

**MINUTES OF October 10, 2023
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

Board Members Present: Kay Faris, Maria Hesse, Partha Dasgupta, Will Stasi, Terrie Ekin, Jeffrey Bush, Carl Cross, Don Dotts, Barry McNeill, Kathy Palmanteer, Bev Buddee, Helene Ossipov, Tara Roesler

Board Members Absent: Rojann Alpers, Jo Ellen Alberhasky

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Committee Chairs Present: Pat Schneider, Connie McNeill, Paul Harper, Jan Shore, John Brock

Executive Staff Present:

Guests Present:

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Faris called the meeting to order at 10:02 am

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME TO GUESTS

There were no guests present for this meeting.

III. ADOPTION OF TODAY'S AGENDA

A motion was made by Tara and seconded by Will to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Motion carried.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF September 12, 2023 BOARD MEETING

There were a few corrections to the minutes: Under the Financial Report/Treasurer's Report, "directing in the appropriate...." will be changed to read "directly in the appropriate....." Under University Liaison, the last sentence should read "Capital infrastructure investments need \$155 million for enhancing....." In seminars, the sentence for January seminars should read "January seminar is by Tara Brown who works with....." And last, correction to the spelling of Connie and Barry's last name and add Barry to the Board members present.

Will made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Tara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- V. **FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT** – Terrie Ekin
One correction was made to the financial report. The Adopt a family budget should be changed from \$2250 to \$3000.

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

- ASU Alumni Association – Tim Desch
N/A
- Emeritus College Liaison – Mark Lussier
N/A
- Human Resources – Lynne Soller
N/A
- University Club Liaison – Tara Roesler
Tara reported that the tailgate parties continue to happen 2 hours prior to the game. With a membership, you can park at the University Club for free rather than pay for additional parking for the game. Annual membership costs for the University Club is \$125 per year.
- University Liaison – Kendra Burton
N/A
- University Senate – Greg Stone
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
N/A
 - Scholarship Committee – Jan Shore
The new scholarship has not been posted yet for this year. There have been some legal changes as to the way scholarships are posted. Jan will let us know when it has been posted. She will be contacting the committee members in January to start meeting to review the applications that are received. She indicated there are new committee members for this year along with many who are returning from last year.
 - Video History Project – Don Doerres
Don was busy doing an interview so was not available to give a report.
- Events Committee & Subcommittee Reports
 - Events Committee Coordination – Trudy Perez
N/A
 - Luncheons & Special Events – Mary Stevens
N/A

- Seminars – Pat Schneider

The Medicare open enrollment seminar was held on October 5, 2023. 20 people were in attendance. The next seminar will be on October 19, 2023 which will be the ADOA/ASRS Open Enrollment Seminar. Connie mentioned that at the Meet and Greet, she was approached by one of the members regarding holding the seminars in person again. It was suggested that we look into doing a hybrid version of delivery for the seminar. Pat will take this suggestion back to the committee to get their input on it. We would look to the January 2024 seminar as the first time we offer the hybrid delivery version.

Pat also mentioned that AROHE is having a webinar on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 with the topic being how to get new members engaged and keep them engaged in the organization. Pat will submit a report to the executive board on the seminar. Barry mentioned that he will be presenting at this webinar.
- Pre-Retirement Seminars – Trudy Perez, Liz Badalamenti
N/A
- Travel – John Brock

The trip to Southeast Arizona will be held on Tuesday, October 17-19. They are trying to get another tour setup for the Tovrea Castle. It's been very difficult to get tickets. Tara said we should try to get reservations for next Fall. It was agreed that Tara will solicit for a volunteer in May to make the call in June.

John is going to go over to the Sidney Poitier Film Institute to see about getting a tour setup.

8 people are signed up for the Costa Rica trip in Spring 2024.
Nov. 6 at Gammage all the choral groups will be performing at 7:30.
- Finance Committee – Barry
 - Waiting to hear from Jerry Snyder to get together to go over the documents that were sent to him. Hoping to get together in November to go over the report. Hopefully will have it done in time for the November Board meeting.
 - Book Collection – Mary Stevens
- Government Liaison Council – Tara Roesler
 - Legislature – Don Dotts

Don will look to see who the legislative reps are from Tempe and get to know them. He will be working with Tara to get to know what is needed for the committee chair. He will also meet with the ASU Legislative Liaison.

Kay reviewed the note she received from Leon Igras regarding Mayo clinic and the ASRS Medical Advantage PPO plan. It was suggested that Kay contact him to see about his interest in representing ASURA with ASRS.
 - 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
A new edition will come out this week. Connie mentioned the Bright Focus agency that presented a very good seminar on Alzheimer's research that is being done. It was suggested that the link to Bright Focus be put into the next edition of E-News. Also, the Area Agency on Aging and the State Bar of Arizona is holding a seminar on preparing your healthcare power of attorney and living will on October 28th. Registration information will be included in the E-News. Will also gave Barry information on the Nov. 2nd seminar on neuroeconomics.
 - Membership Update – Carl Cross
Paul is working on the quarterly database maintenance and should have a new membership report out within the next week or so.

Carl reported that the current membership count is 724. Renewals were 486. Introductory members is at 238.
 - Obituaries – Tara Roesler
Tara reported that new obituary announcements will be coming out this week.
 - Prime Times – Jeannette Robson
The Fall edition of Prime Times is getting close to being published and distributed. Connie mentioned to Don that typically there is an article regarding the legislative activities, so he should be aware that he will need to provide one.
 - Web Site – Connie McNeill, Barry McNeill
Connie made updates to the two websites – ASURA and the volunteer website.
 - Database – Paul Harper
Paul is working on the quarterly database maintenance as indicated above.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussion of membership process and ideas for membership growth. It was discussed in the executive committee meeting as to why people don't renew after the introductory membership expires. Kay suggested that perhaps we do a survey to find out what the members want and what will keep their interest in the organization. Are there things that we should be adding to our offerings? There was considerable discussion amongst the Board as to how to get people involved. One suggestion included direct contact to the introductory members by the Board members when they become members of ASURA. Talk to those who have not renewed, maybe through an email blast, to find out why

they didn't renew or why they didn't want to get involved. A personal invite to new retirees may be effective in getting people more interested. Get them to come to the social events, the Meet & Greet, the holiday potluck and annual meeting. Another suggestion is to have regional events throughout the valley, perhaps for the seminars.

Kay suggested that for our next events (Holiday Potluck, etc.) each board member personally invite 4-5 people to join them at the event.

Kay will put together all the suggestions made and get it out to the Board for review and further discussion.

- **Discussion of ASURA Liability**
This item is on hold. Mary Stevens and Kay are working on this. We will probably be able to report at the January meeting.
- **Tri-University collaborations**
Tara was in touch with UArizona and their retirees association disbanded in 2021. It had about 223 members at the time.
NAU offers lifetime membership and has over 600 members.
Carl mentioned that the in-person meetings have stopped and quarterly zoom meetings are being held.
Kay asked for someone to coordinate further discussion on this and come up with a recommendation. Contact Kay if you are interested.
- **Discussion of Annual Meeting speaker/dates, etc.**
It was suggested that the time for the meeting be in the afternoon, like 1:00 or 1:30 and have the carrot cake. Several suggestions for presenters were made: Bright Focus, Dr. Thom Reilly (Center for an Independent and Sustainable Democracy at ASU), Dr. Randall Cerveny (School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning on climatology), Dr. Lindy Elkins-Tanton (School of Earth and Space Exploration, Psyche mission), Dr. Joshua LaBaer (Biodesign Institute), Sidney Poitier Film Institute. Kay will provide a list back to the Board to vote on what they would like to see. If we would want a tour of the facilities these people are associated with, we could investigate having people park at CSB and getting buses to bring people over to the Campus.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- **New items: ASRA Insurance**
This agenda item was in regard to the note received from Leon Igras.
- **McCain Library**
Our space and this building is included in the plans for replacement for the McCain Library. No timeframe has been given for when this will happen. We need to take inventory of all the equipment, furniture, etc. that we have in the office. Will put together a form that can be used by the office staff to record the inventory. Some ideas of where we might go were suggested – Old Main, University Center, Facilities Building on Rural, ASU Surplus space. More on this will be discussed at future meetings.

X. 4-5ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting – **November 14, 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 11:35 am.