

APPROVED March 10, 2015

**UW-Madison Retirement Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of February 10, 2015
UW Credit Union, 3500 University Avenue, Community Room**

Board Members Present (11):

Darrell Barth	John Helgeson	Al Liegel
Dale Burke	Diane Kravetz	Bill Richner
Phil Certain	Cherie Krenke	Hal Winsborough
Rick Daluge	Debbie Lauder	

Absent (3): Bob Dye, Barbara Erlenborn, Jan Richardson

Staff Present: Millard Susman, Ann Wallace

Guests: Sharon Vinson

The minutes of the January 15, 2015, meeting were accepted as submitted.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report—A motion to file the January report was approved. A draft budget will be available at the March meeting.

Executive Director's Report—Executive Director Ann Wallace reported that February electronic *Sifters* were sent January 21; hard copies were received January 31. She thanked those who agreed to write notes on letters to emeriti encouraging the recipients to join UWRA. Total mailing will be 1,248, with 306 having personal notes.

Sifter Editor's Report—Sharon Vinson reported that the February *Sifters* were out by the end of January. There are a plethora of articles for the March issue.

Committee reports—Written reports were distributed for the Travel Committee, Communications Committee and Membership Committee. In the Travel Committee report, the farms trip may be June or July. Trip plans presented are tentative plans, and details will be in *The Sifter* when appropriate. The Communications Committee reported on the results of the survey about UWRA offerings. **Debbie Lauder introduced a motion from the Membership Committee for a membership recruiting program. The Board approved a membership recruiting initiative effective until December 31, 2015. During the initiative any current UWRA members who recruit a new UWRA member will have their membership extended for one year without charge.**

Old Business:

- 1. Bylaws to go to annual meeting—The board voted to recommend changes in the Bylaws that the membership will consider at the May 6 annual meeting (see attachment). The changes are in Articles 4.3, 4.4, 4.8, 5.2, 5.3, 6 and 8.1. The primary change is to specify that officers and directors begin their terms at the end of the annual meeting at which they are elected. The changes also clean up language pertaining to the Nominating Committee and standing committees.**

Report on Wisconsin Science Festival—Dale Burke reported that the science festival gets bigger every year, and he and other UWRA members enjoyed volunteering and working with students from around the state.

2. Office 365 volunteers—John Helgeson requested volunteers from the board and the Electronic Technology Committee to participate in the migration to Office 365. The experience of the volunteers will help UWRA and DoIT to gauge how difficult it will be for retired staff to migrate to the new system and to identify issues that need to be addressed. An article on this topic for *The Sifter* might be submitted after running it by DoIT.
- 3. Approval of revisions to Current Operating Procedures—Subsequent to the January 13, 2015, meeting, Millard Susman initiated email consideration by the board of changes to the Current Operating Procedures, which received sufficient votes for approval by email (see attachment). The board approved a motion confirming approval of the changes.**

New Business:

1. Should the board take an active role in recruiting committee members? Judy Craig raised this issue because it can be difficult for chairs to transition out of that role. If the committee presents programs, the expertise for identifying good new candidates is at the committee level. Other committees, such as Membership, might benefit from board assistance. The board is available to assist if the need arises. Ann will send a note to the chairs on this matter.
2. Hal Winsborough asked about a possible session on current biennial budget issues relating to the UW System and UW-Madison, including budget cuts and the public authority proposal. After an extended discussion, it was agreed that the Luncheon Committee might be a likely organizer of a program in the fall where Chancellor Blank might speak to budget issues. Phil Certain indicated that he would be willing to ask Chancellor Blank if she would speak at such an event.

Next meeting—March 10, 2015, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Richner, Secretary