

RETIREE ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES
Oct. 11, 2022
9:30 a.m., in-person, MAC Hall Vista Room

Attendance: President Dan Spielmann, Pat Przybelski, Kathy Pletcher, Chris Sampson, Ken Fleurant, Curt Heuer, Craig Lockard and Frank Madzarevic
Guest: Jacob Depas

Minutes of previous meeting

None available for review; Chris promised he'd do better next time..

Update on generous Retiree Scholarship disbursements for 2022... and various UWGB initiatives

Advancement officer Jacob Depas shared his customary briefing on UWGB news. He led with the very positive announcement that the Retiree Association Scholarship Fund has grown enough to allow a significant increase in the amount of scholarship money available to recipients. Soon, the total amount will increase even more with the move by retiree Ceil Hintz to fold the principal of her family scholarship fund into the Retiree Scholarship Fund. This year, the two funds, still operating separately, accounted for a total of about \$2,700 in scholarship awards. Retiree Association awards of \$900 each are being disbursed this academic year to organizational leadership student Logan Meek and nursing student Valerie Kupp.

In other UW-Green Bay developments:

- The universitywide capital campaign is proceeding at a solid pace with \$12 million of \$20 million pledged so far;
- The first year of transition for the former Shorewood Golf Course into a cross-country course and natural area has been very successful in drawing more people to campus, with numerous high school meets and visitors using the space. It is expected that winter use (cross-country skiing) will also be a draw.
- Areas of the Instructional Services Building have been renovated and repurposed for media studios and electrical engineering space, with a dedication taking place in October.

Election of Officers

The 2022-23 slate of officer candidates was agreed upon, with all incumbents agreeing to serve for another one-year term if elected. Pletcher moved and Sampson seconded the following candidates:

- President, Dan Spielmann
- Vice President, Pat Przybelski
- Treasurer, Frank Madzarevic
- Recording Secretary, Chris Sampson

The vote was unanimous to elect the slate of officers as presented.

Recap of summer 2022 Retiree Association Annual Meeting; plans for another cookout in '23

The turnout of 52 attendees was regarded as decent attendance given the long COVID layoff and the first-year shift to a new format as opposed to the traditional and more formal fall dinner at the University Union. Discussion followed on the idea of returning to a fall or indoor event for our next all-retiree annual meeting, or running with the picnic format given its first-year success. President Spielmann asked for a straw poll and the results were unanimous in favor of the new format and a summer, outdoor (with indoor option in case of rain) picnic, most likely at the Weidner Center in midsummer 2023.

Progress in building a better Retiree contact list

Ken Fleurant reported that about 50 new names – with contact information – are being acquired into the Retiree Association database with the assistance of the Advancement Office.

Discussion of potential Retiree programming/event for winter and spring 2023

There was lengthy discussion of possible Retiree Association get-togethers, tours, outings, performances, etc. Among the ideas: a walking tour of the repurposed Shorewood Golf Course with refreshments/reception at the end; Dan said he would investigate whether Phoenix Athletics and the Weidner Center might have group/discount tickets available for selected events; Chris volunteered to explore the same with the academic departments and theatre or music programs; the Weidner Philharmonic was mentioned as a possibility; the Arboretum Walk is a traditional May activity that has been well-received in the past and could probably be resumed now that COVID is less of a concern; additionally, a general STEM Center tour might be attempted again. It was agreed that discussion of possible options would continue at the early-November meeting.

In a related vein, Ken suggested that powerpoint or online presentations involving retired or active UWGB faculty might be a valuable programming option to explore, perhaps along the line of a podcast series or TED talk.

Adjournment

Chris moved, and Dan seconded, and there were all eyes to adjourn at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sampson, recording secretary

MINUTES APPROVED AT RETIREE BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9th, 2022