

RETIREE ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES
November 14, 2017
9:30 a.m., MAC Hall 301

Attendance: Pat Przybelski, Chris Sampson, Dan Spielmann, Frank Madzarevic, Kathy Pletcher, David Kieper, Curt Heuer, Carol Emmons, Judi Pietsch
Guest: Roger Vanderperren

Introduction of new members

Attending their first meeting after election to the Retiree Association Board of Directors were Dave Kieper, Carol Emmons, Curt Heuer and Kathy Pletcher.

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the September 12 meeting were approved without change. Because the minutes of the October 4 annual meeting were not completed in time for advance distribution, they will be held for the Board's next meeting.

Monthly update from University liaison

Jacob Depas, development officer with University Advancement, was unable to attend. In his place, soon-to-be-outgoing Retiree President Pat Przybelski offered her own brief overview of UWGB news of interest, including UW System approval of the "merger" involving UWGB and two-year campuses in Marinette, Manitowoc and Sheboygan; the start of construction on a new outdoor soccer/softball complex; and the hiring of a new AD for Athletics.

Election of officers

With Pat announcing she wished to step down from her tenure as President and her last year on the Board. Dan Spielmann accepted nomination (by Frank Madzarevic, seconded by Chris Sampson) as a candidate for new UWGB Retiree Association President. Election was unanimous. Pat accepted election as Vice President. Chris was elected to continue as Secretary, and Frank to continue as Treasurer.

Recap of 2017 Retiree Banquet; setting a date for 2018

Pat shared numbers from the recent October annual meeting and banquet: 59 attendees, which at the slightly increased ticket price of \$24 per person managed to finish in the black by \$160. (This made it a financial success as the event is primarily social/business in nature and is not intended to be a fundraiser for the Association or scholarships.) Pat and other Board members shared that attendee reviews of the event were positive, especially the fine meal prepared by Chartwells. Pat put a tentative hold on Thursday, October 4, for our fall 2018 banquet as Wednesday--October 3 was already taken. Discussion followed whether it might be advisable to move the date forward into September so as to miss fewer retirees who leave Green Bay early to spend the warmer months down south. Discussion boiled down to two possible dates, Wednesday, Sept. 26, or Thursday, Sept. 27. Pat will check on the availability of these dates.

Setting a standing time for Board's monthly meetings

It was agreed that for 2018 the Retiree Association Board would seek to hold most meetings on the third (3rd) Tuesday morning of the month at 9:30 a.m. The January meeting will be the one exception to be held January 9. Meeting locations will continue in MAC Hall 301 during the winter and the Lambeau Cottage during the warmer months.

Timetable for updating brochure

Pat and Chris shared an update on plans to revamp the Retiree Association's printed brochure and general promotional information about the Association, its mission, and benefits for members. Several changes are necessary to the version of the brochure that UWGB HR had been distributing to new retirees. Chris promised he would work with project volunteer Ginny Dell to bring their draft copy of a new brochure to the January Board meeting.

New business: Bylaws archives, Sherrell passing, free parking for retirees

A) Pat referred to her efforts during her time as President to locate and properly file both historic and current documents important to the Association; the latest success came with obtaining copies of the earliest bylaws from Ginny Dell and Ken Fleurant, who had kept their copies from the late 2000s.

B) The passing of former theatre faculty member and Secretary of the Faculty Richard Sherrell was noted.

C) Pat reminded (and informed newcomers) of the UWGB parking policy which offers free parking to retirees who sign up either at the Public Safety Office or online at the Public Safety website and the visitor-parking-request page.

Planning for 2017-18 Retiree Outings

Chris took the lead in coordinating last year's successful Theatre Night outing for the Association and retirees. He said he would be glad to coordinate a social event or two for spring 2018, in which retirees would try to get a group together to attend student sports or arts events on campus. There was Board consensus when it was suggested we might try for two events this spring: a basketball game date TBD and likely a Music program concert--either the January Jazz Fest or, more likely, a major choral concert in later spring. Chris said he would investigate both options and present at the January meeting. Discussion followed, including a preference for seeking discounted tickets to make events more attractive and promotable to retirees, while acknowledging that most UWGB departments need the added revenue that ticket sales provide. We'll need to strike a balance, and not every Retiree outing will hinge on the availability of discount tickets, refreshments, etc.

Resolution of Appreciation for Outgoing President

It was unanimously moved, seconded and approved by her fellow Board members that a resolution of appreciation be entered into the record "for the devoted work, numerous achievements, and outstanding leadership" of President Pat Przybelski during her many years serving on the Board and as President.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is set for January 9 in MAC 301 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Sampson, Recording Secretary