



RETIREE ASSOCIATION

UNMRA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Zoom, 979 4321 4933
Passcode: 097342
Agenda & Minutes

Members Present: Becky Adams, Tim Backes, Breda Bova, Rob Burford, Mike Dougher, Kevin Malloy, Alfred Mathewson, Joyce Szabo, John Trotter, Scott Obenshain and Connie Vance

Members Absent: Viola Florez, Dubra Karnes-Padilla, Les McFadden and Fran Wilkinson

- I. **Approval of Agenda**
- II. **Approval of September Minutes**
- III. **President's Report – Tim Backes**
 - a. **UNM Board of Regents:** Tim attended the October meeting and presented with all the items the association is doing. Regent President Doug Brown thanked the association for items they do for retirees.
 - b. **Finalize Strategic Planning Goals:** Tim asked board to review and finalize for posting to the website and Facebook page.
 - a. **Presidential Scholarship:** Committee needs to decide on if the association wants to continue the \$500 stipends or contribute to the scholarship. See Mike's Email
 - b. **Benefits:** All information is provided on HR website and goal 4 has been removed. <https://hr.unm.edu/retiree/benefits/65-plus-open-enrollment>
 - c. **Communications:** Goal #1: monitor UNMRA website to ensure it is kept up to date. Goal #2: enhance acknowledgment of member. Goal #3: develop ways to effectively use UNM News Minute. Goal #4: expand membership. Goal #5: committee renamed Communications and Development. Kevin and Mike had no additional items to add to goals.
 - d. **Program:** Tim suggested scheduling events a year out.
 - e. **Legislative:** Breda & Dub sent Tim rewritten goals. Goal #1: build relationships with new legislators and staff. Goal #2: educated UNM retirees on the importance and value of their ERB defined benefit retirement plan that the retirement benefit constitutes in protecting COLA. Goal #3: develop documents that support new legislation. Goal #4: expand the use of social media to communicate with members. Goal #5: build support on legislation on increased state contributions from within and outside our membership.
 - c. Board would like to meet with President Stokes to discuss possibility of a half to full time individual for administrative support for the association. Tim would like to have
- IV. **Treasurer's Report – Becky Adams**
 - a. Becky reviewed September financials
 - b. Becky will check with Francisco in the Provost office regarding misc. charges in August and September.
 - c. Becky is sending an email for each of the current members who renew their membership.

V. Benefit's Report

- a. Fran provided Tim with the minutes for the committee meeting from 10/19. They met via zoom and reported that UNM retirees are provisioned with an A1 license which gives access to online versions of Microsoft 365, however, the A1 license does not provide provisions for desktop downloading. In addition, retirees may access the IT help desk, use computer pods and purchase Dell computers at UNM's cost. Duane Arruti, CIO, will discuss potential arrangements regarding other areas of interest for retirees such as Zoom and Adobe as well as attend any future board meetings.
- b. Open enrollment is open and runs thru November 18.

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

- a. Dub attended IPOC meeting. IPOC should look into PERA & ERB funds being managed by State Investment Council. Majority of the meeting was regarding PERA and their board. PERA board has no skill set requirements to be on their board.
- b. Legislative Committee met and had and had two guests from LFC (Charles Sallee and Connor Jorgensen. LFC does not recommend PERA and ERB funds to be managed by State Investment Council and told committee to listen to IPOC and SB42 which is looking at 2% funding of what was not given the previous year.
- c. ERB Board: Jan Goodwin's position as well as two other vacancies have not been replaced.
- d. Alfred has emailed Matt Garcia (Governor's Chief of Staff) twice and has not responded. Alfred has requested his cell phone number to contact him.
- e. ERB Board of Trustees meeting: Board said they have no legislative agenda but will speak with Mimi Stewart. Also, they spoke about the new building which will cost \$5 million more than previously outlined due to increase cost of building materials. Construction is due to start in the spring of 2022.
- f. Viola contact Senator Stewart and said they are working on SB42 again with IPOC. Mimi is getting asked why people can't use money they received and let them know you can not use federal funds for pensions. It was also recommended to write letters to Governor Lujan-Grisham with examples of individuals who she should appoint to the board.

VII. Communications & Development – Mike Dougher & Kevin Malloy

- a. Kathy Guimond set-up sponsorship with UNM Foundation in 2009 which the association paid \$2600. UNM Foundation would like to know if association is interested in continuing to help fund scholarship. Kevin suggested setting up direct donations for association thru TouchNet. Mike suggested inviting Terry from the foundation to speak at a meeting and will work with Tim to get this scheduled.

VIII. Program Report – Joyce Szabo

- a. Joyce had a program lined up for October; however, due to scheduling, there was not enough time to advertise event and it will be rescheduled.
- b. Joyce attended AROHE virtual conference in October.

IX. New Business

- a. **New Storage Space:** Once we get permission from Corine Gonzales to move out of SSC, we will move office to new location.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 3:01 p.m.