Minutes of Retirees Association Board meeting, May 18, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 9 am.

Members present: Fleurant, Hendricks, Anne O’Hearn, George O’Hearn, Pritchard, Schwartz, McClure Lukens, Wes Carvenough

Guests: Marie Stephenson, Dan Spielmann.

absent: Brown, Raduenz

Dan Spielmann spoke to ways in which the retirees could be of service to the Advancement office, and discussed those activities still ongoing related to the Capital Campaign (currently at $24.2 million). Three initiatives that are beginning to see results. First group of "Phuture Phoenix", EMB program (Environmental Main Business), and the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Dan also asked that if any retirees knew of possible sources of giving, that his office be informed.

It was suggested that the executive committee be involved with his office to assist in determining recipients of the Alumni Awards.

Lee Schwartz suggested that retirees be involved as a contact with graduates from past years.

Old Business: By Laws contradiction. One section of the by laws suggests all offices are one year, while a second section indicates staggered, two year terms. The committee discussed the issue and made a change to Article I, changing the term of office to two years. The question of staggering terms was cleared up by the following. At the September, 2009 general meeting, the Vice President, Treasurer, and one at large board member will be opened to election to a two year term. The President, Secretary, and other board member will continue until 2010. Future elections: If there are more than two nominees for an office, the winner may be chosen by a plurality vote rather than majority.

Nominations Committee: Anne O’Hearn, Bob Pritchard. Anne will contact David Littig and Thea Sager to request their service on the committee.

Committee Reports: George O’Hearn reported on the update to the current web page. Service Committee: Betty Baer (sp) reported on the committee’s project to provide an oral history of the University. Eileen Littig, Betty, et al have been beginning the research necessary to commence. The committee intends to focus on the early development of the University, its community involvement, and the process of selecting its Academic Plan. A number of former colleagues were discussed (most positively) as people with whom to start. The committee hopes to be able to provide the first interviews at the September dinner meeting. Deb Anderson has also joined the committee. There is a need for this group to interact with the “dinner” committee to set up a program for that meeting.

Next Board meeting is June 22, 2009 at 9 am.

R. Pritchard, Secretary pro tempore