



RETIREE ASSOCIATION

UNMRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 - 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Zoom, 557 216 7514

AGENDA & MINUTES

Members Present: Becky Adams, Tim Backus, Breda Bova, Mike Dougher, Dubra Karnes-Padilla, Bev Kloeppe, Kevin Malloy, Alfred Mathewson, Joyce Szabo, John Trotter, Connie Vance and Fran Wilkinson

Absent: Rob Burford, Leslie Easom, Viola Florez and Les McFadden

Guests: Don Duszynski

I. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda approved

II. Approval of Minutes: March 23, 2021

- March 23, 2021 minutes approved

III. President's Report – Kevin Malloy

- **Personnel:** Kevin discussed with the board the need for a President-Elect prior to the annual meeting in June and has asked for nominations to be communicated with him or Bev. Becky and Joyce will serve an additional term as officers. John provided Kevin with a list of North Campus individuals that could possibly serve on the board.
- **BOR April Meeting:** President was happy that UNM received money that was asked for during the Legislative session. However, they are not willing to build Fine Arts a new building but are willing to renovate their existing space. Kevin gave a brief summary of the session's impact on retirees, specifically SB 42aa. Kevin let them know that if UNM doesn't pay attention, the NMERB defined-benefit retirement plan is being eaten away by the legislature. If UNM wants to make a conscious decision if they want it to be continued as a benefit for their employees, the entire university needs to weigh-in, not just the UNMRA. Regent Kim Sanchez-Rael agreed with Kevin's statement.
- **Request from UNM Climate Coalition:** Kevin discussed email that was received to join coalition and asked for guidance to the email. Board will discuss this at a later date and draft a response to coalition.

IV. Benefits Report – Leslie Easom

- **Bev let the board know that the committee discussed upcoming open enrollment and some insurance claim items that HR was looking into.**

V. Treasurer's Report – Becky Adams

- Becky reviewed March financials
- Provost office has reimbursed board \$433.06 for postage usage

VI. Program Report – Joyce Szabo

- **Annual Meeting:** Amber Dodson, Director, NM Film Office will be the speaker at the annual meeting. Joyce recommends announcement of meeting in May.
- **Emeritus College:** Joyce discussed her conversation with Pamela Pyle. Joyce sent Pamela the link to Don's report regarding the Emeritus College and that Pamela will have to wait until the end of term until she can really look into it and is enthusiastic. Don state he has a vested interest in the Emeritus College and was surprised and encouraged that individuals at UNM are looking into it again. Joyce received information from ASU on their steps on how they got their Emeritus College for faculty. Mike stated that to get the support it needs to move this

forward, it needs to start in the Provost Office. Since financial situations are worse now for the university, Mike is pessimistic about this moving forward. Kevin let the board know that Don's proposal has been on the website for some time. Joyce will provide the board with the estimated cost of the college from ASU.

VII. Legislative Report – Dub Karnes-Padilla & Breda Bova

- **Off-season moves:** SB42aa & SB303 were signed by the governor. Two new board members will be starting on the NMERB board and be introduced at the next meeting. Rick Scroggins will serve as Interim Executive Director of NMERB. Dub asked the board if we could invite and recognize Mimi Stewart and Antionette Sedillo-Lopez at the annual meeting for their work on these two bills. Kevin stated that the association could sponsor an award every year for the boards favorite legislator and provide a certificate. It could raise a visibility of the association and recognize them for their help. Dub said that some off-season moves are to invite key people to each of the legislative meetings.

VIII. Membership/Communication Report – Mike Dougher & Kevin Malloy

- Mike will check with HR to see if they are providing UNMRA materials to retirees. Jamie confirmed that every retiree does receive all retirees are sent materials when they retire.
- Kevin let the board know that they can now send updates to the website to Becky and Jamie.

IX. New Business

- No new business to discuss.

X. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed by unanimous vote.