

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: Carl Cross, Jan Thompson, Connie McNeill, Larry Edmonds, Jill Massara, Larry Carlson, Evelyn Cesarotti, Jo Madonna, Frank Koonce, Jeff Chapman, Kathy Gunn, and Jane Carey.

Board Members Absent: Jean Duncan, Mark Henderson

Ex-Officio Members Present: Ruth Jones, Simin Levinson

Committee Chairs Present: Jeri Meeks, Barry McNeill, Joy Shearman,

Excused absence: Trudy Perez

Guests Present: None

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 10:02 am
- II. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME TO GUESTS – all who were in attendance introduced themselves. A special welcome was extended to Simin Levinson who is the President of the ASU Academic Senate.
- III. ADOPTION OF TODAY'S AGENDA – Connie moved and Jan seconded a motion to approve today's agenda as written. The motion was approved unanimously.
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF October 13, 2020 BOARD MEETINGS
 - o Barry suggested that the number of ABOR's state budget request could not possibly be \$5.6 billion. Jeri did a quick calculation and said it was about \$4.9 million.
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT – Jill Massara – No one had any questions about the financial report. The annual budget was slightly revised at the last meeting and the amended budget was approved.
- VI. EX-OFFICIO REPORTS (*5 minutes or less, please*)
 - ASU Alumni Association – John Davis - absent
 - Emeritus College Liaison – Ruth Jones – Meetings are being held on Zoom and no programs have been scheduled. The college is discussing a way to get together face-to-face while masked and socially distanced.
 - Human Resources – Judy Cato - absent
 - University Club Liaison – Carl Cross – no report
 - University Liaison – Kendra Burton - absent

- University Senate – Simin Levinson
 - Provost Mark Searle is stepping down in the spring. The university is actively searching for a replacement and hope to announce before the end of the correct semester. The selection criteria are based on the JEDI principle (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Integrity).
 - The spring enrollment is lagging 5-6%. ASU is actively reaching out to retain existing students. Various colleges are creating an “Innovation quarter” which will be taught during the break between fall and spring semesters. The faculty are somewhat dubious about this approach. They are thinking students will want some downtime.
 - There is active building going on both at the Tempe and Downtown campuses.
 - ASU is fortunate that the enrollment has not dipped compared to UA and NAU who have had to reduce staff and faculty.
 - ASU online is growing very rapidly which is helping the financial situation.
- University Staff Council – Jared Vibbert - absent

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (*5 minutes or less please*)

- Community Outreach Committee – Subcommittee Reports
 - Adopt-A-Family – Ginny Sylvester - absent
 - Scholarship Committee – Joy Shearman – Joy has spoken a couple of times to our scholarship recipient. She is doing well and was sorry to not be able to speak to the association because the “Meet and Greet” was cancelled.
 - Video History Project – Barry McNeill – Nothing new to report.
- Events Committee & Subcommittee Reports
 - Events Committee Coordination – Trudy Perez – absent
 - Luncheons & Special Events – Trudy Perez – absent
 - Seminars – Bev Buddee – The next seminar will be presented by Connie McNeill who will speak about migrating email from one platform to another.
 - Pre-Retirement Seminars – Trudy Perez, Liz Badalamenti – Carl said that the next pre-retirement seminar will concern frauds and scams.
 - Travel – John Brock - absent
- Finance Committee – Jill Massara, Carolyn Minner
 - Book Collection – Mary Stevens – absent - Larry is collecting books personally and currently has a list of 50 books to retrieve. The books are taken to the Phoenix public library for book sales and ASURA receives a portion of the proceeds from the sale.
- Government Liaison Council
 - Legislature – Jeri Meeks, Tara Fuchs-Roesler, Pat Schneider –There is a Council on Aging meeting that she will attend on November 17, 2020. Pat is going to attend the World Elder Abuse Awareness conference. The ABOR budget request is delineated by the document attached to these minutes.

- ASRS Liaison – Dick Jacob - absent
- ADOA Liaison – Larry Carlson – Larry has been helping new retirees to sign up for insurance. ADOA is very complicated whereas, ASRS is comparatively simple.
- Health Insurance Liaison Council
 - ASRS – Dick Jacob - absent
 - ADOA – Larry Carlson – the links below can help during the open enrollment dates which end 12/7/2020.
 - <https://benefitoptions.az.gov/OE2021A>
 - <https://www.azblue.com/stateofaz>
- Membership and Communications Committee – Subcommittee Reports
 - E-News – Barry McNeill – There is no report but Barry will send out an E-News next week.
 - Membership update – Dave Schwalm – absent – new and renewal membership is up significantly
 - Obituaries – Becky Reiss - absent
 - Prime Times – Jeannette Robson – absent
 - Web Site and Database – Connie McNeill – There will be two significant updates to the website which will require heavy editing.
 - Third Decade of Success – Connie and Barry McNeill –The first four chapters are in draft form and awaiting final approval from the contributors. Barry asked if the board members wanted to see the drafts and it was decided that those board members wishing to see the drafts would contact Barry or Connie directly.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Tri-university meeting – Carl Cross – There is a meeting in November on member recruitment and retention.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – January 12, 2021 (there will be no meeting in December).
 9:15 am Executive Committee
 10:00 am Board Meeting

XI. ACTION ITEMS – None

XII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – 10:42 am