UW-Green Bay Retirees Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Attendance
Jim Wiersma (president), Mike Murphy, Marge Weidner, Mark Brunette, Chuck Rhyner, Lee Schwartz

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the January 11, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted. The chair thanked Ken Fleurant for taking and submitting the minutes.

Oral History Project
Robert Hornacek, Coordinator of Video, Audio, News and Media Relations was introduced. He presented an overview of the services under his supervision. After some discussion, the committee agreed that he should get in contact with Betty Baer to ascertain how his department might assist the Oral History Project.

Mark Brunette Updates
The UWGB RA Scholarship was discussed. The requirements for an applicant and the form for an application were passed around for the committee to review. It was agreed that Mark Brunette would make another effort to publicize the scholarship availability. The amount of the scholarship was increased from $690 to $700 by an anonymous committee member.

The UWGB RA office space will be on the 3rd floor of the ES building, but it will not be available until 2012. Tim Sewall has developed a plan which appears to be sufficient for our needs.

A golf outing for retirees in August was approved. The outing is an attempt to give retirees additional opportunities to socialize and show off their remaining skills. Mark Brunette and Jim Wiersma will work with Bill Lindmark (Golf Course Manager) to find a date and work out other details associated with a golf outing.

A spring walk was suggested by the chair as another outing for retirees. Gary Fewless, UWGB botanist, has agreed to lead the walk. The committee unanimously approved the idea. The chair agreed to work out the details with Gary Fewless and Mark Brunette. The suggest dates were May 11 or 12 to catch the trilliums in full bloom. Lee Schwartz suggested this would be a good time for 'birders' as well.

Ideas for increasing banquet attendance were explored and included:
• Offering rides for those who do not drive or need other assistance. Volunteers will need to be recruited and coordinated to accomplish this goal.
• Early announcement on list-serve to have people save the Oct. 18 date.
• Encouragement of nonattendees to participate by RA directors
• Have recent retirees encourage other recent retirees to attend.

Communication of Memorials and Death Notices of retirees was discussed. The discussion concluded that faculty memorials should be handled as they are currently, plus being posted on the RA web site.
Faculty memorials are usually written by a faculty or former faculty member and read at senate meetings. As such, they become part of the senate minutes. Both faculty and staff death notices should be announced on list-serve and linked to their obituary in newspapers or funeral home web pages.

Other
Marge Weidner suggested that the banquet attendance form include a section to solicit donations for the RA Scholarship.
Lee Schwartz suggested that when alumni are solicited by phone, the solicitor have available the name of the high school from which the alum graduated. This piece of information could be used by the solicitor to suggest that the alum fund or partially fund a scholarship for other students from his/her former high school.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Wiersma