



**UNM Retiree Association Board of Directors**

**Minutes**

March 26, 2019

**Present:** Steve Borbas, Kevin Malloy, Fred Rose, Rosalie Otero, Mike Dougher, Bev Kloeppe, Leslie Easom, Dub Karnes-Padilla, Kate Krause, Breda Bova, & Jerry White

**Absent:** Joyce Szabo, Donna Smith, Constance Vance, Pug Burge

**Staff:** Guinevere Beard

Meeting Called to Order at 1:36 pm

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of February 26<sup>th</sup> minutes.

Corrections: No Corrections Given

Motion to approve: No Approval Given

Second: No Second Given

**Speaker**

- Joey: He is the Director of the University Benefits. Initially the VEPA was to increase every year from the first three years to 50% to 75% then to 100%. Due to budgetary constraints the University delayed the 75% for about a year or two, then went to the 75% and has been steady since. This was to help fund retiree healthcare. They have not started paying out of the VEPA trust at this point in time.
- Benefits is fusing UNM Team Health and Blue Cross plans together. What they're trying to do is trying to maintain choice. You could reduce access to a plan, you could increase copay from \$45 to \$55, so now they are trying to figure out a more sustainable choice than just those two options. They have reduced amounts for Tier One and are trying to figure out a solution for their access such as expanding the Lobo Care Clinic. They are working with the HSC to guarantee access/ establish a criteria they can meet.

**President's Report**

- Regents: They met and selected a Chair, Vice President, and a Secretary Treasurer. Doug is going to be the president Kim Sanchez is going to be the Vice President, and Sandra Begay is going to be the Secretary Treasurer. The President talked about the Grand Challenge and the Health Sciences Center had some proposals. Steve was asked to make a presentation of what the Retirees were doing, and spoke about legislation, the survey, and scholarships.
- Kate O'Neil: There is a meeting with her in Santa Fe at 10 am on Friday. Breda suggested maybe meeting with her every quarter.
- KUNM: Steve went for three hours, and this will be for the spring and the fall. A lot of their sessions were full online.

**Treasurer/Membership/Communication Report:**

- Our cash from the beginning of the year to now is about the same. We only had four people renew in February. We should try doing another group invoice since the last one worked so well. Jerry checked the website to see how it works and it seems to be working now but it seems to be a little confusing.
- Jerry, Kevin, and Mike got together and talked about consolidating the committees together. Jerry looked at the bylaws. Jerry will send out her suggestions for the rewrite of the bylaws.
- They will also be talking to Duane Arruti about possibly gaining some support on the UNM Retirees Association website.

**Legislative Report:**

- There was a conference call when they were alerted that the pension was going to go from 5% to 2.5%. Dub went to the Lutenant Governor's office to let him know what was taking place, and then went to her senator, who got her in to see Stewart Ingle. Stewart Ingle told Dub that he told Jan that she was not going to get the money.
- At the Senate Finance Committee, Jan was there, and George asked what discussion session was about the COLA. They want to bring the employee contribution back into that, and even have discussion about the EERB taskforce.
- Dub would like to put together a strategic plan and take a field trip to all the branch campuses to talk about the Retiree issues that are being faced.
- Jan has held a stakeholders meeting on Friday at 1pm, but Dub cannot go. Steve and Fred said they would be able to attend.
- Senate Bill 57 never got heard, which was about the additional accounting for PERA and ERB. Senate Bill 157 also did not get heard, which was disappointing.

**Benefits Report:**

- Bev: ETNA and their network are having some issues. As of February 1<sup>st</sup> Lovelace will not bill ETNA for claims for the services they provide for people who have ETNA in the Post-65 Advantage Plan. A letter was sent out to employees and a new enrollment plan as a special circumstance to disenroll from ETNA and to something else. They are trying to address the issue for those who have received medical care between February 1<sup>st</sup> and when the letter went out, and how to get reimburse for some of the expenses that are out there on the table.

**FSBC Report:**

- Last March FSBC was asked to meet with the Express Group so they can start looking at the tier co-pays. They have come to the FSBC three times. They had the last meeting last week where they talked about the specialty meds.
- They found out that UNM wants to restructure the Pre-65 and funnel everyone to Walgreens.

**Program Report:**

- I'm working on a trip to the Botanical Gardens for some time in the second week of April. The person with whom I originally spoke at the zoo said a specialized tour there was \$500, but my follow-up conversation with someone else assured me that a docent-led program would only cost the \$5.50 per person general admission for seniors. She's working on a conservation-oriented program for us in May.
- 40 people were at the KiMo.

**Survey Report:**

- There is a lot of information for retirees on the website, but the website is difficult to navigate. Parking was the only thing that was not really listed.

**Scholarship Planning:**

- Breda and Mike will look into the scholarships a little bit more.

**New Business:**

- No Report Given

**Annual Meeting Planning:**

- Breda sent an email about booking the Rotunda. The date is still to be determined.
- Speaker: Cinnamon was going to talk about more PR for the group

**Party at President's House:**

- There will be a meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6 pm with the recently retired people from last year. They were personally invited by Lori from the President's Office. Maybe we should invite Don Dawinsky?

**RA Strategic Planning for 2019-2020:**

- Steve asked in the beginning of his term to give a report about two or three months, but then died. Many names were discussed about possible candidates for the board/committees, and the conversation will continue at a later date.

**Others:**

- No Report Given

**Adjournment:**

3:57 pm