

UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Membership Luncheon  
Dec. 16, 2021

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A membership luncheon and meeting of the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association convened on Dec. 16, 2021, at the Nebraska East Union at 11:45 a.m. The meeting also was live-streamed via Zoom.

2021 President Kim Hachiya opened the meeting and welcomed members. We announced our goal of holding in-person meetings in 2022 but noted we are mindful of changes in the pandemic and we will err on the side of caution when necessary.

Memory Moments since we last met Nov. 16.

Joan "Pedie" Bryant, widow of Don "Fox" Bryant, Athletics

Frederick Luebke, History

Phil Bom, husband of Carol Bom, formerly Landscape/Business Services

Joan Wadlow, Political Science, Academic Affairs

Announcements:

Kim:

We have established the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Scholarship and the first will be awarded for academic year 2022-2023. Many thanks to incoming president Pat Crews for suggesting the idea and Earl Hawkey and Jim Griesen for a lot of preliminary legwork and discussions. The scholarship will be need-based and awarded to a student who has completed 27 hours of undergraduate credit. We will leave the decision on who is to receive this scholarship to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. Earl has made a generous leadership gift and has agreed to match up to \$5,000 in subsequent gifts. We need \$30,000 to fully endow this scholarship and we have five years to do so, but we must fundraise a minimum per year for five years to achieve our goal. We are working with the University Foundation on this project and more information will come soon. If you are looking to expend your annual minimum distributions from a retirement IRA, this is a perfect opportunity to give back to the institution. We also will be participating in the 2022 Glow Big Red in February 2022 so watch for more information on that opportunity.

Jim Griesen made remarks in support of the project.

We are scheduled to tour HuskerVision in March 2022. This was rescheduled from 2021. Details to come.

Pat Crews, incoming president, thanked Kim for her work this year. Pat also thanked Al Stark for his work in helping livestream the meetings. This is very labor intensive and we are grateful for his expertise and willingness to serve.

Pat introduced the speaker, Claire Stewart, dean of UNL Libraries, who spoke about the changing role of libraries and how UNL has worked to integrate the concept of "information equity" to ensure all individuals have access to scholarly works.

Afterwards, Pat mentioned that the association sends honoraria in our speakers' names to the UNL Libraries in recognition and thanks. She also noted that a tour of the newly renovated Dinsdale Family Learning Commons will occur after the meeting adjourns.

Pat noted that the speaker for the January meeting, tentatively set for Jan. 25, 2022, is Dr. Marco Barker, UNL's Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion. Pat wished everyone a safe and pleasant holiday season and the meeting was adjourned.