

MINUTES OF THE RETIREE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER
September 25, 2019
Phoenix Rooms, University Union

Report by the Retiree Association President

After an enjoyable social hour with friends and former colleagues, President Dan Spielmann welcomed 67 retirees to the annual dinner.

Dan thanked the current board members for their hard work during the year: Carol Emmons, Curt Heuer, Dave Kieper, Frank Madzarevic, Kathy Pletcher, Judi Pietsch, Pat Przybelski, and Chris Sampson. Jacob Depas, our liaison from the Advancement Office and photographer for the evening, was also introduced.

Dan next introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Dan Moore, and our scholarship recipient Ben Gilles.

Dan then asked for a moment of silence to remember our friends who have passed away since our last dinner: Jean Fiedler, Richard Presnell, Pam Bramschrieber, Patricia Ragan and Chuck Wiseman

After an enjoyable meal, Dan introduced Ben Gilles again, our \$1300 scholarship recipient for the 2019-20 academic. Ben is a Biology major with a chemistry minor and he is pursuing becoming a dentist. He is also on the men's golf team. Ben thanked the Retiree Association for the scholarship award.

Board's Highlights for 2018-19

Arboretum Walk: Retirees enjoyed the 9th annual Cofrin Memorial Arboretum walk held May 21, 2019. Bobbie Webster, natural areas ecologist for the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity, led the group of 14, which began at Lambeau Cottage.

Beautification project: Again this year in May, several Association members planted flowers around the Shorewood Golf Course

Golf Outing: The 9th annual Retirees Golf Outing was held August 15, 2019, at Shorewood Golf Course. It was a fun day for 35 attendees, followed by a buffet lunch at the clubhouse.

Social Events/Activities organized by the Retiree Association.

** "Behind the Scenes at the Lawton Gallery" talk and tour on Wednesday, October 24, 2019

** A group outing on November 16, 2018, to support the Music, Theatre and Dance programs and enjoy the University's production of "Nunsense: The Mega-Musical," in the University Theatre. A small reception followed.

** "Krash the Kress," the second annual mid-winter basketball outing, was held Saturday night, February 1, 2019. Retirees and guests got a tailgate meal, beverages, music, a Phoenix t-shirt, tickets to the big game, and a chance to support the home team along with alumni, community and current students for a low price of \$20.

** A \$5 ticket discount to attend the professional production of the Broadway play "Lombardi" during any March 5-10, 2019 performance. This production was produced by the Weidner Center to help the community celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Green Bay Packers franchise.

In other news, Dan indicated retirees will no longer be getting the 10% discount at the Phoenix Bookstore due to new management by Follett. Retirees were invited to sign up to be notified for periodic discounts and will receive emails on discounts that can be used in-store or on line for dates listed.

Financial Report

Frank Madzarevic, Treasurer, gave the Board of Director's financial report. Profits this year were \$772 from the golf outing and \$1364 from our annual dinner, thanks to additional donations received. Our balances to date are: Endowed Scholarship \$38,763; S&E \$5,616; and Oral History \$778. The 2021-22 scholarship award will be \$1400 next year.

Oral History Project Update

Jane Rank, chair of the Oral History Project, gave a brief update on the progress of the Project, which continues to do interviews, making them searchable and internet accessible.

Approval of Bylaw Revisions with Respect to Size of Retiree Board and Appointment/Elections

President Spielmann introduced the resolution as recommended by unanimous vote of the current Board of Directors, and he explained the rationale by pointing to increased flexibility and effectiveness. A vote of those present at the annual meeting is required to finalize the bylaws change. Kathy Pletcher moved, and Jan Pum seconded, that the Retiree Association adopt the following language:

Section 1. Board Members and Duties

A. The Board of Directors shall consist of ~~nine~~ **between seven and eleven** members of the Retiree Association. The members shall have two-year terms with vacancies ~~appointed~~ **elected** at the Annual Meeting. **In the event vacancies occur prior to the annual meeting, the Board may, by majority vote, fill such vacancies for the unexpired term.** All UW-Green Bay retirees are eligible for appointment to the Board. Successive terms are permissible. The Director of the Office of University Advancement or his/her designee shall be a non-voting adviser to the Board.

B. The Board members will annually elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from among their members. **The Board members will elect a replacement, as needed, in the event a vacancy occurs in one of these positions.** Board members shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws.

C. Duties of the Board Members: The President shall be the chief officer of the Retiree Association, fulfilling all normal duties of that office including, but not limited to, presiding at all meetings of the Board of Directors, affixing an official signature to the Association documents, appointing the chairs or co-chairs of the committees, and representing the Association in an official capacity. ~~Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the President in consultation with the Board.~~

The proposal passed with all "ayes."

Election of New Board Members

Four current Board members continue for one more year: Pat Przybelski, Judi Pietsch, Chris Sampson and Dan Spielmann. Four of the five members of the Board who otherwise would have completed their terms agreed to accept nominations for re-election: Carol Emmons, Curt Heuer, Frank Madzarevic and Kathy Pletcher. Other nominations to the Board were Ken Fleurant and Barb McClure Lukens. With no other nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded to approve the 10 members to the Board of Directors. The slate was approved unanimously

Featured speaker for fall 2019 retiree dinner

Our speaker for the evening was Daniel Moore, the UW-Green Bay Videographer and Photographer. In addition to his work for the University, Dan is an award-winning nature photographer focusing on images of our National Parks. Dan presented a selection of his photographs and shared his thoughts about visiting the National Parks. Dan's website can be found at <http://www.NationalParksArtist.com>.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Przybelski, Secretary pro tempore