

RETIREE ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024

10 a.m., MAC Hall Vista Room

Attendance: President Dan Spielmann, Vice President Pat Przybelski, Treasurer Frank Madzarevic, Recording Secretary Chris Sampson, directors Kevin Fermanich, Jeanellyn Schwarzenbach, John Stoll, Christine Style

Excused: Ken Fleurant, Craig Lockard

Guests: Brian Rammer of Advancement and Alumni Relations

Approval of minutes

Style/Przybelski moved and seconded to approve minutes of the previous month's (September) meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

Update on University news

Rammer shared the latest on major University developments. Total enrollment is approaching yet another milestone: 11,000 students... The University is now using AI, with a Student Services "bot" that quickly and (so far) accurately answers simple inquiries; it's getting good use... Kent Bond has joined the University as CFO and assistant chancellor for finance after working previously for Wells Fargo... Plans for the Phoenix Innovation Park continue to move forward... there could be some sort of groundbreaking ceremony for the planned Cofrin Technology and Education Center (the new library) as early as April of 2025.

Election of officers for the Retiree Association board of directors: Style moved and Schwarzenbach seconded a motion that the current slate of officers be re-elected for new one-year terms. All ayes. The officers for 2025 will continue to be Spielmann, president; Przybelski, vice president; Madzarevic, treasurer; and Sampson, recording secretary.

Making a Retiree Association gift to the Annual Student Art Show awards program: Style moved and Fermanich seconded a motion to this year commit \$250 from the retiree general fund to add a "Retiree-Association-sponsored cash award" to the recognition awards at the upcoming Juried Student Show opening Nov. 14. It was noted during discussion that there's a natural connection, in that the Association and many of its members have broadly supported UWGB visual and performing arts over the years, and that retired visual arts faculty and staff have been very active with the Association. All ayes. Motion passed.

Planning Retiree Association outings and special events for '24-'25:

- There was support for offering a late-fall tour of restored habitat areas along the lower bay, including remarks by Emily Tyner, UWGB's director of freshwater strategy. Such a program might start with a lunch lecture at a nearby restaurant before carpooling to the restored Ken Evers wildlife area. Fermanich volunteered to investigate.
- Spielmann reported that a Retiree Association night at the Green Bay Film Society looks a likely bet for Spring 2025. Sampson moved and Stoll seconded that the Association allocate up to \$300 from its reserve fund to host a free reception in conjunction with the event. The expert host for the evening is likely to be a retired UWGB faculty member. All ayes. Motion passed.

- Library Archives Tour – Spielmann will talk with Deb Anderson of the library archives staff about offering a history-related tour, probably timed to coincide with April '25 groundbreaking on the new library.
- A basketball game reception is a longstanding Retiree Association event; there was consensus that Spielmann should again investigate with Phoenix Athletics, most likely a women's game at the Kress, again most likely a weekend daytime game with the reception on the Kress concourse level starting an hour or so before tipoff.
- Likewise, the annual spring guided Arboretum Walk will again be offered. May is the target date; details TBA.

Adjournment: Madzarevic moved and Style seconded to adjourn. All ayes, at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sampson, Recording secretary.