**UNM Retiree Association Board of Directors**

**Minutes**

August 27, 2019

**Present:** Steve Borbas, Fred Rose, Rosalie Otero, Bev Kloeppel, Leslie Easom, Dub Karnes-Padilla, Breda Bova, Joyce Szabo, Kevin Malloy, Mike Dougher, Kate Krause, Jerry White, Constance Vance, & Timothy Backes

**Absent:** Katrina Elfalan-Beyer

**Staff:** Guinevere Beard

Meeting Called to Order at 1:33 pm

# Approval of Minutes

Approval of July 23rd minutes

Motion to approve: Kevin

Second: Steve

**President’s Report**

* AARP Presentation: (Please view below): De Anza Valencia, Advocacy Director New Mexico AARP, Terry Greer, Representative AARP
* Report of August Board of Regents Meeting:
  + Decreased number of meetings
  + Ross Davidson – George Orwell collections donated to library.
  + The Regents Endowment was used to start a fund for the Presidents initiatives, in hopes to be moved to the regular budget for continued funding.
* Letter to Retirees: HR is offering to send out the letter to their list on the UNM Retiree Association, and it should be sent out in August.

# Treasurer’s Report:

* We haven’t had a lot of expense this month, and Jerry paid for the AROHE membership. Retiree Association is still being charged by the mail service at UNM. Jerry will contact Francisco regarding this charge. Plan for monthly statements to be placed on the website. What are the limits on us for political lobbying outside of UNM? Bev agreed to call Connie regarding limits.
  + Fred motioned
  + Kate seconded

# Legislative Report:

* Breda Bova: Jan Goodwin was upset we didn’t have anything on justifying faculty and staff existence. We tried to explain that it is more complicated than that. The Retiree Association does not speak for all of UNM regarding faculty and staff workload. Discussion of what could be put on the handout.
* Jan implied, at the ERB meeting that legislators do not think faculty work hard or do not know all that the faculty do. Also, they do not know that staff is the largest portion

of ERB members from UNM. Kate Krause agreed to produce a one-page information sheet. The role of the Retiree Association to explain faculty workload is questioned. Government Affairs need to also be involved. Perception change is needed. Is it changeable?

* We need to have simple message like “Keep the promise of the ERB”. Employees gave their careers to UNM with the promise of ERB benefits or COLA needed for increase in healthcare cost.
* ERB Board role was discussed and the need to e-mail the ERB Board members regarding position on COLA. Only representation on Board for all NM Education Retirees is Russell Goff, Executive Director of New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees (NMAER)
* Terry Greer (AARP guest) is on the Board of NMAER and states that, as a Board, they have taken a softer stance on reduced COLAs, since they are more concerned about corpus preservation.
* IPOC meeting is September 5, October 7th, and November 18th. Investment committee meeting is the 19th of September, and the ERB stakeholder meeting is on the 7th of September.

**Benefits & FSBC Report:**

* Benefits Committee had a Retiree come to the meeting to talk about his concerns associated with Lobo Health and the recent changes in Lobo Health. He implied that the rates are low for LoboHealth, but UNMH facilities overbill and the coinsurance turns out to be more for the insured.
* Coinsurances have been changed to Copays, so covered employees and pre-65 are somewhat protected with the 2019 changes
* Tiers of incomes for Retiree’s health insurance are different than staff/faculty. Tiers may be restructured for faculty and staff.
* October 23rd is the vendor fair post 65 insurance at Continuing Education Building. Post-65 Retirees will get information in the mail about new rates.

**Program Report:**

* Late July program only had 10 people show up. This month’s Coffee hour only had 7 people had shown up. 32% of retiree’s that took the survey said they want a picnic or a trip to the Zoo. Joyce is working on having a picnic at the Zoo for September. Dates for the Zoo were discussed. Weekend of Sept 21st, 22nd?
* Janice Knoefel will be speaking in October. Will fall break be good dates?

**Membership/Communication Report:**

* Kevin: The new website is about ready to go. UCAM has been very helpful.
* Kevin is trying to bring back the Facebook site, but having difficulty finding the password. Steve agreed to call Bernadette to try to find password. Facebook has tools to take things from Facebook to website.

**New Business:**

* Discussion of logo and use on tablecloth and other items. Bev will contact UCAM regarding the issue. Connie showed hand sanitizer sample (250 minimum order– 45.00 art work, between 88 cents and 1.19 per unit). Founded by STC.
* Steve has been working on scholarships with Larry Ryan from the UNM Foundation, and Ryan Gregg, the Staff Counsel President. The idea is to give scholarships only to pay fees for those students in need. Discussion of how much UNMRA can afford and how need for scholarship would be determined. Scholarship would focus on students about to finish, but having financial issues. Will start website button for scholarship donation through touch net. Must set up separate Banner account to make a donation. $1000 per year for 3-year commitment. Jerry agreed to contact Francisco regarding accounting around this.
* Skin cancer-screening clinic. Who will be doing screening? Steve will forward e-mail to Bev.
* Need for a UNMRA yearly budget?

**Adjournment:**

3:38 pm