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UNCG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY (ARF) Board Meeting

Tuesday, 11/14/2023, 11-1:00 AM via ZOOM

In Attendance

Sue Dennison, President; Celia Hooper, Vice President; Barbara Levin, Secretary; At-Large, Nancy Ryckman; At-Large, Vicki McCready; At-Large, Dick Swanson

Regrets: Elizabeth Chiseri-Strater, At-Large Member; Diane Gill, University Liaison; Deb Bell, Treasurer

Welcome and Sharing a Few Words (Sue)

- Sue welcomed everyone and asked us to share a few words to describe our Fall

Approval of Minutes and Web Page Update (Barbara)

- The minutes from August 24, 2023, were approved as amended and will be posted on the ARF website.
- Barbara described the transfer of our ARF website to UNCG as our host provider for security reasons. The structure and content of the ARF website remains the same as before. Next step is to find someone knowledgeable about WordPress to help us keep it updated.
- Headshots are needed from new ARF Board Members to update the website: Celia, Deb, and Dick.

Membership Report (Celia)

- Current membership:

Membership Type	Number
LIFE	43
Associate LIFE	6
Annual	8
Annual Associate	1
Totals	58

Financial Update

- Our current balance is \$5,580.00.
- A recent expense was \$160 to rent the Alumni House for student teach-in we co-sponsored.

Review of ARF Election Committee (Sue)

- Dick, Deb, and Diane will serve on the Elections Committee during Spring 2024
- Terms for President, Secretary, and 2 or 3 at-large Board members are up at end of spring 2024 (Vickie, Nancy, and Elizabeth)
- Dick, Deb, and Diane will solicit and present a slate of candidates by February 13th to include professional track faculty and any current Board member willing to run again.

Review of ARF Programs for Fall 2023 (Sue)

- Fundraiser for Spartan Open Pantry at the Flat Iron on Thursday, November 2nd from 7:30 – 9:30 PM. Cover charge was donated to Spartan Open Pantry. Several ARF members attended, and the Director of Spartan Open Pantry attended. More than \$400 was raised that night plus additional donations were made online. The band that performed was well received and publicity for this event was prodigious.
- Collaboration with The Piedmont Triad League of Women Voters included several ARF members who helped register UNCG students to vote.
- Co-sponsorship of Teach-in for UNCG students was very successful.
- Caregiving presentation: Zoom presentation on “Making Sense of Caregiving” given by Willetha Barnette on Wednesday, Sept. 27th from 1- 2:30 pm. This program was very informative.
- Advice about Traditional vs. Phased Retirement on Zoom featured a panel of ARF members sharing their experiences on October 26th at 4:00 PM. Video of this session will be posted on ARF website asap.

Discussion of Spring 2024 ARF Programs Plans (Sue)

- ARF Annual Social & Faculty Retirement Reception is now set for Tuesday 4/9/24 from 3 pm to 5 pm in Alumni House. Agenda will be similar to last year, but we will add a membership table as suggested by Dick.
- Downsizing Guidelines will be presented by Elizabeth Hirsh (Owner of the The Downsizers) will be on Zoom in January (date and time to be determined). This event will be open to the public and advertised to local CCRCs (e.g., WellSpring, River Landing, Friends Home, Pennybyrn, WhiteStone, Twin Lakes) and The Shepherd Center.
- TED Talks will be selected and led by Vicki & Ken on February 22, 2024 from 1:00-2:30 PM on Zoom. Vicki encouraged us to invite friends and family to the TED Talk. Suggestions for topics are welcome.
- End of the year ARF Business Meeting & Election in May (date to be determined after coordination with Provost Storrs).
- The program committee is looking for ideas for an in-person event later in Spring 2024. Lunch at a restaurant is one idea, but other suggestions are welcome.

Closing (Sue)

- Sue closed the meeting at 12:20 PM and wished everyone happy holidays and safe travels.
- **The next ARF Board meeting will be Tuesday, 2/13/24 @ 11 am on Zoom.**

Action Items

- **Sue** will (1) email Alan Boyette about contacting retiring faculty, including Professional Track faculty, to invite them to join ARF; (2) get names of faculty who were on the Oct. 26th Zoom about retirement choices so Celia can also reach out to them about joining ARF; (3) select a date in January for Elizabeth Hirsh to do a presentation on Zoom about downsizing; (4) set a date in May 2024 for Annual Business Meeting that Provost Storrs can attend.
- **Barbara** will (1) contact Betsy for access to Google Drive so Vicki and I can upload minutes to archive them, (2) update the website as much as possible and ask around about someone we can pay to update the website.
- **Celia** will (1) send Barb a headshot for ARF website; (2) contact Deans with the goal of contacting retiring faculty, including Professional Track faculty, about joining ARF.
- **Deb** will (1) send Barb a headshot for ARF website; (2) work with Dick and Diane to find candidates for open positions to present to the ARF Board by Fed. 13th.
- **Diane** will (1) work with Deb and Dick on finding candidates for open positions to present to the ARF Board by Fed. 13th.
- **Dick** will (1) send Barb a headshot for ARF website; (2) work with Deb and Diane on finding candidates for open positions to present to the ARF Board by Fed. 13th.
- **Vicki** will (1) meet with Ken to select TED Talks for Feb. 22, 2024.