

UW-GREEN BAY RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

17th Annual Dinner Meeting, October 5, 2016

After an enjoyable social hour with friends and former colleagues, President Jim Wiersma welcomed everyone and thanked those who made the evening possible, including the dinner committee consisting of Pat and Reb Przybelski and Jessica Hopp, our liaison in Advancement office. Jim introduced our guest speaker John Katers, Dean of the College of Science and Technology and our two scholarship recipients Harrison Pham and Shawna Anderson. He then read the names of retirees that have passed away since last year and asked for a moment of silence.

After an excellent meal, President Jim Wiersma called the meeting to order. Jim gave an annual update of Board activities during the year: the 6th Spring Arboretum was cancelled due to rain, the 6th annual golf outing, a continuation of the golf course beautification project, ID card benefits for retirees, and the revisions to the Bylaws. Jim thanked Ron Starkey for putting together the 50th anniversary celebration slide tape show viewed during our social hour. Jim also thanked the current Board of Directors for their hard work during the year.

President Wiersma invited Frank Madzarevic, Treasurer, to give the Board of Director's financial report. Frank said that the Board distributed a letter in June to retirees to reach out to them to help with our efforts to reach our endowed scholarship goal of \$25,000. We received donations from 34 individuals for a total of \$2,495. We have now reached our goal, allowing us to award a \$1000 scholarship annually beginning the 2016-17 academic year.

President Wiersma introduced Jane Rank, chair of the Oral History Project, who gave a brief update on the progress of the Project.

President Jim Wiersma next discussed Bylaw revisions. The Board of Directors updated the Bylaws and the revisions were put on the Retiree Association Website at www.uwgb.edu/retiree and sent via email to all retirees to review prior to our Annual Banquet. Jim presented all the Bylaw revisions. One of the main revisions is that the Board of Directors will now consist of nine or more members of the Retiree Association who will then internally elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer from among their members. After Jim presented the Bylaw revisions, a motion was made and seconded to unanimously adopt the new Bylaws.

The slate of Board of Director members for the 2016-17 year was presented by President Wiersma. Retiring members are Jim Wiersma, Pat Przybelski, and Randy Christopherson. Continuing members will be Mike Kraft, Frank Madzarevic, Roger Vanderperren, Ginny Dell, and Ron Starkey. Three new members have agreed to serve on the Board: Judi Pietsch, Dan Spielman, and Chris Sampson. With only a total of eight members, President Wiersma called for nominations from the floor for an additional retiree willing to join the Board so the membership would equal the nine members approved by the updated Bylaws. No one came forward. Pat Przybelski then raised her hand and agreed to continue on the Board for a fourth term. A motion was made and seconded to unanimously accept the slate of nine members that will now consist of the Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 year.

President Wiersma then introduced our special guest speaker, Professor John Katers. His presentation was titled "UW-Green Bay: The Impact of Science and Technology."

The evening festivities ended at 8:15 p.m.

Pat Przybelski, Recording Secretary