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
• Membership and Communications Committee – Subcommittee Reports
  o 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.
  o Membership update – Dave Schwalm – absent – The Membership report is attached.
  o Obituaries – Becky Reiss - absent
  o Prime Times – Jeannette Robson – absent
  o 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.
  o 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
  o Carl thanked Jane for making a presentation to the University Senate.
  o 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.
  o 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
  o 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.
  o Agenda for the Annual Meeting on April 13, 2021 – Carl Cross – The agenda is attached.
  o 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