

Ohio University Emeriti Association Board Meeting, August 20, 2020 (Conducted on Zoom)

Present: Rosemary Rossiter, Allyn Reilly, Tom Franz, Leslie Flemming, John Howell, Richard Post, Scott Moody, Anne Braxton, April Underhill (University Liaison), Alan Boyd.

The meeting was called to order by President Rosemary Rossiter at 10:05 on Zoom.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 23, 2020 meeting were approved following a revision.

Finance Report (Leslie Flemming): there is little to report this month, except that letters were Postsent to those who had paid for lunches in advance. A few members had responded, only one person asked for refunds. OCHER suspended dues of \$100, refunding that amount. The only large expense facing us this fall is a \$90 renewal payment for our post office box.

Old Business:

Letters were sent to the present membership, and also to the new emeriti. Howard DeWald added some new emeriti since the retirement buyout offer was extended. We want to encourage the new members to join the listserv; Richard Post added that so far 7 have signed on. We need to remind faculty to retain their OU address, which will enable them to use Office 365 among other things, but we need to include a check box which will provide for an alternate email address if they so desire one, and for them to opt out of the listserv if they so desire.

Directory: We are reconstituting that since the changes of last spring have left it in limbo for now. Richard Post had difficulties since HR didn't realize that emeriti retain computer access to OU sites beyond their employment years.

Discussion followed suggesting processes for getting letters sent to emeriti, and how we access names and both literal and virtual addresses. While older members recall a box of unused Emeriti Association letterhead, we are uncertain about its current whereabouts.

April Underhill—PID and access. Tom Franz had difficulties with physical access to the library, with its new restrictions due to the pandemic. Anyone who wants access needs to contact their college office and start the process. Some responded that their ID cards wouldn't allow access. Most of us are carrying older cards that don't contain all the information the machines need, so new cards will be in order for those of us with older cards. April can help us; she will send information as she gets it. Library access is restricted, again due to the pandemic.

In addition to library access, we need to convey to new members that emeriti parking is available to all of us without charge.

Oct. 15th meeting:

Should we do a Zoom meeting or a Webinar? Webinars are more expensive, 100 cap. Zoom is cheaper, but more can participate. Since we topped out at about 50 for our meetings with

lunch, the Webinar might be more friendly (involving break out rooms, etc.), but we'll look into it.

November and December: Discussion centered on the traditional holiday music program in December; there are issues related to the pandemic that need to be solved, but Allyn will contact the School of Music and report.

Scott Moody enquired about how we might do the November meeting, with discussion and breakout rooms. He will contact people and report. He is eager to hear suggestions for programming from members. Conversation followed, and suggestions were made, including the new Dean of Libraries; another new dean is that of Arts and Sciences.

Richard Post suggested posting the minutes on the listserv. It was agreed we would post the approved minutes for each month. John Howell asked if he could go directly to links, especially those that denote changes in policies and/or policies, and the answer was that it is linked (or, if it is missing , will be) added to the website.

Some discussion followed, returning to the missing letterhead that was discussed earlier in the meeting. It was conjectured that George Weckman might remember where it may be stored. Leslie Flemming had some left. Richard Post asked if we could have a listing of the board members for the new emeriti. It was agreed that we would try to produce such a list.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyn Reilly,
Secretary