

ERA (Emeriti and Retiree Association) Board Meeting Minutes

1:30 Tuesday, November 4, 2021

via Zoom

Present: Kim Hachiya, Pat Crews, Earl Hawkey, Vi Schroeder, Rita Kean, Doug Jose, Jane Zatechka, Lloyd Ambrosius, Jim Griesen, Tom Hoegemeyer

Kim called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Memory Moments (Since Oct. 19, 2021):

Lois Johnsgard, widow of Paul Johnsgard, Biological Sciences
Patricia Selig, spouse of Joe Selig, Athletics and NU Foundation
Sharlyn Stock, Admissions

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the October 5, 2021, meeting were approved as corrected by Pat Crews.

Reports:

Awards: Lloyd Ambrosius

No report

Budget: Earl Hawkey

The NU Foundation has yet to post earnings from past month. Earl will forward the October financial report as soon it is available. Don Weeks was reimbursed \$94.39 for the October coffee.

Membership: Al Stark

No new members to report

Engagement: Linda Major and Kim Hachiya

There was some confusion reported as to whether the Husker Pantry needed volunteers. Linda will contact Connie Boehm to discuss the issue.

Staff at the Husker Pantry will NOT host a coat drive this year.

OLLI: Rita Kean

The spring catalog (January-March) listing courses, events, and lectures hosted by OLLI will be available late December or early January. The updated catalog will be posted on the OLLI website, [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute | Nebraska \(unl.edu\)](https://www.unl.edu/oll).

Rita also reported that Bob Michl, the OLLI Director, needs a dance instructor who can teach

a class on dances from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Please contact Rita Kean or Bob Michl for more information.

General Meetings: Pat Crews

Pat provided a reminder for the November and December general meetings:

- Tuesday, Nov. 16 at Lancaster County Extension Office at Cherry Creek; speaker is Paul Read, Nebraska Wines and Vines.
- Thursday, Dec. 16 at Nebraska East Union; speaker is Claire Stewart, University Libraries. Option tour of the new Dinsdale Family Learning Commons to follow.

Tours: Al Stark

At the December Board of Directors meeting, Don Weeks will provide an update on the Husker Vision tour scheduled for next spring.

Social Committee: Jim Griesen and Jane Zatechka

Jim asked Board members for their opinion on a December coffee. All agreed to delay the next coffee until January 2022. Jim will provide Julie with notes and photographs from October coffee for the next newsletter.

Newsletter: Julie Johnson

No report

Nominating: Don Weeks

No report

It was suggested that Kim invite the newest members elected to the ERA Board, Monica Norby and Dave Wilson to the December meeting to participate in the retreat. Kim will ask Al to add Monica and Dave's email address to the ERA Board of Directors' listserv.

Old Business:

1. Proposed ERA scholarship: Earl Hawkey and Jim Griesen

Earl reported on progress toward establishing the proposed ERA scholarship. Jim and Earl recommend the following:

- Establish the UNL Emeriti and Retiree Association Scholarship

- Selection criteria based on financial need
- ERA authorizes the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid to make the decision on the Association's behalf. OSFA staff will take into consideration academic standing as well as financial need in criteria and selection process
- Develop a marketing and fund-raising strategy for endowing the scholarship
- Minimum amount needed to endow the scholarship is \$30,000
- Association to contribute on behalf of the organization to fund the first \$1,000 scholarship. The current scholarship deadline is either January or February

Earl pledged \$5,000 to the scholarship and will match dollar for dollar the next \$5,000; Jim to contribute another \$1,000. It was suggested that ERA members consider donating their required minimum contributions to the newly established scholarship fund.

The existing ERA endowed fund has an expendable balance of \$1,000. Earl will investigate and report any restrictions on using the fund to award the first scholarship. The fund was designated to benefit the association. The fund's current balance is \$25,000-\$28,000.

Tom suggested that Jim and Earl meet with Foundation officials and/or invite them to the next board meeting.

Jim moved to deduct \$1,000 from the spendable balance in the ERA endowed fund account to establish and offer the scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year. The scholarship, administered by OSFA, will be offered to a student who has successfully completing at least 27 credit hours and has demonstrated financial need. Tom 2nd: motion passed.

Kim offered to work with Marcia White to integrate the scholarship fundraising effort into the Glow Big Red campaign which would give all members the opportunity to contribute to honor the organization's 60th anniversary. A print campaign is preferred over a digital campaign. Further discussion will be scheduled for the December Board and general member meeting(s).

2. Status of board minutes:

A hard copy of the minutes is to be sent in hard copy to UNL Archives annually, but we are unsure whether this has been done in the recent past. Vi Schroeder and Don Weeks offered to provide a status update on this project. They will report at the December Board meeting.

New Business

1. Debrief October meeting:

The Board thanked Pat Crews for scheduling an outstanding set of speakers during 2021.

Also, thanks to Pat for following up on Premiere Catering's order snafu. A corrected invoice has been paid. Beverage service was \$2.00 per person; Pat moved that we cover the cost of beverage service whether they order lunch or not. Motion for allocating \$100 per meeting for 4-5 meetings per year was approved. It was agreed that this expenditure was consistent with the mission of the organization (build fellowship).

GIANT round of applause to Al for making the live stream work. Approximately 20 members took advantage of the service.

“How can we get handouts, if any, to online viewers?” Kim received requests for the speaker handouts in her inbox after the meeting. Thanks to Vi and Earl for providing copies for Kim to send to the member requesting them. In the future, we will request that speakers provide electronic copies in advance of the presentation that can be emailed after the meeting.

2. Planning for November membership meeting, which is Nov. 16

Invitation to members: Will be written and sent by Pat Crews.

Reservation system: Al will set that up on the website using that system.

Registration: Linda will manage the registration desk and handle the money. Vi prepared and distributed a handout outlining the registration process.

Lunch: Pat will be arranging with Le Quartier for Cherry Creek

3. December meeting is scheduled for the East Union (we will arrange an optional tour of Dinsdale after the meeting)

4. B1G Retirees Association meeting: Kim attended the fall Zoom meeting on Oct. 19. The main news is that the 2022 in-person meeting (they hope) will be July 25-27 (Monday through Wednesday noon), in Evanston, Illinois, hosted by Northwestern. It would be great to be able to send delegates. Organizers hope to have an “after the conference adjourns” architecture/river tour of Chicago if they can swing the costs of that.

Anticipated number of participants Pat, Linda, and Kim to consider going. Please let Kim know if you plan to attend.

5. Calendar for Spring 2022: Brainstorm program ideas for 2022. Let’s think big.

6. Calendar for the fall:

November:

Full board: Thursday Nov. 4 at 1:30 pm (No meeting on Nov. 11)

General Membership meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 16. Location is Lancaster County Extension Office at Cherry Creek. The speaker is Paul Read, Nebraska Wines and Vines. At this meeting we will

vote on the new board and elect officers. We will toast our 60 years of existence and celebrate with cupcakes. Le Quartier will cater

December:

Executive Committee meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 7; those in attendance will create the agenda for the Board retreat scheduled for December 14 and finalize plans for the Dec. 16 membership meeting.

Full Board (planning retreat): Tuesday Dec. 14; 11:30 – 1:30 pm; Pat to order lunch; she will send selection in advance of the meeting.

General Membership meeting: Thursday, Dec. 16 at Nebraska East Union, guest speaker is Claire Stewart, Dean of University Libraries. We will arrange a tour of the new Dinsdale Family Learning Commons afterwards for those interested.

General meetings – Suggested speakers – VC Marco Barker to January meeting, President Carter to February luncheon