

# MINUTES

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

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Monday, 5/20/2020, 4:00-5:50 pm  
Via Zoom, Administrated by Betsy Lindsey

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### **In Attendance**

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A total of 16 people were present including Board members: Sue Dennison, President; Betsy Lindsey, Vice President; Ken Caneva, Treasurer; Vicki McCready, Secretary; Lyn Mankoff, At-Large; Diane Gill, At-Large; Barbara Levin, At-Large; Nancy Ryckman, At-Large; Tim Johnston, Chancellor's Designee. In addition, Provost Dana Dunn was in attendance.

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### **Welcome, Review of Zoom Rules and Agenda and Introduction of ARF Members in Attendance (Sue Dennison and Betsy Lindsey)**

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Sue welcomed everyone and asked all to share their names and retirement status plus what department they were from.

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### **ARF Membership Details (Betsy)**

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47 members :

Life members=32

Annual members=6

Associate annual members= 2

Associate life members=7

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### **ARF Current Finances (Ken Caneva)**

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Current balance in ARF account is \$6,723.81

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### **Summary of ARF's Past Year and Plans for Next Year (Sue)**

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Sue presented a PowerPoint that included information on the following:

- The nine member ARF Board
- Fall 2019 ARF Programs

- Spring 2020 ARF Programs
- Additional Spring 2020 Programs
- ARF Plans for 2020/2021
- Questions and Comments:
  - Our finances: Barb asked how we might use our money. Sue noted that we have been frugal and Ken stated that we increase our balance by \$100 every few months. Sue shared that she has contacted the Deans about purchasing an ARF lifetime membership as a gift for their retiring faculty. Although the Deans were supportive, they noted that their funds were tight this year. Sue suggested a possible discount for those who join ARF in the year they retire, and Spoma suggested that ARF might sponsor some retirees if their department had too many retiring at one time and could not afford to sponsor them all.

Steve suggested that we consider a fund raiser that would be a public service such as selling face masks at a reasonable price. The masks could serve to advertise and promote UNCG or ARF.

- Recruitment: Sue will ask the Deans to provide us with a list of those who are retiring. Dana added that she could arrange to pull such a list for us. She noted that EPA staff retirements are handled by someone in HR, and that she would try to make arrangements to get that information for ARF. She announced the retirement of two such people, Nell Pynes, Vice Provost of International Programs and Nancy Doll, Director of UNCG's Weatherspoon Art Gallery. Ken suggested that after we see the list of retirees, we could reach out to those whom we know personally to inform them about ARF and encourage them to join. Betsy noted that we do give our ARF brochures to Emily Foust in Human Resources for her to give to faculty about to retire.
- Other suggestions, Comments: Spoma noted that Covid-19 may be occurring among our ARF retirees and that Board members might call each member to inquire how they are doing and what they might need. If a member were infected, we would need to discuss what to have in place.

Dana added that we would need to notify the UNCG Emergency Management Office to report any infections.

Barb expressed her appreciation to Steve Yarborough for his help with maintaining the ARF website and to Vicki McCready, outgoing ARF Secretary, for her minutes over the past two and a half years. She will replace Barb Levin as At-Large Board Member for Barb's remaining one year. Barb is now the new Secretary of ARF.

- Slate for ARF Board Members

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Please refer to Sue's PowerPoint slides that will be posted on our website. At the end of Sue's presentation, ARF members expressed their appreciation and thanks to her for all that she has done on behalf of ARF. Sue has been and is a tireless advocate and spokesperson for retired faculty and administrative staff.

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### **Election of Two Officers and At-Large Members for 2020/2021**

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The slate presented by the Board was accepted by acclamation. Congratulations to the following:

President (two year term)-Sue Dennison

Secretary (one year term)-Barbara Levin

Treasurer (one year term)-Ken Caneva

At Large Member (two year term)-Diane Gill

At Large Member (two year term)-Lyn Mankoff

### **Special Recognition of Provost Dana Dunn (Sue and Vicki McCready)**

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Sue read the letter to Dana from the ARF Board expressing our appreciation for Dana's leadership, support and commitment to our retired faculty association. She added how delighted we all are that Dana is a lifetime member of ARF.

Vicki then presented a token of our appreciation of Dana's leadership and support- a \$100 gift certificate to Jugtown Pottery, one of the oldest and best known potteries in NC.

Dana then remarked that she felt very honored by ARF and that one of her accomplishments in her tenure as Provost was making the establishment of ARF a priority and a reality. She added that she is looking forward to engaging with us in the future as an ARF member!

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### **Presentation by Author Eileen McFalls on Her Memoir *No Ordinary Magic***

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Barb then introduced our guest speaker, Eileen McFalls, author of her memoir, *No Ordinary Magic*. Eileen began by sharing how the idea for the memoir came about and emphasizing her role as a chronicler of a group of “buskers,” i.e., street performers such as musicians and magicians. After relating her chance meeting with the magician Jim Cellini in the French Quarter, she read two excerpts from her book. After the reading, she answered questions. We all appreciated Eileen’s delightful presentation.

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### **Closing (Sue)**

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Sue closed our meeting by thanking all who attended.

(Final note from Vicki McCready, your outgoing Secretary: Thanks to Betsy Lindsey for being our Zoom administrator for this meeting! I think the entire meeting went very smoothly, and we all felt a nice connection. Although I will no longer be Secretary, I am happy to remain on the Board as a Member At-Large!)

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