

**MINUTES OF May 09 2023  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING**

**Board Members Present:** Rojan Alpers, Bev Buddee, Jeffery Bush, Carl Cross, Partha Dasgupta, Donald Dotts, Theresa Ekin, Kay Faris, Maria Hesse, Barry McNeill, Kathy Palmanteer, William Stasi

**Board Members Absent:** Jo Ellen Alberhasky, Helene Ossipov, Tara Roesler

**Ex-Officio Members Present:**

**Committee Chairs Present:** Patricia Schneider, Jan Shore

**Executive Staff Present:**

**Guests Present:**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME TO GUESTS**

**III. ADOPTION OF TODAY'S AGENDA**

A motion was made by Barry and seconded by Maria to adopt the agenda for today's meeting. Motion carried.

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 14 2023 BOARD MEETING**

Corrected Capital to Capitol.

A motion was made by Terrie and seconded by Barry to approve the minutes from the March 14 2023 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**V. FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT – Terrie Ekin**

Terrie pointed out that the early payment of scholarship funds will be addressed later in the meeting.

Connie announced that the special projects account has been closed. The remaining \$75 in the special projects account has been transferred to the scholarship spending account.

Also the Business Manager position has been changed to three positions. Of these Carolyn Minner will fill the role of Membership Operations Manager, Sheila Ainlay will be the Financial Operations Manager. The Mailings Operation Manager position is not filled and Barry is filling-in for that position. Sheila's term will be short as she is moving.

Kay asked for recommendations for the Mailings Manager, please let her know.

VI. **EX-OFFICIO REPORTS** (5 minutes or less, please)

- ASU Alumni Association – TBD  
N/A
  
- Emeritus College Liaison – TBD  
N/A
  
- Human Resources – Lynna Soller  
N/A
  
- University Club Liaison – Tara Roesler  
N/A
  
- University Liaison – Kendra Burton  
N/A
  
- University Senate – Penny Dolin  
N/A
  
- University Staff Council – Shawn Banzhaf  
N/A

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

- Community Outreach Committee – Subcommittee Reports
  - Adopt-A-Family – Ginny Sylvester  
A thank you letter from an adopted family was received. The Board felt that this letter along with the letter of thanks from scholarship recipient Bea Ahbeck (next bullet) be published in Prime Times.
  
  - Scholarship Committee – Jan Shore  
The 2022-23 Scholarship recipient was Sylvia Ceja-Gonzalez. She has one course left and will graduate in Summer. She will continue her

studies in the Master's program in Non-Profit Management. She came to ASU from California, but is thinking of moving to Arizona.

The new scholarship recipient for 2023-24 is Bea Ahbeck, from California and is in the Sustainability program. She wrote a nice thank you note. (Later in this meeting the funds for the 2024-25 scholarship was approved)

- Video History Project – Barry McNeill  
The third interview of the year was with Peter Lafford. Pat was in Tempe and Peter was in Virginia and they used Zoom, and it went well.

The storage of the interviews in the library's digital repository has had issues. The good news is that there are real employed people who are managing the repository, two people working for the library and one developer. The not so good news is that we still cannot upload interviews or metadata. There seem to be some hang-ups between the library people and the developer.

We do now know the expected metadata format, an XLS file with one line per entry, each entry having over 30 fields. Carl has found this format hard to work with and would prefer a Word table format but for the time being we have to use Excel. We store the interviews and metadata needing to be uploaded on an ASU Enterprise Dropbox.

- Events Committee & Subcommittee Reports
  - Events Committee Coordination – Trudy Perez  
N/A
  - Luncheons & Special Events – Mary Stevens  
N/A
  - Seminars – Pat Schneider  
The next seminar is on Thu May 11. Noah Arenson, physical therapist will present about Fitness for Longevity. 36 people are registered with a good showing from NAU. The Alzheimer's caregiver seminar by Robert Hershberger was attended by 15 people who loved it.

The seminar committee is looking into possibly changing the format for the benefits seminar with ADOA and ASRS. The committee will be asking both ADOA and ASRS if they could do a comparison of their plans along with presenting any of the changes that may be happening. This is all contingent on ADOA and ASRS agreeing to this change in format.

Possible future seminar may include a Life Coach discussing the topic of "I am retired, what do I do now"?

- Pre-Retirement Seminars – Trudy Perez, Liz Badalamenti  
N/A
- Travel – John Brock

Jeff reported there are 9 people so far for the Costa Rica trip. In the plans are a Southern AZ trip – which may include, Karchner Caverns, San Xavier, Douglas (with a gorgeous historic hotel) and Chiricahua, in October. Future plans may include a possible 2025 international trip (Tuscany? Copper Canyon?).

Grand Canyon trip has garnered some interest but may have physical challenges.

- Finance Committee – Barry McNeill

The Finance Committee discussed changing the payment date for the scholarship from July to the spring. The reason for considering this change is that trying to get all the financial transactions done in only a month is very stressful on both the Financial Operations Manager and the scholarship recipient.

Making this change has an impact on the budget. This year, and this year only, we will be making two scholarship payments, the one last July for this year's recipient and one now for next year's recipient. The committee's review showed that paying the scholarship twice this fiscal year would not significantly impact ASURA's financial health, with a projected end of fiscal year Operations balance of \$19,000

Motion to pay earlier made by Will, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the scholarship for the 2024-25 year was made by Will, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Book donation money has not been received.

- Book Collection – Mary Stevens  
N/A
- Government Liaison Council – Tara Roesler
  - Legislature –Tara Fuchs-Roesler  
N/A
  - ASRS Liaison – Dick Jacob  
N/A
  - ADOA Liaison – Larry Carlson  
N/A
- Health Insurance Liaison Council
  - ASRS – Dick Jacob  
N/A
  - ADOA – Larry Carlson  
N/A
- Membership and Communications Committee – Subcommittee Reports
  - E-News – Barry McNeill

Barry has nothing to report

- Membership Update – Carl Cross  
Carl verifies statistics that were sent out and they are correct as of date. Numbers look nice, 903 current, and may reach 1000.
- Obituaries – Tara Roesler  
N/A
- Prime Times – Jeannette Robson  
Deadlines for Prime Times articles were included in the Agenda packet.
- Web Site – Connie McNeill, Barry McNeil  
No report.
- Database – Paul Harper  
N/A

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Annual report is completed, and is required by the by-laws.

Annual meeting has wasted food and cold coffee. Also format and timing of the Annual meeting may need updating. Afternoon time slot may be considered. Collage of video interviews should be considered. A few other ideas for improving the meeting were discussed.

Open positions for vice president, please contact Kay.

A letter was sent from Will and several others to Michael Latsko VP of HR thanking him for HR commitment to ASURA. A meeting has been requested. (Will noted we get \$7k from HR and we support them by the pre-retirement seminars).

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Meeting – **Sept 12, 2023 in person at CSB 203A**  
9:15 am Executive Committee  
10:00 am Board Meeting

**XI. ACTION ITEMS**

**XII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:15