UW-GREEN BAY RETIREE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Board of Directors meeting December 14, 2009

Present: Brown, Brunette, K. Fleurant, P. Fleurant, Hendricks, Mancoske, Murphy, O’Hearn; Paula Ganyard, director of Cofrin Library, guest.
Next meeting: Monday, January 11, 2010, 9-10:30 a.m., WH 318.

MINUTES
Minutes of the November meeting were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
(1) Service
Retiree Scholarship: Bob Pritchard will be invited to the January board meeting to discuss scholarship concerns and meet with committee members to develop criteria and procedures for the award. The goal is to announce the scholarship in February and award the scholarship in May 2010 for use in the fall semester of 2010-11. Once applications are received, Mark recommends that we follow the practice of the Alumni Association: review of the applications by the committee and interviews of the top candidates by the RA board. The decision of the winner should be made by the RA board in consultation with the University’s office of Financial Aid.

(2) Program
Annual Dinner Meeting: The next dinner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010. The board approved the dinner committee’s suggestion that Bob and Lena Wenger present a program about their experiences in China over the years and that food and decorations follow a Chinese theme. Ken will invite the Wengers to speak.

Paula and other board members spoke of the need for other social events during the year that would bring retirees together. The suggestion of a spring get-together, possibly at the Lambeau cottage, was greeted with enthusiasm. It will be explored by the committee along with other suggestions from members.

(3) Membership
UWGB Library Privileges: Paula Ganyard, Cofrin Library director, explained the library privileges already in effect for residents of Brown County. Eligible individuals may apply at the UWGB Information Center in the Union for a community library card which entitles them to check out up to 10 items at a time for up to 28 days. The card is renewable annually as long as it is used. After a year of inactivity it is deleted from the system.

We were reminded that faculty and staff with emeritus status hold continuing library privileges upon retirement. They include long-term loans and borrowing of library materials from other campuses in the UW system. If future retirees without emeritus status express the need for expansion of library privileges beyond those of the “community” card, Ms. Ganyard and her staff will explore
the options (and possible costs) of additional service.

(4) Communication
Bob Skorczewski has made a one-year commitment to manage the RA web site and will handle necessary updating of information, including addition of the video presented at the 2009 dinner meeting.

CONTINUING ISSUES
(1) Sponsorship of RA
By-laws that refer to sponsorship by Outreach (in Articles III and V) will be updated to reflect the change to sponsorship by the Office of Advancement (although the RA account will remain with Outreach until the end of the current fiscal year). By-law changes will be brought to the membership for approval at the annual meeting in October 2010.
Necessary changes will also be made on the web site and in the one-page summary about the RA distributed by Human Resources.

(2) Renovation of Wood Hall
We were reminded of the need “to maintain some physical space” on the campus for RA activities when Wood Hall is reconfigured for other uses. WH 318 will not be available (or in existence) after renovations begin at the end of 2010.

Betty Brown, Secretary