UW-GREEN BAY RETIREE ASSOCIATION

Meeting of Monday, Dec. 8, 2008, at 9 a.m.


Next meeting: Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, 9-10:30 a.m. in WH 318

MINUTES

--- Minutes of the Nov. 3 meeting were approved as presented. Minutes of the organizational meeting of Sept. 30, 2008, were accepted as amended.

STANDING COMMITTEES

**Staffing**

--- The board will develop a plan of action for staffing committees. One suggestion is that chairs should be members of the board and should be responsible for recruiting other committee members.

--- Chairs have been named for all four committees and are now fully staffed to the recommended size of three to five members, as follows:

  - **Membership**: Lee Schwartz and Chuck Rhyner, co-chairs, and Pam Spangenberg;
  - **Communication**: George O’Hearn, chair, Ginny Dell and Roger Hodek;
  - **Program**: Tim Quigley, chair; Marie Stephenson, Kathy Altergott
  - **Service**: Les Raduenz, chair, Betty Baer and Thea Sager.

A committee with co-chairs shall designate one co-chair to vote on matters coming before the board.

**Committee Charges** Committees are encouraged to “take the next step” by organizing themselves and meeting to address issues that have been identified in keeping with committee charges in the Association by-laws.

--- Program: (1) A subcommittee will be appointed to work with the Program Committee on plans for the annual dinner meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, 5 to 9 p.m., in Phoenix Rooms A and B. Three members have already volunteered to help. (2) Rush tickets for some Weidner Center events will be available to Association members. Information on the reduced-price, late-purchase tickets will be forwarded to uwgbretirees-L. (3) The committee will compile a list of campus resources for education and recreation and survey members on their interest in using them as Association members.

--- Membership: (1) Membership to date stands at just under 100 and is free of charge during the current year. As of next fall, the Association will assess dues in an amount recommended by the Membership Committee, established by the Board and payable no later than the annual meeting (2) Other tasks that might be undertaken by the Committee in the near future: preparing a proposal for changes in eligibility to open Association membership to individuals who had long careers at the University but officially retired from other UW System units; developing an overall plan for recruiting members along with procedures to encourage individuals to sign up for membership upon retirement (in keeping with the established practice of alumni associations); compiling a “retiree benefits list.”

--- Communication: Use of the Listserv and web site are among committee concerns. Barbara brought to our attention the need to develop the Association’s web pages as “the heart of communication” for the membership. At present the site contains only information about the September 30 dinner and
organizational meeting, names and biographies of board members, and Association By-laws. Useful additions could include, for example, an application for membership.

UWGB EMAIL ACCOUNTS FOR RETIREES  David Kieper, Network Services Manager for Computer and Information Technology at UWGB, was present at the invitation of the board to discuss possible UWGB Email accounts for retirees who do not have such accounts as a privilege of emeritus status. Discussion focused on the contents of a document which had been prepared by Kieper and distributed to board members before the meeting. In describing some parameters for implementation and potential issues, the document listed a considerable number of activities related to account maintenance that would be the responsibility of Association members. Among the questions and concerns: Would these responsibilities be more than members are willing to take on? Who would do these tasks? Would the University’s Acceptable Use Policy for Technology limit the usefulness of the account to the extent that a member would be advised also to keep a personal account? Considering that these accounts would be, in a sense, “owned” by the University, should we be concerned about security? Is this a privilege that should be linked to Association membership or should it be an option for all retirees from various categories of employment, as it apparently is at several other campuses in the UW System? Kieper will make inquiries of practices at other campuses and revisit the proposal with the board. Discussions will continue at future Association meetings.

Betty Brown, Secretary