

ERA (Emeriti and Retirees Association) Board Meeting Minutes

1:30 Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021

via Zoom

Present: Kim Hachiya, Pat Crews, Donald Weeks, Rita Kean, Earl Hawkey, Alfred Stark, Julie Johnson, Lloyd Ambrosius, Jim Griesen, Vi Schroeder, Jane Zatechka, Linda Major and Tom Hoegemeyer

Kim called the meeting order at 1:33 pm

Memory Moments (since Sept. 23, 2021):

Alice Lane, UNL Libraries

Jean Elaine Weygint, Procurement Services

Fred Baxendale, Entomology Extension and Outreach

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the September 5, 2021 meeting were approved as corrected by Pat Crews. Monthly minutes from ERA Board of Directors meetings will be posted on the website and sent to University Archives at the end of each calendar year. It was suggested that we determine whether or not minutes from previous years were sent to University Archives as planned and if not, contact former Board secretaries to collect, post and/or archive past minutes.

Reports:

Awards: Lloyd Ambrosius

The video presentations of community and campus service award winners were well done; thank you to all involved for your efforts

Budget: Earl Hawkey

No formal report at this time due to technology issues. Earl reported that the finances of the organization are in good condition

Membership: Al Stark

No new members to report

Engagement: Linda Major and Kim Hachiya

Linda met with Lauren Gayer to discuss updating the website announcing student engagement and volunteer opportunities for ERA members. Linda and Vi Schroeder will meet with Lauren to discuss revisions to the site and future volunteer postings in preparation for second semester.

Kim reported that the East Campus Pantry needs volunteers to fill 3-hour time blocks. Volunteer responsibilities include greeting students, swiping NCards and helping to manage the site. The East Campus Food Pantry is in Filley Hall next to the Dairy Store. Linda will contact Connie Boehm to ask whether the pantry needs coats and if so, the gender and sizes needed. Linda will prepare and send an email announcement to ERA members soliciting volunteers on behalf of the pantry.

It was suggested that we add the East Campus Food Pantry to the optional East Campus tour following the October meeting.

OLLI: Rita Kean

Rita reported that registration for the fall symposium remains open. The symposium, "The Fragile Future of Democracy" is scheduled for Saturday, October 23 beginning from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm at the Nebraska East Union.

Rita also reported that the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute will be part of the new international/residential facility (Unity Commons) planned for 22nd and Vine St.

General Meetings: Pat Crews

Pat provided a recap of upcoming general meetings:

- Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Nebraska East Union; speakers are: Chuck Hibberd from UNL Extension and Jeff Yost from the Nebraska Community Foundation will discuss community philanthropy.
- 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

Al reported that a formal tour schedule will be available this spring. Currently, optional tours are available immediately following the monthly meeting (when appropriate).

Social Committee: Jim Griesen and Jane Zatechka

Jim described the in-person coffee chat planned for Thursday, October 7 at 9:30 am at The Mill on Innovation Campus. The backroom is reserved for the ERA coffee chat. Coffee will be provided by the Association and pastries will be available. Jim will take pictures and provide a summary of the event for the newsletter. Don will send an email reminder to members

Newsletter: Julie Johnson

No updates at this time.

Nominating: Don Weeks

Don reminded the Board to follow the nominations protocol. The current nomination slate includes new Board members, Monica Norby and Dave Wilson (3-year terms) and officer(w), Linda Major as president-elect. Julie moved that nominations cease and Tom seconded her motion. Motion approved unanimously. Board nominations will be accepted at the general meeting scheduled for October 23,

Old Business:

1. Proposed ERA scholarship: Earl Hawkey and Jim Griesen
 - a. No updates

New Business:

1. Do we really need to meet separately as an executive board and then have a full board meeting? Can these meetings be consolidated, and if the executive board needs to meet separately it can be added when necessary?
 - a. Discussion: Don spoke in favor of combining the meetings with the option to convene an executive committee meeting as needed (called by the president). We discussed the benefit of a standalone executive committee including the opportunity to more fully vet ideas. Tom suggested that the Executive Committee convene once or twice per year. All agreed to the suggestion to combine meetings and establish the calendar for 2022.
2. Speakers for 2022: Pat will distribute the existing list for review. The current list will be used as a starting point for the brainstorming activity scheduled for the December retreat.
3. Tours: Future tours may require more advanced planning which may or may not require more time to coordinate. Don asked whether we should continue with plans to offer a Husker Vision tour. Given its popularity, members agreed to schedule an upcoming tour of Husker Vision.
4. Mike Zeleny mentioned to Kim that President Carter and his wife might be open to hosting a coffee for up to 70 people as part of the 2022 general meeting calendar. The Carter's hosted the

UNL Women's Club this fall. Jane reported that approximately 80 members were in attendance. – both inside and outside their home; Jim suggested that we contact the President's secretary in May or June to discuss a fall coffee. Chancellor Green, and his wife Jane's, home may be another option.

5. Planning for future membership meetings:
 - a. October meeting – Pat Crews will prepare and send the invite. A reservation link (including food preference) will be posted on the ERA website by AI. The East Campus Union events coordinator will provide an optional facility tour following the meeting. Vi, Rita and Linda volunteered to check-in members and receive payment. AI reported that the reservation system will automate the registration list and print name badges. Blank badges will be available for walk-ins. AI will follow-up with the East Campus Union staff if the technology is available to simulcast the meeting for members across the state and country (he also has access to his own equipment which he will be willing to share should he be unable to attend). The Board discuss the need to identify a member or members with expertise to assist in the future (backup for AI). A request for high-tech volunteer will be included in the upcoming volunteer email.
 - b. November meeting – Lancaster County Extension Office; Wines and Vines; Paul Read
 - c. December meeting – East Campus location; Dean of the library with optional tour to follow
6. New board member recruitment: Our new board members will be Monica Norby, retired as Assistant VC for Research, and David Wilson, retired, English. President elect: Linda Major, retired, Student Affairs
7. ARHOE Conference: The virtual conference is scheduled for Oct. 12-14. The registration remains open at this time. For more information, please visit the conference website, <https://www.arohe.org/Conference-Program-2021>
8. Fall Calendar:

October

Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday Oct. 5

NO MEETING OCT. 12

UNL Fall Break: Oct. 18 and 19

General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Nebraska East Union; speakers are Chuck Hibberd and Jeff Yost who will discuss community philanthropy. The slate of new board members and officers will be announced.

November

Combined Executive and Board of Directors meeting, Thursday, November 4

General Membership meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 16 at Lancaster County Extension Office at Cherry Creek; speaker is Paul Read, Nebraska Wines and Vines. Meeting business will include voting on new board members and electing officers. Those present will toast our 60 years of existence and celebrate with cupcakes; Le Quartier will cater.

Julie Johnson suggested that we launch a fund-raising campaign to honor our 60th anniversary, *\$60 for our 60th*; Earl and Jim to help with the campaign messaging.

December

Executive Committee, Tuesday, Dec. 7. The primary purpose of the meeting is to develop agenda for Board of Directors' planning retreat scheduled for Tuesday, December, 14 and finalize general membership meeting agenda

Board of Directors Planning Retreat, Tuesday Dec. 14

General Membership meeting: Thursday, Dec. 16 at the East Campus Union; speaker is Claire Stewart, University Libraries, East Union. An optional tour of the new Dinsdale Family Learning Commons will follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Major