

MINUTES OF THE
RETIREE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL COOKOUT/PICNIC & MEETING
July 22, 2025, WEIDNER CENTER
4:30 social hour, 5:30 dinner

Report by the Retiree Association President Dan Spielmann

After an enjoyable social hour with friends and colleagues, Dan welcomed 53 attendees to the annual indoor picnic dinner. Dan thanked all Board members and asked them to stand. He shared the following information as part of his summary of the Association's 2024-2025 academic year.

Events

- The Student Art Show reception was held November 14, 2024, in the Lawton Gallery to display student artwork for the fall semester. The Retiree Association donated \$250 for a student award.
- On November 22, 2024, Professor Kevin Fermanich sponsored a discussion on the NEER program (National Estuarine Research Reserve) followed by a lower bay field trip. About 16 people attended the luncheon and lecture/discussion held at the Bay Family Restaurant and then after a walk at the Ken Evers wildlife area.
- About two dozen retirees attended a February 22, 2025, pregame reception prior to the Green Bay Milwaukee women's basketball game.
- The spring arboretum walk was held May 13, 2025, led by Andrew LaPlant of the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity. The walk drew 11 native lovers.
- The Retiree Association sponsored an April 2, 2025, evening with the Green Bay Film Society at the Neville Museum to watch an excellent movie titled "Stay With Us." Professor Carol Emmons led a lively Q&A afterward. More than 25 people attended.

In Memoriam Names

Dan asked for a moment of silence to remember our colleagues and friends who have passed away since our last July 2024 dinner: Cathy Baumgart, Linda Curl Huibregse, Norbert Gaworek, Michael Ingraham, Woo Jeon, William Kuepper, Geri Pirman, Bob Pritchard, Jeanette Skwor, Larry Smith, and Marueen Vanessen.

Scholarship Endowment Fund

For the 2024-2025 academic year, two students each received \$1,650 from the Retiree Association Scholarship Fund. As of June 30, 2025, we have \$138,644 in this Fund. We received \$23,352.62 in scholarship donations since July 2024, which includes a second generous gift of \$10,000 received March 2025 from Helen Schwartz.

Evening Speakers

After dinner. Dan next introduced Laura Jarosz, Manager of donor relations and scholarships, who spoke briefly to the retirees on planned giving and the impact on supporting scholarships and programs here at UW-Green Bay.

Dan then introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Kayla Karius, a former Phoenix basketball player and now the fourth head coach of Phoenix Women's Basketball. Kayla discussed her coaching style and what she expects from the team. She spoke about the 3 C's: Culture (the "Green Bay way", our emphasis on academics), Community (greatest fans, #1 in the Horizon League in attendance for 25th straight years), and Challenges (the new college athletics model of transfer portal and NIL, how it has changed recruiting). Everyone truly enjoyed her presentation. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Kayla's presentation, wishing her the best in the upcoming season.

Election of Board of Directors

The next order of business was the election of the Board of Directors.

Continuing on the Board for their second year of a 2-year term (2024-2026) are Ken Fleurant, Frank Madzarevic, John Stoll, Kevin Fermanich and Jeanellyn Schwarzenbach.

Four members who have 2-year terms expiring (2023-2025) are Craig Lockard, Pat Przybelski, Chris Sampson and Dan Spielmann. They have agreed to continue on the Board for another 2-year term (2025-2027).

Dan asked for other nominations from the floor. Having none, it was moved and seconded to approve the 4 members to the Board for the 2-year term (2025-2027).

The evening festivities ended at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Przybelski