



Northwest Retiree Association
 General Meeting: May 6, 2025, 11 am-noon
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 Present:

Board Members: Rosalie Weathermon (President), Robert Dewhirst (Vice President), Theo Ross (Treasurer), Karen Schaffer (Member-at-large), Johanna Fairchild (Member-at-large), Nancy Farlow (Member-at-large, acting secretary), Sue Wood (What's Up this Week/Month),

Members: Ray Courter, John Shaw, Barbara Nelson, Ken Nelson, Jim Eiswert, Janice Brandon-Falcone, Louise Horner, Channing Horner, Ben Graham

Ex-officio: Jill Brown (Foundation) Brenda Untiedt (Foundation)

Minutes

- I. Call to Order—11:00 a.m.
- II. Welcome – NWRA President Rosalie Weathermon (welcome new retirees)
 No new retiree's present. Recent retiree - Jeff Bradley is catering the meal.
- III. Approval of Agenda (Jim—moved approval, Karen—seconded, and passed unanimously)
- IV. Minutes of the February 4, 2025 meeting were approved online by the Board
- V. Treasurer's Report – Theo Ross

Operating Fund:

<i>Balances as of July 1, 2024:</i>	<i>\$ 4,061.07 (for Reference only)</i>
Balances as of March 1, 2025:	\$6,166.06
Income:	\$ 115.00
Expenses:	(\$ 0)
Balance as of March 31, 2025	\$6,281.06

Scholarship:

(Need \$25,000 to be self-sustaining)

<i>Balances as of July 1, 2024:</i>	<i>\$1,117.53 (for Reference only)</i>
Balance March 1, 2025	\$4,548.27
Income:	\$3,884.00
Donations	\$1,654.00
Northwest Day of Green	\$2,230.00
Expenses:	(\$ 500.00)
Semester Scholarship disbursement	
Balance as of April 30, 2025	\$7,932.27

Theo encouraged members to pay dues—Lifetime \$100.00 (\$150 for a couple) or Annual \$10.00 (or \$15.00 for a couple)—and to check the membership list for accuracy.

- VI. Thank you from Outgoing President

- A. Rosalie thanked all those who helped her as President this year, who made things happen and who supported her through all of the changes made this past year. As she expressed her appreciation, she also encouraged other retirees to be involved and help when opportunities arise.
 - B. Special thanks went to Jill Brown and Brenda Untiedt at the Northwest Foundation. Jill helped get the scholarship started, helped with the Day of Green Challenge for the Scholarship fund, and is recording the meeting today to post on Facebook Live. Brenda Untiedt manages the data and supports us whenever we have questions.
 - C. Rosalie turned over the meeting to new President Bob Dewhirst.
- VII. Election of Board of Director Members – Call for Nominations
 Bob opened nominations for Board Members-at-large.
Bold indicates board members already serving for 2025-2026
 Board Members-at-large:
1. **Currently Serving: Pat Lucido (2nd year)**
Currently Serving: Karen Schaffer (2nd year)
Currently Serving: Nancy Farlow (2nd year)
 Open Position – 2-year position: John Shaw (Karen—nominate, Rosalie—seconded, and passed unanimously)
 After clarification of the constitution that does not restrict the number of Members-at-large, Theo moved that we add another member-at-large position, since two people were willing to serve (John—seconded, and passed unanimously)
 Open Position – 2-year position: Jim Eiswert (Janice—nominate, John—seconded, and passed unanimously)
 Open Position – 2-year position: Janice Brandon-Falcone (Jim—nominate, John—seconded, and passed unanimously)
 2. **President: Bob Dewhirst (1 year)**
 3. **Past President: Rosalie Weathermon (1 year)**
 4. Vice President/President-elect: Sue Wood (Bob (who stepped aside temporarily)—nominate, Jim—seconded, and passed unanimously)
 5. **Secretary: Christine Benson (serving 2nd year – elected in even years)**
 6. Treasurer: (elected in odd years for 2 years) Theo Ross (for a 2nd consecutive 2-year term) (Jim—nominate, Karen—seconded, and passed unanimously)
- VIII. Old Business:
 Need for volunteer/committee people for variety of duties, examples:
- Send thank you notes to scholarship donors (Janice Falcone offered to send thank you notes to scholarship donors.)
 - Planning an event – Karen Schaffer, Jim and Rosalie offered to help with this.)
 - Correspondence to new members – a letter once or twice a year, other ideas?
 - Help with communications – send an email once a week with input from other sources Sue Wood will continue with this.
 - Benefits, keep up with Medicare and NW changes– John Shaw
 - Coordinate snacks for the 2nd Fridays Happy Hour at the Pub. (Bob Dewhirst is willing and will continue to do this.)

- IX. New Business/Announcements/Upcoming Events:
- A. Art Auction for scholarship-- Janice Falcone initiated a discussion on this topic. Ideas to raise money for the scholarship fund were discussed. Volunteers for a planning committee were Janice Falcone, Barb Nelsen, Rosalie Weathermon and Ray Courter. Many ideas were suggested and discussed--ways to gather art, possible other ideas of buying a Musician/artist for an event to come and play or perform, a silent auction, display items at the Alumni house, send out a press release to invite other alumni etc. to donate items or artifacts. Ways to reach a wider audience were discussed by the group along with ways to find items that may have personal connections to a member of the University. Brenda Untiedt suggested selling raffle tickets at football tailgates for choices of specific items. Silent auctions were also discussed with a minimum bid for each item, or people could bid for the first choice of the list of items. We need to coordinate with the art department so we don't compete with their spring and fall sales. We should look for ways to incorporate interest from a variety of community resources. Janice offered to be the contact person for this project.
 - B. Private group tour of Voices and Votes-- Bob will set up a private group tour for Friday, May 16th at 2:00 p.m.
 - C. Backyard Vinyard—People were unfamiliar with this local business but were interested in this as a summer activity. (Joel will check into this for July.)
- X. Membership List: (81 members as of 4/1/2025—20 Lifetime, 61 Regular)
- A. The latest list is available today from Theo or Sue Wood.
 - B. If you are not a lifetime member, dues are due July 1. You may do that online on or after July 1: www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/nwretirees , then *Renew*; or see Theo Ross.
- XI. Next General Meeting: Tentatively 4:00 to 5:00, August 22, 2025, in Valk 118. Details TBA.
- XII. Adjournment (Jim—moved, Janice—seconded)—11:44 a.m.

Addenda:

1. As per our By-Laws, I sent the slate of officers and at-large board members to the full NWRA for the 10-day window to vote. Eight people responded, all of which supported the slate.
2. Confirmed: The next NWRA General Meeting is 4:00, August 22, 2025, in Valk 40.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Benson, Secretary, with great thanks to Nancy Farlow for taking minutes and Jill Brown for posting the video of the meeting to Facebook live.