

**Ohio University Emeriti Association Board Meeting, July 23, 2020
(Conducted on Zoom)**

Present: Alan Boyd, President; Scott Moody, Vice President; Leslie Flemming, Treasurer; Allyn Reilly, Secretary; Scott Malcom, Membership Chair; Rosemary Rossiter, Benefits Chair; Anne Braxton, Historian; Richard Post, Website Chair; Richard Dean, Emeriti Park; John Howell, Nominating Committee.

Guests: Tom Franz; April Underhill (university liaison).

The meeting was called to order by outgoing President Alan Boyd at 10:07 AM.

The minutes from the previous meeting of February 20, 2020, were approved.

Finance Report (Leslie Flemming): There were two changes made to the OUCU account. First, the original account was initially set up as a personal account; it is now a business account. The second change is a \$2.00 monthly service fee. It was also reported that we pledged \$3000 last year and another \$3000 for the upcoming year to the Undergraduate Student Research Travel Award. Questions remain regarding the program and whether or not it will continue during the 2020-2021 academic year. We are working on the premise that it will continue, at least for now. Another issue is that a number of regular lunch attendees paid in advance for lunches, now amounting to \$51.00 per person in the general account. The question to the board is this—how should we deal with these funds? Following discussion, it was agreed that members who paid in full last year would be given an opportunity either to get a refund or apply the funds to future lunches. This will be coordinated by Tom Franz and Leslie Flemming.

Nominating Committee (John Hollow): The Emeriti Association constitution calls for action by the membership present at the April meeting on a slate of Board Members presented by the Nominating committee for the following year. Since the April meeting was cancelled because of the pandemic, no action was taken. However, the Nominating Committee has now met electronically, and a slate of board members is now presented. After discussion, it was moved by Leslie Flemming and seconded by Scott Malcom that:

The Board shall inform the membership of the recommendations of the Nominating Committee; and will recognize this slate of officers until the April meeting of 2021. It was further proposed and recommended that the Board will send notification to all the members informing them of the actions of the Nominating Committee and those of the Board.

The motion **passed**. Discussion followed regarding how to convey the duly nominated and elected board personnel to the general membership. It was agreed that we send a letter to all members as we usually do. We will also contact new members; the number of new emeriti faculty is 47. This will be difficult, since there are a number of retirements in the ranks of administrative staff. Richard Dean suggested we send a hard copy invitation (to new as well as current members), followed up by email. Therefore, we will need 2 mailings, one on paper, the

other via email. This is in addition to the President's letter. With April Underhill's help we will try to sort this out and communicate with old and new emeriti. It should be emphasized to all members that our main means of communication will be email, so members should be encouraged to help us keep email addresses current. For the present, since during the summer few large mailings are going out, we will send the email first and the hard copy letter as soon as we can. A motion was considered, but it was decided simply to put together 2 letters to both new and old members after the President does his mailing, since it has been usual practice for the President to welcome new emeriti, then the emeriti received our invitation to join and participate.

Scheduling of future meetings, Discussions on the State of the University?

Things change from day to day, so extended discussions seem to change as well. At the time of this meeting, it seemed that there will be some continued change in modes of instruction and the quantity of students on campus. We decided to meet as a board on a monthly basis; Zoom seems to be the general preference. The next meeting will be the 3rd Thursday of August (the 20th) on Zoom. Scheduling of larger gatherings: Zoom is a likely platform, although we will need a different license from them for larger meetings. October or even November would be the earliest we can do this with confidence. Leslie Flemming commented that Chris Kniseley is a likely source of information in doing larger Zoom meetings. It was suggested October would be better than waiting until November. The 3rd Thursday in October is the 15th, so we'll try for that date. If we can settle on October, this can be reserved for welcoming new Emeriti followed by a brief presentation. Scott Moody reported that Roxanne Male'Brune is arranging for 2 or 3 students to make brief presentations on their travels to professional meetings.

The meeting was adjourned by President Rossiter at 10:56.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allyn Reilly, Secretary