

Minutes submitted by Kim Hachiya, board secretary

Submitted to and approved by the Association Board of Directors, April 13, 2023

UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Board meeting

March 9, 2023

Convened via Zoom

Attendance: Pat Crews, Larry Dlugosh, Sue Gildersleeve Jim Griesen, Kim Hachiya, Alice Henneman, Gary Heusel, Julie Johnson, Rita Kean, Linda Major, Tom McFarland, Nancy Mitchell, Roshan Pajnigar, Al Stark , Don Weeks, David Wilson, Jane Zatechka

Memory Moments: (Since February 16, 2023)

James Blackburn, Accounting

Lambert Bright, Information Technology

Jim Cook, Institutional Research and Planning

Harold DeGraw, Conservation and Survey Division, School of Natural Resources

Milan Frey, University Housing

The minutes of the February board and membership meetings were approved as submitted by Kim Hachiya.

Treasurer's Report: Earl Hawkey sent the report earlier to the board. He said he was still getting an occasional dues payment and noted that the good news is our receipts exceed expenditures.

Committee/Activities Report

Awards: Lloyd Ambrosius (unable to attend, no report)

Benefits: Sue Gildersleeve (no report)

Bylaws/Policies: Julie Johnson and Jim Griesen (no report til later)

Campus Engagement/OLLI: Rita Kean said OLLI Director Bob Michl sent the Term 4 OLLI catalog. OLLI is updating technology and using Zoom more. She sent the volunteer digest from Student Leadership Involvement and Community Engagement (SLICE) to the membership. Andrew Brown, SLICE director, said he's gotten no response from ERA members yet. Rita and Linda Major are participating in The Big Event in April and they encouraged others as it's a one-time, short-term commitment. Rita reported that Kevin Hanrahan, with Executive Vice Chancellor's Office, said Judy Walker (also with EVC office) wants to partner with ERA about how university can support retirees. Alice wondered if we could get some previous volunteers to tell their stories to encourage others. Pat Crews suggested there be a very short presentation at a membership meeting.

Digital Communications: Alfred Stark, no report

Membership: Donald Weeks reported they continue to receive dues and new members. He and others presented at HR's Pre-retirement seminar, which went well but due to poor weather, and ERA being scheduled last to present, the audience had dwindled. We need to ask to be at the first of the program. Roshan said she felt it might be better to contact actual retirees rather than the "thinking about it" folks. Don said we do get lists of retirees.

Oral History: Doug Jose (No Report)

Publications: Alice Henneman sent items pre-meeting. She thanked others for providing content and review for several things this year including new promotional materials, updates to the newsletter, updates to the website, new photos.

Scholarships: Earl Hawkey: we are a bit over \$43,000. Linda went through the list of donors from Glow Big Red and noted 24 of 30 were current ERA members.

Social Events: Jane Zatechka and Jim Griesen said they are working on a coffee for this month – March 28 9:30 a.m. at Scarlet Hotel. Parking is a little complex there. They have valet parking. Emeriti with stickers can park there by requesting permission to park at NIC. Also use the Passport app.

Tours: Nancy Mitchell: was working with Varner to try to set up a tour there in May. They are looked at touring Edwards Hall in October, and perhaps a backstage at Lied. Jane wondered about the May event possibly conflicting with the Wilderness Ridge coffee.

Old Business/Announcements

Linda is communicating with UNO's VC for HR

- Membership Management Software – Linda is meeting with Foundation and Alumni to discuss 3:30 March 14 at Wick. Exploratory. Kim mentioned exploring options with OLLI.
- Officer/Standing Committee Information – Linda said that at the April in-person board meeting, she wants to have folks create “how-to” guides of not only what a committee does but how they do their tasks; these would be a kind of training manual on how we do that (such as who do you contact, what are the deadlines, how are invitations issues, event management such as lunch orders, etc.)
- Meeting with Chancellor Green: Linda is trying to get this scheduled; if you have items we want to talk with him about let Linda know ASAP. Dave Wilson said we need to express our gratitude to him. Julie suggested we make a donation in his name to our scholarship. Don said we should offer him a “free one-year membership to ERA.”
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- **New Business**
- Proposed changes to the Policies and Procedures – Jim and Julie reported that we in practice do not limit Memory Moments ONLY to members of our association. We propose recognizing “emeriti, retirees, spouses/partners” and folks who are not retirees/emmeriti but active at UNL verbally at the meeting but not in the final annual list published in the newsletter.
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- ERA Newsletter – Alice and Linda
 - Review and discuss the proposed publishing system – MailChimp (see materials sent by Alice on March 5) Linda: we talked about what are the hardest parts of the newsletter and how to make it easier. Alice: this is kind of just for discussion. Currently, we do the newsletter on MSPublisher, which is not compatible with Apple, so that eliminates people from being able to do the newsletter. She looked at MailChimp (and there are other similar software) because UNL is OK with it and many people use it. Or you can do it in MSWord as a PDF. MailChimp is a paid-for software and would make the newsletter look different. She said we have no

analytics on how many people open the newsletter. Al: “new people coming on need to be comfortable with what they want to use. If Alice wants to use MailChimp, she should migrate over. The next person could do it how they want. We have selected Alice as editor and let her do it the way she wants to do it. Let’s let Alice create a system that works for her. Let’s trust our editor.” Linda: this might cost us about \$130-\$150 to buy MailChimp. The newsletter group will be meeting next week after the membership meeting Thursday. A small group will convene to discuss this further.

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- Discuss the distribution of a member survey at the April meeting. We decided to do the survey on line but announce it at the membership meeting and encourage folks to fill it out.
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- Other news business? None
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- **2023 Membership Meeting Dates and Speakers:** Larry

Thursday, March 16, 2023, Charlyne Berens, “The Unicameral – Creeping Partisanship”. So far we have 40 registered.

Tuesday April 18. At this time, we have no venue but will soon. Heath Mello, VP for External Relations, University of Nebraska, is the speaker.

No Programs are scheduled for May, June, July, and August

- September Tuesday, September 19, or Thursday, September 21, Lunch with the Chancellor
- October Tuesday, October 17, Dean Sherri Jones, CEHS, The Future of Public Education
- November Tuesday, November 21, or Thursday, November 23, Julia Torquati, Early Childhood Education
- December week of December 11 (aim for Dec. 14), TBA (Move retreat back to the week before)

2023 ERA Board Spring Meeting Dates

- Thursday, April 13, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, East Union
- Meeting with Chancellor Ronnie Green – Date, Time, and Location TBA
- Meeting with President Ted Carter – Date, Time, and Location TBA

2023 ERA Executive Committee Meeting Dates

- Thursday, May 4, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Location TBA
- Thursday, August 31, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Location TBA
- Thursday, December 7, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Location TBA

2023 ERA Strategic Planning Retreat – Thursday, December ?? (TBA as per above), 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, Location TBA