

# MINUTES

## UNCG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY (ARF) Board Meeting

Wednesday, 4/22/2020, via ZOOM (due to Coronavirus Pandemic)

### In Attendance

Sue Dennison, President; Betsy Lindsey, Vice President; Ken Caneva, Treasurer; Vicki McCready, Secretary; Barbara Levin, At-Large; Diane Gill, At-Large; Lyn Mankoff, At-Large; Tim Johnston, Chancellor's Representative

Regrets from Nancy Ryckman, At-Large

### Welcome and Update on ARF Events in View of Coronavirus

Sue shared some updates:

- UNCG classes will most likely be held online in the fall.
- The UNCG Emeritus Society and the Shepard Center are not sure how they will hold their fall courses but think that they will probably be online.
- People in our age group probably will not want to attend any face-to-face gatherings in the fall.

### Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2020 (Vicki)

Approved as corrected.

### Update on Membership (Betsy)

Current Membership Status as of April 21, 2020

Membership Type	Number
LIFE	32
Associate LIFE	7
Annual	6
Annual Associate	2
Totals	47

Betsy sent a renewal email to Board members who volunteered to contact people on the list of 14 who did not renew by 1/14/20. We set a deadline of February 15, 2020, for

them to renew and seven renewed. Names of people who did not renew by the deadline were removed from the membership roll.

Sue suggested that we might request the UNCG Deans to consider purchasing for their retiring faculty and EPA professional and administrative staff a gift of life membership in ARF. The Board agreed with this suggestion and discussed steps to begin the process. Sue will contact Provost Dana Dunn first and then the Deans who might ask their Department Heads to find the money to cover lifetime dues.

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### **Financial Update (Ken)**

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Ken was locked out of the UTLC building and so could not provide any updated figure; however, he did note that there was no significant change since our last Board meeting on January 15, 2020. At that time our balance was \$7,544.71.

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### **Web Page Update (Barb)**

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Barb contacted Steve Yarborough, our temporary webmaster, about putting links to our minutes on our website, and Steve informed her that he no longer wants to manage our site due to his other university commitments. After some discussion we agreed with Tim's suggestion that this position should be handled by a professional IT person. Tim will contact the person who supervises the IT staff member in the College of Arts and Sciences to discuss this issue and to inquire as to whether or not he or she would have the time to manage our website.

Barb would remain as the Board's liaison and would contact this IT person after each Board meeting to add any relevant updates. For each Board meeting an agenda item would be: changes or additions to the website. Sue thanked Barb for the updating she has already done.

Finally we discussed the idea of adding a tracking feature to the website that would tell us how many people actually go to the site. We decided that there was no need to do this at present.

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### **Agenda Items for 5/20/2020 Business Meeting via Zoom**

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- **Election of Board members:** The following slate was agreed upon:  
President: Sue Dennison  
Secretary: Barbara Levin  
Treasurer: Ken Caneva  
At-Large: Diane Gill

## At-Large: Lyn Mankoff

(Note: Vicki McCreedy will go off as Secretary and take Barb's place as At-Large member for one year.) Sue expressed her pleasure that present Board members were willing to stay on the Board. We were all pleased that Sue was willing to continue as our President!

Sue will email ARF members, giving them a chance to nominate other members for these openings. After receiving any other nominations (or not), she will distribute a final ballot to all members. At our 5/20/20 Business Meeting we will hold our election, using the polling feature on Zoom. If there are no additional nominations, we can vote on the entire slate; if there are other nominations, we will vote position by position.

- **Recognition of the Provost:** We will recognize Provost Dana Dunn with a letter highlighting her numerous contributions to ARF, signed by all ARF Board members and with a \$100 gift certificate to Jugtown Pottery in Seagrove, NC. Vicki and Ken will coordinate the buying of the gift certificate.
- **A Power Point presentation of our activities last year and our thoughts/plans for next year:** Sue will adapt her UNCG Senate presentation for this meeting. It will include highlights from this past year as well as our plans for the coming 2020-21 year. Sue will ask members for any input they might have for future ARF activities.
- **Guest speaker:** Barb suggested that we include a guest speaker as part of this meeting and added that her friend Eileen McFalls, author of a book about street performers titled *No Ordinary Magic*, might be a good choice. She could read a section of her book. Barb will contact her.

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## **Reports from Meetings with Local Organizations**

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- **Well Spring Retirement Community** (Tim & Sue): Tim reported on their visit with Garrett Saak, Director of Programming, to discuss possibilities for recruitment and the co-sponsoring of activities. Garrett was very supportive of establishing a relationship with ARF and mentioned that although Well Spring has numerous activities focusing on the arts, they would like more with a focus

on science and economics. Tim has contacted UNCG faculty in Nanoscience who will then contact Garrett to discuss future programs. Sue added that there were not as many retired faculty at Well Spring as expected (there are only about 20) although there were many UNCG alums who would be included in any ARF programming along with all members of the Well Spring community.

- **The Shepard Center** (Betsy & Sue): Betsy reported on their visit with Sandy Doyle-Jones, Executive Director, who was willing to share information with us about their courses and other activities. At present their staff is dealing with how to convert their programs to an online format.

We could ask our ARF members about future teaching possibilities. In addition, we could post a link to the Center on our website and/or send it by email to our members.

- **UNCG Emeritus Society** (Betsy & Sue): Sue reported on their meeting with Kathleen Forbes, the Director, who said that she would send their course catalogue for each term to Sue. We could then send links by email to our members and ask if anyone would be interested in teaching a course. We could also ask for suggestions for courses that our members might like.

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### **Report on Social Activities (Ken & Vicki)**

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Ken sent out a letter to ARF members listing six categories of possible future social events. Five people responded and rated visits to museums and walking restaurant tours as their top choices. Because our response number was low and we are all staying at home, no group activity is viable at present due to the pandemic.

We did discuss offering at least two TED talk events in the fall that we could host via Zoom. We agreed to do this and to send out links to the talks ahead of the Zoom meeting. Vicki and Ken will lead these events and Betsy will serve as the Zoom administrator. Each event will include a showing of a TED talk and a discussion afterwards.

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### **Discussion of ARF Plans for Next Year**

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Because of the corona virus, face-to-face ARF meetings will be too risky. We will continue to hold Board meetings via Zoom as well as any other activities. As noted

above, our two canceled TED talk events from spring of 2020 will be held in the fall, using a Zoom meeting. Other possibilities might include online musical or stage productions from Triad Stage and book discussions. We might also survey ARF members at some future date regarding future activities.

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## Action Items

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- Sue will contact Provost Dunn and the Deans regarding the gift of lifetime memberships for retiring faculty (both tenure and non-tenure track) and EPA professional or administrative staff.
- Sue will call Maintenance on campus and/or email Marisa at UTLC about the outside locked door to the UTLC building.
- Sue will email Board members her recognition letter to Provost Dunn as well as the slides of her PowerPoint presentation for our May Business Meeting. A slide for the new ballot will be included.
- Sue will email ARF members our slate of officers for 2020-2021 and will ask if there are any additional nominations.
- Tim will contact the supervisor of the IT person in the College of Arts and Sciences re helping us with our website.
- Tim will contact faculty in Nanoscience and Psychology to ask if they would be interested in doing a future presentation with Well Spring Retirement Community. If so, he will give them Garrett Saak's name to contact.
- Barb will contact her friend and author Eileen McFalls about being a guest speaker at our May Business Meeting.
- Barb will put Sue's PowerPoint presentation for the May meeting on our website.
- Vicki and Ken will take care of getting the gift certificate for Provost Dunn to present to her at the May Business Meeting.

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**Date of Next Board Meeting: to Be Determined; Date of Next Business Meeting- May 20, 4:00-5:30, via Zoom**

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Draft submitted by Vicki McCready to Sue Dennison on April 24 for her edits before submission to the entire Board on April 27, 2020.