

RETIREE ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

9:30 a.m., Mac Hall Vista Room

Attendance: Dan Spielman (President), Craig Lockard, Kevin Fermanich, Pat Przybelski

Guest: Brian Rammer of University Advancement

We did not have a quorum, so the Board discussed items on the agenda:

- Minutes of the May 20 Board meeting and July 22 Retiree Picnic to be approved at our next Board meeting.
- Retiree Picnic July 22. We had an attendance of 54 retirees. There was an issue with the bar setup, so Chartwells did not charge us for the bartender, and credited us an additional \$50. Cost \$823. Receipts \$965, with additional donations made.
- Wequiock Walk July 29 lead by Andrew LaPlant. 5 people braved 82 degree temps and a few misquotes to take a nature walk at the Wequiock Creek Nature Area.
- Retiree Financials. We have \$146,250 in Scholarship funds. We will distribute \$8000 this year in student scholarships. We have \$5641 in S&E funds.
- Library Archives Tour October 27. Deb Anderson will lead a tour at 1:30. The tour will be limited to 25 people.
- Green Bay Film Society Event. Several films will be shown in fall 2025 and the Board suggested the November 5 date to hold a reception and watch the film "Marriage Italian Style."
- UWGB Benefits/Wellness Fair is October 13. Brian and Dan said they would attend and have a table set up to represent the Retiree Association at the event.
- Other Possible Events: We will again hold a basketball reception during one of the women's games.
- Board Leadership: Elections will take place at our next meeting to be held sometime in October.

Update on University news: Brian highlighted the following:

1. Enrollment slated to top last year – won't have numbers until later this month.
 - a. Edsights Chat Bot has been used for the past year. Invested in technology to help answer students' questions 24/7 and are referred to appropriate faculty or staff as needed.
 - b. Rising Phoenix Program – Manitowoc highest participation since the merger between UW-Manitowoc and UW-Green Bay.

- c. New programs: BA in Criminal Justice; BA in Media Arts Production; BS in Software Engineering; MS in Supply Chain Management; Certificates in both English to Spanish Translation and Fundraising Management.
- 2. Cofrin Technology & Education Center (CTEC) – Construction continues. Land was prepped, foundation set, and walls starting to take shape. Completion is slated for early Spring 2027.
- 3. To commemorate our 60th Anniversary in 2025, a commemorative T-shirt is available for purchase for \$25 in the Phoenix Store. All proceeds go to Alumni Scholarships. . (Abbey Kleinert's Design 431-Studio 3 class designed the t-shirt)
- 4. The 2025 Phlash Dash 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, October 5th at 9:00am. The 5K course will run through campus using paved sidewalks & pathways. Registration is open now. Early bird registration through Thursday, Sept. 25th is \$15 for UWGB students and children under 18 and \$20 for adults. Registration fees are \$20 for UWGB students and children and \$25 for adults after and on day of the event. We have Phlash Dash 5K knit beanie pom hats for all who register by Sept. 25.

Secretary Tempore,

Pat Przybelski