

Minutes for UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Luncheon
March 15, 2022

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Submitted by Kim Hachiya, secretary

The UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association general membership met March 15, 2022, at the Nebraska Union. President Pat Crews called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Approximately 40 members registered and attended.

We observed a moment of silence in memory of individuals affiliated with the university who had died since our last meeting. They were: Ronald Roskens, Central Administration, and Matthew Kutscher, College of Education and Human Sciences.

Pat noted we now make an annual gift in memory of emeriti and retirees to the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Scholarship Fund. The gift will be made annually in June.

Don Weeks, who was association president from fall 2019 through December 2020, presided over a ceremonial "passing the gavel" to Kim Hachiya, president in 2021, who then passed it to current president Pat Crews. We had not observed this ceremony due to pandemic restrictions on in-person meetings.

Treasurer Earl Hawkey reported our finances are in order and he had processed numerous dues payments. He thanked all for paying dues.

Announcements from Pat:

1. Applications for the Wisherd Research/Scholarly Activity Grant Award were due March 16. She urged applicants to email materials to Lloyd Ambrosius, Awards Committee Chair. She noted the deadline to nominate individuals for Wisherd Service Awards – Outstanding Service to UNL or Outstanding Community Service is May 15.

2. Don Weeks reminded the group of the tour set for HuskerVision on March 16.

3. Kim reported on that the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Scholarship received 32 total gifts during the Glow Big Red fundraiser in February. We received at least \$2,735 (some gifts are anonymous and the totals are not shown); we unlocked Jim Griesen's challenge gift, which triggered after 20 gifts were made.

Currently, we have \$21,498.98 in the bank toward our \$30K goal to endow the scholarship. Prior to participating in Glow, we had received gifts from 14 individuals, including a generous leadership and matching gift from Earl Hawkey. Kim thanked all who have made gifts to the scholarship.

During the 24-hour Glow Big Red event Feb. 16-17, some 4,935 individual gifts raised \$598,575 for university entities.

If you are interested in giving a gift to our scholarship fund, the exact name is UNL Emeriti and Retirees Association Scholarship and the fund number is 01157580

4. Pat reported Julie Johnson has handed the newsletter editor's electronic pen to Alice Henneman. Julie has served in the post for eight years, leading a committee that includes Doug Jose and Charlyne Berens. Alice joined Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County from 1980 to 2018. The group extended a round of applause for Julie and Alice.

5. Pat announced OLLI is offering reduced membership fees for the remainder of this year - -- \$50 to join and have access to courses, events, and travel perks through the end of July.

6. Kim announced for the Social Activities Committee that the next Coffee and Conversation event will be 9:30 a.m. April 13 at the Mill on Innovation Campus private meeting room. An email reminder invitation will be sent.

Linda Major, president elect, introduced David Harwood, professor and Stout Chair in Stratigraphy, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, who spoke on the topic "Steps to Reveal Climate History Beneath Antarctic Ice." David recounted the long history of University of Nebraska scientists active in polar research; he talked about current projects and future goals.

After his talk, Linda said a \$100 honorarium will be sent to the UNL Emeriti and Retirees Scholarship Fund. Dr. Harwood said he would match the gift. A round of applause ensued.

Pat reminded the group of the April 21 luncheon and adjourned the meeting.