

## RETIREE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR MINUTES

June 18, 2019

9:30 a.m., Lambeau Cottage

**Attendance:** Dan Spielmann, Pat Przybelski, Chris Sampson, Carol Emmons, Curt Heuer

**Absent:** Frank Madzarevic, Judi Pietsch, David Kieper, Kathy Pletcher

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

The April 16 minutes were retroactively corrected to archive on the web and the May minutes were approved with one minor correction; Carol moved, Pat seconded, all ayes.

### **Monthly update on University news**

In the absence of Jacob Depas of University Advancement, unable to attend, Dan briefly reviewed recent major developments for the University.

- Michael Alexander is the newly hired provost; he was previously head of the school of music at Northern Colorado
- Matt Dornbush, recently named dean of the Cofrin School of Business, has started his new duties
- As of this writing the new STEM Center, to be home to Engineering, Extension and community programs including the Einstein Project, is on track to open for this September

### **Report on Retiree Association scholarship endowment**

The Advancement Office will now send out endowments report on a more regular basis. Dan shared the 2018 calendar year summary of the Retiree Association student scholarship fund:

- On Dec. 31, 2018, the market value was \$35,741
- \$1,438 was awarded to scholarship support during the year
- \$5,962 was contributed to the fund by donors during the year
- The new contributions offset an overall market loss and the payout(s), so that the fund total finished about 8.5% higher than close of 2017.

### **Revision to bylaws approved for vote at annual meeting**

President Spielmann reviewed the proposed change to the bylaws. The proposal would allow for additional members (beyond the current 9) if there is sufficient interest. The new language would change the size of the Board from the current set number of 9 to a range between 7 and 11 members. It also now incorporates the Board's consensus that if appointments are necessary between annual meetings, they are made with majority approval of the Board of Directors (and not solely the responsibility of the president). Curt moved approval, and Pat seconded, and there were all ayes to forward the proposal to final approval by the membership at the 2019 annual meeting.

### **Featured speaker for fall 2019 retiree dinner**

It has been confirmed that Dan Moore, photographer and artist specializing in landscapes of America's national parks, will be the featured presenter at the annual Retiree Association Dinner in fall.

**Final arrangements for Retiree golf outing**

Pat shared an update on plans for the Retiree Association Benefit Golf Outing set for Thursday, Aug. 15, at Shorewood Golf Course. The menu dinner will be a pulled pork/chicken picnic at \$8.96 cost; the fee to participants will remain the same.

**Book store discount? Retiree email access?**

That 10% merchandise discount at the Phoenix Bookstore that was long being advertised on the Retiree website and in the brochure? Dan investigated with the appropriate contacts. Dan said we'll need to cross that benefit off the printed brochures. It was also mentioned that the complimentary email service that used to be available to all retirees (.ret@uwgb.edu) and not just those granted emeritus status, has been discontinued.

**Next meeting (note later date)**

The next meeting of the UWGB Retiree Association Board of Directors will be Tuesday August 27, at 9:30 a.m. in a location TBD.

Pat moved to adjourn, Carol seconded, and the meeting concluded at about 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted  
Chris Sampson, recording secretary