RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

JULY 14, 2015

9:30 A.M, LAMBEAU COTTAGE

Attendance: Jim Wiersma (president), Randy Christopherson, Ginny Dell, Tracy Heaser, Michael Kraft, Frank Madzarevic, Pat Przybelski, Jane Rank, Chuck Rhyner, Lee Schwartz, Ron Starkey Roger Vanderperren

Minutes of the May 12, 2015, meeting were approved without change. No minutes for the June 9 meeting as there was not a quorum.

Discussion of University’s 50th Anniversary

June’s meeting did not have a quorum, but the Board discussed the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration ideas. July’s meeting continued the discussion:

- Who is the audience for storylines for media releases? Take these ideas to Marketing and Communication with various ways to include them in the Anniversary celebration.

- Jane is reviewing the first ten years of the University’s workshops and conferences on such issues as the environment and on the amount of research that faculty and staff did to benefit the community as a whole. Some seeds planted were: the first energy conference with assistance by WPS; climate control; solar energy; and the animal digester. The University was radical…but right on.

Tracy Updates

Retirees are invited to the various alumni events:

[July 17, 7:05 PM  Madison Mallards Baseball Game](http://blog.uwgb.edu/alumni/event/madison-mallards-baseball-game/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[July 24, 6-8:00 PM  Phoenix Friday on the Fox with Big Mouth](http://blog.uwgb.edu/alumni/event/phoenix-friday-on-the-fox-with-big-mouth/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[August 7, 7:05 PM  UW-Green Bay Day with the Bullfrogs](http://blog.uwgb.edu/alumni/event/uw-green-bay-day-with-the-bullfrogs/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[August 23, 11-3:00 PM  UW-Green Bay Alumni Family Day](http://blog.uwgb.edu/alumni/event/uwgb-alumni-family-day/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

[September 2, 4:00 PM  UW-Green Bay 50th Anniversary Campus Kick-Off](http://50.uwgb.edu/event/kickoff-reception/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) at Phoenix Park

September 2, 5:00 PM A special UW-Green Bay night called “Turn the Market Green” at the downtown Farmers Market on Broadway. There will be music and a sampling of a commemorative Phoenix Brew.

[October 16-17  Alumni Days](http://blog.uwgb.edu/alumni/event/alumni-days/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

The Packers now are hosting their welcome back luncheon on the same day as our 50th Anniversary kick off on September 2. The University is committed to the date, but the format will be changed slightly. There will now be a breakfast at 8:30 am and then a1970 class reunion lunch at Shorewood. One of the first graduates will be attending, as well as a soccer player. This luncheon is open to all graduates from the 1970s and to all retirees.

There are 24 approved retirement packages. Individuals will retire at different times from June through December 2015.

The University received a $50,000 donation for the 50th Anniversary.

We have a renewed education partnership for one year with the Green Bay Packers to use their logo. We are currently the Packer’s only partner. They gave the University $250,000 for scholarships.

Retiree Golf Outing

Date is set for August 13. It is now the same day volunteers will work at the PGA tournament at Whistling Straights. We are hoping we don’t lose too many golfers to this event. Our outing was published in the LOG and the retiree listserv. Tracy was asked to send the golf event details to the alumni listserv. We discussed raffle prizes received to date for the event. We also liked the idea of having a container of various bottles of liquor/beer as a raffle. The price for a ticket has yet to be determined. Board members are asked to donate any unopened liquor bottle(s) that have been collecting dust at their home and bring them to the next August 11 Board meeting. We will have the putting contest again this year.

Annual Retiree Dinner

The date is set for October 1. Chancellor Miller will be our guest speaker. Jim and Ruth Wiersma and Pat are co-chairs for the event.

We will include our new Retiree Association brochure with our invitation to the dinner. Tracy was asked to bring to our next Board meeting a list of the all the retirees from October 2014 to the present. We will send a special invitation to these retirees to “be our guest” at the dinner.

Board Positions for Next Term

There will be three vacancies on the Board: Michael Kraft, Vice-President; Roger Vanderperren, at-large; and Ginny Dell, Communications Standing Committee. Several recent retirees indicated a wish to stay connected to the University. We need to get them involved with the Board and our various committees. It was suggested that those members retiring from the Board to try to find someone to replace them.

New Business

We discussed the By-Laws. If we wish to change them, they have to be ready for our October 1 dinner meeting. We discussed electing members to the Retiree Board and then internally selecting individuals to fill the positions. We would have to get this ready for a vote. We will continue discussing this at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m., August 11, 2015, at Lambeau Cottage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Przybelski, Secretary