

# MINUTES

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

Thursday, 4/6/2023, 11-1:00 AM via ZOOM (Administered by Betsy Lindsey)

### In Attendance

Sue Dennison, President; Betsy Lindsey, Vice President; Ken Caneva, Treasurer; Vicki McCreedy, At-Large; Nancy Ryckman, At-Large; Jerry Pubantz, At-Large; Diane Gill, University Liaison

Regrets from Barbara Levin, Secretary

### Welcome and Plans for Summer

Sue welcomed us all, and we each shared our plans for the summer or any good news we had.

### Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2023 & Review of Action Items (Vicki)

The minutes were approved as amended, and all the action items from the January meeting were reviewed. During this review it was agreed that in the future we need procedural descriptions of officer positions on the Board for nominees to read.

### Update on Membership (Betsy)

#### Current Membership Status as of April 6, 2023

Membership Type	Number
LIFE	40
Associate LIFE	7
Annual	7
Annual Associate	1
Totals	55

Nora Bird is our only new life member. Betsy informed us that according to figures from two years ago, there are 387 potential ARF members, i.e., those faculty age 55 and older who have retired. We decided to divide this list up among Board members who

will try to find their e-mails and then in the fall send them information about joining ARF. Betsy will create a draft e-mail for them and send it to us with instructions.

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

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Our current balance is \$5,995.73.

We still have a few outstanding bills from 2023 to pay from this balance.

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### **Web Page Update (Sue)**

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Vice Chancellor Terri Shelton is giving us someone to oversee our website.

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### **Agenda Items for Annual Business via Zoom, 4-5:30 PM, Thursday, 5/11/23**

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- **Election slate (Jerry & Ken):** The following slate was agreed upon:  
Vice-President: Celia Hooper  
Treasurer: Deb Bell  
At-Large: Dick Swanson

Thanks to Jerry and Ken for their work on finding these excellent candidates. Betsy will create the poll ahead of time, and we will vote on these positions at this meeting. Sue will ask each candidate to speak briefly about themselves at this meeting, e.g., their UNCG department, how long they worked at UNCG and when they retired. Sue will appoint Elizabeth Chiseri-Strater to serve in Lyn Mankoff's position until the end of her term which is June, 2024.

- **Presentation re the state of the university (Provost Debbie Storrs)**
- **Presentation of our ARF activities last year and our plans for next year (Sue)**

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### **Review of Spring 2023 Programs**

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- **TED talk event** (Thursday, 2/16, 1-2:30 PM via Zoom): Our two TED talks proved to be very interesting and stimulating for our participants. The first one was given by Leslie Blackhall and was titled "Living, Dying and the Problem with Hope," and the second one, given by Catherine Price was "Why Having Fun is the Secret to a Healthier Life." Ken and Vicki posed questions for discussion after each talk. At least 12-15 people were present including several

from Abbotswood at Irving Park, a retirement community in Greensboro. We agreed that in the fall, we will advertise this event to more retirement centers as well as our friends and family members. Thanks to Betsy for providing the tech assistance, the Zoom set up and the scripts to Ken and Vicki.

- **Faculty retirement reception** (Wednesday, 3/29, 3-5:00 PM in the Oakley Family Room at UNCG): We all agreed that this reception was a fun and successful event that attracted about 40 attendees including several UNCG administrators. We expressed our gratitude to Nancy for all her work on this event and for her thorough written procedural summary that should certainly help us as we plan for future receptions. We liked having a UNCG graduate student from the School of Music, Patricia Garcia Gil, as our pianist and will plan to ask UNCG students in the future as well. We also extend our thanks to Sue, Colette, Betsy and Vicki and to our two amiable bartenders Tom Wolf and MacGregor Frank. We want to remember next year to have a sign-in sheet for attendees. Ken will give his receipts to Nancy. Sue will send a reminder email to retirees that they will receive a discount membership fee of \$75 if they join ARF.
- **Fundraising event with School of Music for Spartan Open Pantry (SOP)** (Wednesday, 4/19, 7:30 PM, UNCG Auditorium): Colette, Vicki, Sue and Nancy Doll will help with this upcoming event and will be joined by someone from the SOP. Nancy R. will notify the *Greensboro New and Record* about this event. Sue will contact the School of Music re publicity, touch base with Andrew Mails from SOP and contact Audrey Amos from the Volunteer Center of the Triad to request that she help us market this event. Sue will let us know any other details and will call on members of the Program Planning Committee for any help.

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### **Possible Program Ideas for Fall, 2023**

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- **TED talk event:** We will continue our TED talks led by Ken and Vicki. All Board members are asked to advertise the event to their personal friends and family from here and from out of state. The Program Planning Committee will reach out to retirement centers and encourage them to participate.

- **Speaker for “Healthy Caregiving”:** A friend of Betsy’s, who has published a book on this topic, will be asked to be our speaker on Zoom. Sue will get the contact information from Betsy for this person.
- **Downtown fundraising idea:** Our Program Planning Committee is discussing the idea of an off-campus music event to raise money for the Spartan Open Pantry. One possible venue is the Flat Iron, a live music venue and full cocktail bar in downtown Greensboro. Charles Frank, Vicki’s son, who is a music promoter and agent, will be invited to join us at the summer meeting of the Program Planning Committee to discuss this possibility.

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### **Update on ARF Participation at 4/4/23 Forum Sponsored by the Governor’s Commission on Governance of Public Universities in NC (Sue)**

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Sue and Betsy attended this forum/public listening session and found the discussion there to be a good one with much participation from those in attendance. Sue spoke out and commented on how few people with actual experience in higher education serve on the system’s governing board or among trustees. She went on to suggest that retired faculty with much knowledge and experience would be an excellent addition to those boards, especially since present faculty are prohibited by law from doing so due to conflicts of interest. Others supported this suggestion. One commissioner commented that this particular forum was “the best forum we’ve had yet.”

Betsy suggested that ARF might write a letter to the editor in the *Greensboro News and Record* as well as the *Raleigh News and Observer* re the devastating impact the Board of Governors’ new funding formula will have on UNCG next year.

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### **Action Items**

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- **Sue** will (a) check with Donna Heath re any action we need to take concerning our UNCG e-mails before the end of April and will find out if we are changing our e-mail addresses and will then notify all ARF members; (b) contact those running for office to remind them of our May business meeting and ask each candidate to speak briefly about themselves at that meeting; (c) appoint Elizabeth Chiseri-Strater to serve in Lyn Mankoff’s position until the end of the next year; (d) send a reminder e-mail to retirees that they will receive a discount membership fee of \$75 if they join ARF; (e) contact the School of Music re publicity for our fundraising event with the School of Music, touch base with

Andrew Mails from SOP, contact Audrey Amos from the Volunteer Center of the Triad to request marketing assistance with this event and will call on members of the Program Planning Committee for any help with this Spartan Open Pantry fundraising event; (f) get the contact information from Betsy for our proposed speaker on healthy caregiving; and (g) call a summer meeting of the Program Planning Committee.

- **Betsy** will (a) create a draft email for potential ARF members and send it to us with instructions; (b) create the election poll ahead of time before our May meeting; (c) prepare the link for that May business meeting and send it to all ARF members and the provost; and (c) prepare tech instructions for TED talks for whoever takes on that job.
- **Nancy** will notify the *Greensboro New and Record* about our upcoming fundraising event on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ken** will (a) give his receipts from the reception on 3/29 to Nancy; and (b) will write a description of his job as treasurer for the new person taking his place.
- **We all** will celebrate Betsy, Ken, Jerry and Lyn who will be leaving our Board at a luncheon on May 25<sup>th</sup> outside at Print Works Restaurant. **Vicki** will make the reservations.

**SAVE THE DATES REMINDERS: ARF Fundraising Event** for Spartan Open Pantry Wednesday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 PM, UNCG Auditorium, the University Band; **ARF Business Meeting** on Zoom, Thursday **May 11<sup>th</sup>**, 4:00-5:00 PM; **Celebration luncheon**, Thursday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>** at Print Works outside

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