

**MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021**

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

**Board Members Present:** Carl Cross, Jan Thompson, Connie McNeill, Larry Carlson, Larry Edmonds, Jeff Chapman, Kathy Gunn, Mark Henderson, Frank Koonce, and Jane Carey.

**Committee Chairs and/or Liaisons Present:** Jeri Meeks, Barry McNeill, Joy Shearman, Bev Buddee, Ruth Jones, Simin Levinson, Pat Schneider, Barbara Fargotstein

**Excused absence:** Evelyn Cesarotti, Jo Madonna, Jean Duncan

**Absent:** Trudy Perez, Jill Masara, Dick Jacob,

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 10:02 am
- II. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME TO GUESTS – None
- III. ADOPTION OF TODAY’S AGENDA – Jeff moved and Connie seconded a motion to approve today’s agenda as written. The motion was approved unanimously.
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2021 BOARD MEETING – Jan moved and Connie seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was approved unanimously.
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURER’S REPORT – Connie McNeill – Due to Covid-19, this has been a year without a large amount of expenses. There is still about \$1300 left in the University allocated portion of the budget. There are two ways to deal with this issue. We could try to carry it over to next year, but it may have repercussions on future budgets. The other option is to spend it. Options mentioned are: reimburse Larry Carlson for his \$350 cost for a 3-year subscription to the *Arizona Capitol Times*; add to our branded giveaway stash, and/or pay for some of the printing costs for the Third Decade of Success book. Jeri will look into the question of whether we need more branded giveaways and get a cost, if so.
- VI. EX-OFFICIO REPORTS (*5 minutes or less, please*)
  - ASU Alumni Association – John Davis - absent
  - Emeritus College Liaison – Ruth Jones – The Emeritus College is still working on hosting an online symposium, but no plans have been finalized.
  - Human Resources – Judy Cato - absent
  - University Club Liaison – Carl Cross – the club is still closed due to Covid. It offers lunches for take-out.
  - University Liaison – Kendra Burton - absent
  - University Senate – Simin Levinson - Simin thanked Jane Carey for making a presentation about ASURA to the Senate on March 1. ASU is advancing on all fronts with a new model that includes three enterprises: Academic, Knowledge, and Learning Enterprises. President Crow presented ABOR with this model in the Strategic Enterprise Plan. There is also a reorganization of the Fulton College

of Engineering. The college is planning an expansion project at the ASU Polytechnic Campus.

- 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 introduced Barbara Fargotstein who will be on the Scholarship Committee. Joy discussed the issues the committee has been having with applications. They now have enough qualified applicants and will begin the evaluation process. The current scholarship recipient has class during our annual meeting but will be available by phone on Zoom for a few minutes.
  - Video History Project – Barry McNeill – Pat turned in a meta data report for the project. James Elmore’s video is complete.
- Events Committee & Subcommittee Reports
  - Events Committee Coordination – Trudy Perez – absent
  - Luncheons & Special Events – Trudy Perez – absent
  - Seminars – Bev Buddee –The last seminar that Bev will be chair of is on Physical Therapy. There are only 47 participants signed up. Bev thanked all the people on her committee and welcomed Pat who will be taking over as the new chair of the seminar committee.
  - Pre-Retirement Seminars – Trudy Perez, Liz Badalamenti – absent
  - Travel – John Brock – absent
- Finance Committee – Connie McNeill, Carolyn Minner
  - Book Collection – Mary Stevens – absent – Connie said that there are boxes of books in the hallways near the office. We have received \$2000 from the Friends of the Library for our previous donations. Larry said that he has been taking books directly to the library and will make a few runs to take the books from the office to the library.
  - The Financial Report was included in item V.
- Government Liaison Council
  - Legislature – Jeri Meeks, Tara Fuchs-Roesler, Pat Schneider Jeri sent in a report which is attached. She particularly discussed two bills: HR 2454 and SB 1500. HR 2454 puts Telehealth standards in place for health provider/patient communication. SB1500 moves the Elderly Assistance Fund from Maricopa County to the State. Jeri also reported that 68% of the nursing homes have Covid cases. There is another bill that adds restrictions to HealthCare Directives that require regular communication between the primary person and the person responsible for carrying out the directive. Pat discussed two election-related bills. One requires that all early ballots be received by the Thursday prior to the Tuesday election. The other requires that applications for mail-in ballots must include birthdate and proof of address.
  - ASRS Liaison – Dick Jacob – absent
  - ADOA Liaison – Larry Carlson – Larry said that Jeri had covered everything he had to report.
- Health Insurance Liaison Council

- ASRS – Dick Jacob – absent
- ADOA – Larry Carlson –see above
- Membership and Communications Committee – Subcommittee Reports
  - E-News – Barry McNeill – Barry will send out E-News this week. A new mineral was found and named after Carlton Moore. There is an item on membership renewal and one on the annual meeting.
  - Membership update – Dave Schwalm – absent – The Membership report is attached.
  - Obituaries – Becky Reiss - absent
  - Prime Times – Jeannette Robson – absent
  - Web Site and Database – Connie McNeill – Connie and Barry are going page by page through the website to make sure our pages conform to the new ASU web standards.
  - Third Decade of Success – Connie and Barry McNeill –The first complete draft is being sent out for review. Connie got a price list for color and black and white printing costs. Jane moved and Carl seconded a motion to order 250 color copies of the book when it is complete.

#### VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Carl thanked Jane for making a presentation to the University Senate.
- Nominating Committee Report – Jan Thompson. Jan and Carl met to count the ballots. There were 158 ballots and all five candidates got all but 9 of the total votes. Therefore, all 5 candidates will be on the board and introduced at the annual meeting and begin serving at the May meeting. Jan Thompson will notify the new Board members of their election and Larry Edmonds will invite them to the Annual Meeting where they will be introduced.
- Annual Reports – Barry McNeill – Barry has not received the majority of the reports. He will send Jane a list of missing reports and she will send out a reminder to those chairs who haven't submitted a report. The reports are due April 1, 2021.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Election of new officers – Larry Edmonds – Kathy Gunn is nominated as Vice President. Barry McNeill is nominated as treasurer. Therefore, the total officer slate includes: Larry Edmonds, President; Kathy Gunn, Vice President; Carl Cross, Past-President; Barry McNeill, Treasurer and Jane Carey, Secretary. The slate of candidates was voted on by the board and approved unanimously.
- Agenda for the Annual Meeting on April 13, 2021 – Carl Cross – The agenda is attached.
- The board would like to thank Barry McNeill for setting up zoom for the annual meeting.

#### X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – The next board meeting is May 11, 2021 and will be Larry Edmonds' first meeting as President. Connie will work with Larry to determine whether in-person will be feasible and to arrange for a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting if so.

9:15 am Executive Committee

10:00 am Board Meeting

XI. ACTION ITEMS – None

XII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – 11:28 am

Account Categories	FY21 Approved Budget	Actual YTD As Of 2/28/2021	COMMENTS
<b>ASURA Operations</b>			
<b>ASURA Operations - Income</b>			
<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>35,157</b>	<b>35,157</b>	
<b>Current Year Revenue</b>			
Event Registration Fees & Donations Collected	100	610	ASU Basketball & Refund Tovrea Cancellation
Membership Dues	14,000	8,970	
General Operations Donations	1,300	1,615	
Holiday Bake Sale 2020	0	0	
Transfer In	0	0	
5% Gift Assessment	-815	-533	
<b>Total Operations Current Year Revenue</b>	<b>14,585</b>	<b>10,662</b>	
<b>ASURA Operations - Expenses</b>			
<i>Printing and Mailing Costs</i>			
Membership Drive	700	776	
Prime Times	1,400	457	
<i>Event Costs</i>			
Paid Events	100	300	Tovrea Castle Tour
Annual Meeting	1,000	0	
Meet & Greet Luncheon	0	0	
Holiday Potluck & Fundraiser	0	0	No Holiday Potluck for 2020
<i>Other Operations Costs</i>			
Scholarship Award	7,700	7,872	\$10,000 - \$2128 paid from Endowment
AROHE	120	120	
Business Luncheons & Service Appreciation	100	0	
Technology Services	3,500	3,297	Wild Apricot (2 yrs) Zenfolio (1 yr)
Professional Services	0	1,106	Replaced office door card reader & cards
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,500	361	Includes postage
Marketing Supplies	200	0	
Seminars	100	0	
Foundation Transaction Fees	100	0	
Transfer Out	0	90	Scholarship donation posted incorrectly
Transfer to Adopt-A-Family	1,000	1,000	
<b>Total Operations Expenses</b>	<b>17,520</b>	<b>15,378</b>	
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Current Year Balance</b>	<b>-2,935</b>	<b>-4,716</b>	
<b>Uncommitted ASURA Operations Funds</b>	<b>32,222</b>	<b>30,441</b>	
<b>General University Allocation (HR)</b>			
<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	
<b>Current Year Allocation</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>7,000</b>	
<b>Total University Current Year Revenue</b>	<b>7,051</b>	<b>7,051</b>	
<b>Expenses Charged to Allocation</b>			
Annual Report	200	0	
Bylaws & Ballots	200	28	
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,100	0	
Prime Times Fall/Spring/Summer	3,000	2,856	
Copier/FAX Equipment Annual Lease	922	922	
Membership Drive	600	0	
Technology Services	300	0	Pantheon Web Hosting
Marketing Supplies	100	0	
8.5% Administrative Service Charges	579	324	
<b>Total Subsidized Expenses</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>4,130</b>	
<b>Uncommitted University Funds For Operations</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2,921</b>	

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**Special Projects**

**Special Projects - Income**

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>Current Year Revenue</b>			
Gift-In-Kind Receipts		8,568	
Friends/Phx Library Book Sale Net Income	1,000	0	
<b>Total Special Projects Current Year Revenue</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>8,568</b>	

**Special Projects - Expenses**

Gift-In-Kind Adjustment		8,568	
Transfer out 1/2 of Book Sale Income to Scholarship	480	0	
Transfer out 1/2 of Book Sale Income to Video History	480	0	
Mail Service - General	0	25	Delivered book donation from Poly Campus
Foundation Transaction Fees	40	0	
<b>Total Special Projects Expenses</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>8,593</b>	
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Current Year Balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-25</b>	
<b>Uncommitted Special Projects Funds</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>75</b>	

**Adopt-A-Family**

**Adopt-a-Family - Income**

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>550</b>	
<b>Current Year Revenue</b>			
Adopt-A-Family Donations	500	750	
5% Gift Assessment	-25	-38	
Transfer from Operations	1,000	1,030	Includes 1 duplicate renewal transferred
<b>Total Adopt-A-Family Current Year Revenue</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>1,743</b>	

**Adopt-A-Family - Expenses**

Holiday gifts	2,000	1,507	
<b>Total Adopt-A-Family Expenses</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,507</b>	
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Current Year Balance</b>	<b>-525</b>	<b>235</b>	
<b>Uncommitted Adopt-A-Family Funds</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>785</b>	

**Video History**

**Video History - Income**

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>7,533</b>	<b>7,533</b>	
<b>Current Year Revenue</b>			
Video History Donations	350	530	
Transfer in 1/2 of Book Drive Proceeds from Spec Proj	480	0	
5% Gift Assessment	-18	-26	
<b>Total Video History Current Year Revenue</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>504</b>	

**Video History - Expenses**

Equipment & Supplies	100	0	
Software Licenses	194	194	Premiere Pro CC License
Interview Expenses	1,000	0	Requested by VHP chair
Foundation Fees	15	0	
Transfer Out	309	0	
<b>Total Video History Expenses</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>194</b>	
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Current Year Balance</b>	<b>-806</b>	<b>310</b>	
<b>Uncommitted Video History</b>	<b>6,727</b>	<b>7,843</b>	

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**History Book**

**History Book - Income**

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>1,919</b>	
<b>Current Year Revenue</b>			
History Book Donations	0	0	
5% Gift Assessment	0	0	
<b>Total History Book Current Year Revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**History Book - Expenses**

History Book	1,500	0	1500 as per Board approval
Foundation Management Fees (5%)	75	0	
<b>Total History Book Expenses</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Current Year Balance</b>	<b>-1,575</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Uncommitted History Book</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>1,919</b>	

**Scholarship Endowment Fund**

**Scholarship Endowment Principal (40003616)**

<b>Balance July 1</b>	<b>68,274</b>	<b>68,274</b>	
Invested Funds Gain (-Loss)	100	8,918	
Payout to Endowment Spending - FY21	-2,200	-2,237	
Current-Year Contributions	1,000	1,004	
Foundation Management Fees	-900	-934	
<b>Total Scholarship Endowment Principal</b>	<b>66,274</b>	<b>75,025</b>	

**Scholarship Endowment Spending (70003616)**

<b>Balance July 1</b>	<b>2,498</b>	<b>2,498</b>	
Payout from Endowment Principal - FY21	2,200	2,237	
Transfer from Special Projects (Book Sale Proceeds)	960	0	
Transfer from Operations	0	30	1 donation posted incorrectly in Workday
ASU Scholarship	-2,300	-2,128	
<b>Total Scholarship Endowment Spending</b>	<b>3,358</b>	<b>2,637</b>	

## ASURA MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

2021 Membership Year

Counts	As Of 3/4/2021	As Of 3/4/2020	This Yr -Last Yr	More Counts	As Of 3/4/2021	As Of 3/4/2020	This Yr -Last Yr
<b>Current-year Members</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>By Former Employment Category</b>			
Renewals from prior years (any prior year)	540	486	54	Faculty and Faculty w/ Admin Appt	342	323	19
Introductory members	277	277	0	Academic Professional	49	42	7
Paid for the current year, now deceased	4	2	2	Staff	163	172	-9
				University Staff (Service Professional)	228	190	38
<b>Last Year's Members - Not Renewed</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>5</b>	Administrative	35	36	-1
Members last year, now deceased	1	4	-3				
				<b>Having an Arizona Address</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>By Retired-from Organization</b>				<b>Level of Activity</b>			
Retired from ASU	798	740	N/A	Checked at least one volunteer area	146	140	6
Retired from another university	1	3	N/A	Attended at least one event this year	205	190	15
Former ASU employee, retired elsewhere	3	3	N/A	Attended an event ever	390	357	33
Still employed at ASU	15	17	N/A	Logged in to Members-only Site (ever)	245	215	30
				Made an additional donation this yr	171	140	31
<b>By (Approx.) Time Since First Joining</b>				<b>Non-members in Database</b>			
In Introductory Period	277	277	0	Was a member at some time	384	380	4
Members for 0-2 Years (excl Introductory)	67	34	33	Never a member	25	226	-201
Members for 3-5 Years	127	114	13				
Members for 6-10 Years	92	87	5				
Members for more than 10 Years	254	251	3				
<b>By Communications They Want to Receive<sup>1</sup></b>							
Upcoming Event Announcements (e-mail)	666	639	27				
Obituary Notices (e-mail)	317	312	5				
Prime Times (US Post)	733	696	37				
Other ASURA Communications (e-mail)	604	576	28				
None of The Above	15	12	3				

<sup>1</sup>All 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 dues in the current fiscal year.



## ASURA Government Liaison Group Report

The Government Liaison Group - Pat Schneider, Larry Carlson, Tara Roesler, Martha Cocchiarella, Jeri Meeks, Joanie Baker (NAURA) - has been meeting weekly on Tuesdays to discuss legislature-related articles and active bills moving through this legislative session. Here are our notes as of March 2, 2021.

HB2138: ABOR optional retirement programs did not cross over to the Senate and is still stagnant. Also, I didn't see this language inserted into a strike everything bill.

Per a March 2nd Capital Times Morning Scoop Zoom meeting, discussing Covid-19 in nursing homes and senior living facilities (from Dec 21, 2020-Jan17 2021), 67.8% of these facilities reported Covid-19 cases and 144 deaths. Although a little better than last reporting period, that's still very high. Appropriation bill SB1500 is asking for approximately \$5M for facility inspectors, watchdogs and an audit. \*Ask the Board if we can support this bill”.

Pat Schneider reported that there was a lot of movement regarding election bills - including bills moving between congressional branches after the official crossover date. She also reported that 925 bill died in committee(s).

All of the active strike everything bills that we were watching have been re-allocated to topics we are not following.

I haven't seen any discussion regarding ABOR's appropriation request.

### Active/Passed to the House or Senate:

SB1046 - Member distributions; deferred retirement

SB1051 - ASRS; employer payments; ineligible contributions

SB1052 - ASRS; required beginning date; distributions

SB1500 - NOW: elderly assistance fund; state treasure

SB1417 – Establishes contact requirements and restrictions for agents and individuals that have a significant relationship to the principal of a health care directive.

### Passed to and/or Signed by the Governor:

HB2028-treasurer; investments of trust funds - send to Gov

HB2059 (SB1136) -retirement systems; benefits computation; return to work

SB1054 – ASRS; self-insurance program

HB2008- ASRS; employer; member; contributions

HB2119 - Health care insurance: amendments

SB1053 - ASRS; non participatory employer liability

### Election related bills

HRC2020 – Establish the position of Lieutenant Governor

HB2529 – Required instructions on early ballots

HB2792 – Early ballots can only be sent to someone who requests it