
Next meeting: Monday, Nov. 16, 2009. 9-10:30 a.m. in WH318.

MINUTES
Minutes of the general meeting of 9/29/2009 are presumed to be approved as presented, since no corrections have been forthcoming following publication on the retiree distribution list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
-- Approval has been granted by the administration to allow all retirees to retain their UWGB e-mail accounts. Beginning on January 1, 2010, all retirees in good standing will automatically retain their accounts for as long as they wish or until they have not logged on to their accounts for twelve months. Those who have lost their accounts after retiring may request a new account to be established after January.
-- The RA is now officially under sponsorship of the University’s Advancement Office. As liaison with the Association, Mark Brunette will work directly with the RA and attend its board meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
(1) Program
Paula Fleurant reported that arrangements for the annual dinner went smoothly and the program on the “Reflections” theme was well received, with particular praise expressed for the video presentation and photo display. A total of 72 retirees and guests attended the event. A chair will be sought for the program committee, but a dinner planning sub-committee is already in place for 2010.

(2) Communication
The RA web site has been completely redesigned and is now readily accessible at http://www.uwgb.edu/retire. It awaits updating and further development. Material should be forwarded to Dan Moore until transition is made to Advancement/ University Communications staff. George has agreed to continue as a member and possibly chair of the committee (and is currently working on a tri-fold RA brochure), but he wishes to be replaced as site manager.

(3) Membership
Membership in the RA to date is 92. Efforts to contact retirees and recruit them for membership will continue, and there is still a need for an attractive “sales piece” to promote the organization and its member benefits. Information about members will become part of the Advancement Office data base.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
(1) Questions came up about the possibility of having an RA account that could receive and dispense monies that are not subject to University of Wisconsin accounting procedures. (An example would be contributions specifically to support the oral history project recently launched by the Service Committee.) The conclusion: the best option would probably be a credit union or commercial bank account, following the practice of
organizations like Friends of the Cofrin Library.

(2) With the RA scholarship fund now at about $13,000, it is time to plan for initial disbursement of the income. A proposal under consideration is to award a $700 scholarship next spring for use in the fall semester of 2010. The first task is to develop criteria for the award. The Board hopes that Bob Pritchard will be involved, and Barbara has offered her help in drawing up a document on dispensing the scholarship for action by the Board.

(3) Unfinished business: efforts to get parking and library privileges and firm up the announcement route for rush tickets for Weidner Center events, either for all retirees or as RA membership benefits

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