



RETIREE ASSOCIATION

UNMRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, May 26th, 2020, Zoom Agenda and Minutes

Members Present: Bev Kloeppel, Kevin Malloy, Leslie Easom, Joyce Szabo, Dubra Karnes-Padilla, John Trotter, Connie Vance, Breda Bova, Michael Dougher, Steve Borbas, Tim Backus

Members Absent: Jerry White, Fred Rose

Approval of Minutes:

Feb 25th and April 28th UNMRA BOD meetings were approved.

President's Report

BOR Meeting: Bev attended the last scheduled UNM Board of Regents Meeting on May 12th, 2020. The meeting was conducted by Zoom and Bev provided a summary of the UNMRA's activities this year. The FY21 budget for UNM was approved, but a Special Session of the Legislature is expected in June and UNM is expecting a reduction in funding.

New Members: Viola Flores has agreed to serve on the UNMRA Board. Board approved unanimously. The RAA needs Treasurer-Elect, as Jerry will complete her term. Three Board positions will be open for the 2020-21 year, as Steve, Jerry, and Fred complete their terms.

Don Duszynski requested RAA Board of Director's support for his position on the ERB Board. He has represented us well and we would like to see him on the Board, but does not officially represent UNMRA. He is officially the representative for AAUP, a faculty organization. The NM Association of Educational Retirees is actually supposed to represent non-faculty, but no one from higher education serves on the NMAER Board.

Treasurer's Report

Jerry White submitted financial reports for review. She was unable to attend the meeting today. No questions were raised regarding the report.

Legislative Report

Dub and Breda reported that the Legislative Committee held a Zoom meeting. The probable upcoming special session was discussed. Feedback from Legislators indicates that the session will be short and any ERB changes are unlikely. Strategies moving forward were discussed and general consensus is that a definite strategy for the Committee regarding ERB changes will depend on the state's financial picture between now and January.

Benefits Report

A Benefits Committee meeting will be held next month. Open enrollment for Pre-65 insurance was held, with very few changes to current the current policies offered. FSBC will resume meetings by Zoom next month.

Program Report

Joyce Szabo sent summary slides from the AROHE meeting. The concept of future programs by Zoom was discussed. At this point, other programs are on hold during this pandemic.

Membership/Communication Report – Mike Dougher & Kevin Malloy

Website continues to be updated, but will need to move to a larger server. A new Facebook account will need to be established, as the password from the old account is not retrievable.

New Business

Annual Meeting will be held by Zoom on June 23rd at 1:30, the regularly scheduled Board meeting time. Suggestions for speakers were discussed and Board recommended that the Provost update the Retiree Association on the planning for re-opening UNM to students for Fall Semester.

Annual Report – Bev will be preparing an annual report. Committee Chairs should prepare a summary of activities for the year to present at the Annual Meeting and submit the summary after the meeting to Bev.

*A suggested RAA Bylaw change: add the work “eligible” to the first sentence of 4.1 to read: All retired faculty and staff employees of the University of New Mexico including branch campuses, foundations and other affiliated organizations of the University , are **eligible** members of the Association. The change would distinguish eligible members from dues paying (Participating Members). The recommended change was adopted by the Board.*

Nominations: Nominations for new Board members are needed before the Annual Meeting. Please submit suggestions to Bev.

Strategic Planning – A strategic plan meeting will be planned for July or August, likely by Zoom.

Submitted by Bev Kloepfel, 6/14/20