

APPROVED June 7, 2016

**UW-Madison Retirement Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of April 12, 2016
UW Credit Union, 3500 University Avenue, Community Room**

Board Members Present (9):

Pat Carol	Cherie Krenke	Gary Mitchell
Bob Dye	Al Liegel	Sarah Potts
John Helgeson	Cora Marrett	Bill Richner

Absent (5):

Darrell Barth	Barbara Erlenborn	Diane Kravetz
Phil Certain	Dorothy Klinefelter	

Staff Present: Millard Susman, Ann Wallace

Guests:

The minutes of the February 9, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report—Darrell Barth was not in attendance but provided financial statements through March. Bob Dye asked about the Dean of Students grant and why it could not be paid earlier in the year. Ann Wallace stated that it will be processed now for the current fiscal year and earlier in the next fiscal year. The school partnership grant requires a match before processing, and a notice is sent in the fall. The check will be processed when the match has been achieved.

The statements through March were approved as submitted, motion made by Gary Mitchel and seconded by John Helgeson.

President's Report—President Bob Dye announced the annual board reunion luncheon and meeting on June 7th. Also, he was contacted by a researcher from Michigan State University with a survey on educational retiree organizations. Ann completed the survey and requested a copy of the results.

Executive Director's Report—Executive Director Ann Wallace reported that 22 members of PLATO joined UWRA as associate members in January and February due to our new affiliation for travel programs. The thank you reception for committee members will be held May 25th at 4:30 pm. The Chancellor's reception for new retirees will be held Monday, June 13th, at 5 pm in DeJope

Residence Hall. Our membership number as of April 8, 2016, was 1,257. **The Membership Committee is recommending that we not renew the free year of dues for recruiting a new member. Twelve people have taken advantage of the offer to this point. John Helgeson moved, Al Liegel seconded, to accept the committee recommendation. Motion approved.**

Committee reports:

A report for the Communications Committee was attached to the agenda. A recommendation is covered under old business below.

Millard Susman reported for the Committee of Financial Matters in Retirement (CFMR) that the annual ETF/SWIB seminar is scheduled for April 19th and a seminar on identity theft is scheduled for May 17th.

Old Business:

The Communications Committee recommended to the board that *The Sifter* be posted on the UWRA web site one month after publication/distribution, i.e., once our web master Pat Noordsij receives a new issue of *The Sifter*, the prior month's issue can be posted on our web site. **The board approved the recommendation.**

New Business:

The Volunteering Committee is meeting soon to consider this year's award and whether or not there will be a recipient this year.

President-elect Gary Mitchell reported that he met with the Secretary of the University Staff, John Lease, and the Congress in March and discussed and shared the 2-page document on how to apply for emeritus status. Esther Olson of the Retirement Challenges Committee also has shared information with John to share further with university staff members. Communication with the secretary and Congress will continue.

Millard Susman reported that the photo contest has 6 winners instead of 3 due to a four-way tie in one category. This results in a \$45 cost for prints that is unbudgeted. **John moved and Cora Marrett seconded a motion to allocate \$45 to cover this cost.**

The annual meeting of Big Ten Retiree Associations will be held at the University of Nebraska in August. The budget includes funds for 2 people to attend. Gary Mitchell agreed to attend.

The board had an extended discussion about getting more recent retirees involved in committees. The role of the Chancellor's reception was discussed. CFMR has had success in recruiting through its seminar surveys. Each

committee is usually best suited to recruit for itself, but it works better for some committees than others. Members often find that taking the initiative to recruit personally works best. New members are listed in *The Sifter*. Identifying those who attend seminars can be helpful, and registration helps identify those individuals. Gary asked about a meeting of committee chairs. The chairs met with the board last in the fall of 2014. Bob and Gary will convene the chairs separately from a board meeting.

Future meetings—May 2 (annual meeting) and May 10 (if needed)

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Richner
Secretary