be sent to her.
- Seminars – Beverly Buddee, Trudy Perez
Bev reported that the next seminar is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, and will speak to Emergency Preparedness. The topic of the following seminar, scheduled on April 15, is about Care Givers. A speaker is confirmed and the announcement is to go out shortly to the membership.
- Pre-Retirement Seminars – Trudy Perez
No report.
- Travel – John Brock
John is out of town. Barry McNeill noted that the registration site for the Tovrea Castle tour is open, and a lottery drawing for the 12 names will happen next week. Lottery winners will be notified. He also reported that the details for the lunch at Tortilla Flats, followed by a ride on the Dolly steamboat at Canyon Lake, are being worked out. The electronic notice to the membership will happen shortly.

Finance Committee – Bill Moor
No report.

- Book Collection – Mary Stevens
Bill Moor asked for folks to volunteer to contact Mary Stevens to pack books and transport to the ASURA office. President Meeks reminded the Board that FacMan will now pick up books from campus offices and transport them to the ASURA office. Barry McNeill will put a blurb in the E-News re books and the need for volunteers to pick up the boxes. Bev Buddee reminded the Board that Larry Carlson has volunteered to pick up books and transport to the ASURA office too.

C. Government Liaison Council

- Legislature – Jeri Meeks
President Meeks represented ASURA at ASU Day at the Capitol. She attended President Crow’s Community Conversation on March 1 on the Tempe Campus. President Crow’s presentation covered the last 30 years, the present, and the next 30 years at Arizona State University. He went through the processes of technology progression, spoke to the life-long learner model, and even mentioned Mirabella at ASU, the retirement living facility that ASU Foundation affiliated University Realty LLC has partnered with Pacific Retirement Services to build adjacent to the Tempe campus that is a life-long learning facility. During the presentation President Crow spoke directly to attending legislators about ASU’s desire for state monies to cover 50% of resident student tuition with a little extra thrown in every 8-10 years for building projects.
SB1054, which defines the process and criteria for employers who want to leave ASRS, continues to move through the House.
HB2110, shifting governing responsibilities from ABOR to a “governing board of a university,” has not moved.
- ASRS Liaison – Dick Jacob
No report from Dick Jacob. President Meeks noted that since the personnel change on the ASRS Board of Directors, there is not a lot of feedback or shared information.
- ADOA Liaison – Larry Carlson
No report.

D. Health Insurance Liaison Council

- ADOA – Larry Carlson
No report.

- ASRS – Tara Fuchs Roesler
No report.
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- E. Membership and Communications Committee – Subcommittee Reports
 - E-News – Barry McNeill
No report.
 - Membership Update – Dave Schwalm
No report.
 - Prime Times – Jeannette Robson
No report.
 - Obituaries – Becky Reiss
No report. Don Nilsen noted that Aileen Nielsen is writing an article on obituaries that will appear in the Emeritus College publication *Emeritus Voices*.
 - Web Site and Database – Connie McNeill
No report.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Finance Committee Reports
No report
- Annual Meeting Update
President Meeks reported that all details of the Annual Meeting at the Phoenix Art Museum have been finalized and the electronic blast to the membership will happen soon. She encouraged the Board to attend.
President Meeks reminded Board and Committee Chairs that all annual reports are due to Jeri, copy to Barry McNeill, by March 31.
- 2018 Board Election Report
Barry McNeill reported that the Executive Committee had met on March 1 for the official ballot count for this Board election period, and certified the election results. All 5 candidates (Jean Duncan, Jeff Chapman, Jo Faldtz, Jo Madonna, and Jan Thompson) had been successfully elected. Two prior Board members and 3 new Board members will be introduced at the Annual Meeting on April 24. They will take their position on the Board at the conclusion of Annual Meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Betty Landon Resignation
President Meeks informed the Board that Betty Landon has resigned her Board position due to health and family reasons. There are 2 years left on her term.

- Nomination of Barry McNeill for a 2 year term
President Meeks nominate Barry McNeill to fill the 2 year term vacated by Betty Landon. The Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Barry McNeill to fulfill that vacancy. Barry will serve until the end of the term in 2020.
- 2018-2019 Slate of Officers
No report.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting – 24 April 2018, 11:30 – 2:15 PM at the Phoenix Art Museum, Singer Hall

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 10:42 a.m.