

RETIREE ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
9:30 a.m., Mac Hall Vista Room

Attendance: Dan Spielman (President), Kevin Fermanich, Ken Fleurant, Pat Przybelski, Chris Sampson, Jeanellyn Schwarenbach, John Stoll (via video)

Guest: Brian Rammer of University Advancement

Approval of minutes

Minutes from July 22, 2025, were approved.

University News

Rammer highlighted the following:

- Chancellor Alexander's Open Letter to the Community. The Chancellor shared with media outlets across the state and with our alumni and advisory boards the great urgency we all must have to create change that will meet the needs of modern students and our growing region in Northeast Wisconsin. Discussion of his ideas has been on-going through various listening sessions and meetings.
- UW-Green Bay has been designated as an Age-Friendly University. This is a recognition that reflects our deep commitment to lifelong learning and inclusive, accessible education for people of all ages. A celebration will be held November 4 from 8:30-10:30 at the Weidner. We will hear from university leadership as well as representatives from Wisconsin AARP and Bureau of Aging. The event is free.
- A Scholarship Reception will be held November 12 from 12:00 – 1:30 at the STEM Center. Invitations to donors and students have been sent out.
- The Chancellor's Open House is set for December 2.
- Fall Enrollment. The final student count will be made in two weeks. We are getting close to the projected 11,500 students.

Recent and Possible Retiree Association Outings

- Dan attended the Wellness/Benefits Fair held October 13 and staffed a Retiree Association table. Several people stopped by to inquire about the Association.
- A Library Archives tour, led by Deb Anderson, will be held October 27 at 1:30 in room 705.
- The Green Bay Film Society has invited us to another showing at the Neville Public Museum. The movie is at 7:00 p.m. on November 5 and titled "Marriage Italian Style." The Green Bay Italian Club has invited retirees to join them for dinner at 4:45 pm at Gallagher's Pizza on Webster Avenue prior to the movie.

- We will again host a reception for the Women's basketball game during the month of February—date to be determined.
- We will set up a spring arboretum walk again next year.
- Chris will check into discounted tickets for the Weidner, possibly the symphony orchestra.

Board Leadership

There was a call for nominees for the positions on the Board. With no waving of the hands, Dan agreed to continue as President for one more year (2025-26). Others that agreed to continue in their current rolls for another year are Pat Przybelski (Vice-President), Chris Sampson (Secretary) and Frank Madzeravic (Treasurer).

Sampson/Schwarzenbach moved and seconded to approve the slate of the Board of Directors for 2025-26. Motion passed.

Other Business

Ken was having some issues with the Retiree listserv in regard to the self-subscribe message at the end of emails sent to retirees@groups.uwgb.edu. We will also now add a link to the Retiree Association web page to subscribe to the listserv. Ken suggested they take off his name/email when subscribing and add the retirees@uwgb.edu email. Brian reads this email on a daily basis and can forward to Ken any new subscribers to the listserv.

Next board meeting

The next meeting is tentatively set for a date in mid-December. Dan will send out a date that is available for all members.

Secretary Tempore

Pat Przybelski