



Northwest Retiree Association

Board Meeting: 3 p.m. September 17 in The Haven Conference Room

Board Members Present: Sue Wood (President), Nancy Farlow (Secretary) Theo Ross (Treasurer), Jim Eiswert (Member-at-Large), John Shaw (Member-at-large, Benefits), Robert Dewhirst (Past President), Janice Brandon-Falcone (Member-at-large--Scholarship), Pat Lucido (Member-At-Large, FB Manager)—via Zoom, Nancy Foley (Member-at-large)- via zoom,

Members: (via Zoom) Christine Benson, Vicki Seeger (Membership), Rosalee Weatherman

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order—Sue Wood
- II. Approval of Agenda—Jim Eiswert moved to approve the agenda, John Shaw seconded, and approval was unanimous.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Theo Ross - No new report. Still waiting on the information from the Alumni office.
- IV. New Business

1. Report on Membership discussion - Vicki Seeger

Vicki and Sue met with Duane and Jill Brown to find out about access to a database for future retirees. They will gain access to this to get the information needed to contact future retirees. An updated letter will be written to be included in the packet for new retirees as well as emailed out to them. The Brochure that was created last year has been updated with a list of new officers and will also be included. This is working to meet the yearly goal of increasing membership.

We need to remind current members to renew membership. The membership list has been updated as of August 24, 2026. Sue and Vicki will send e-mail reminders to unpaid members to renew.

2. Arts Auction - Janice has created a list of names for potential contacts to donate for the auction. She is seeking information as to how to run the on-line platform for the auction from a St. Gregory contact person. It was suggested to name the auction the ARTS AUCTION in order to expand the types of items that will be available for purchase to handmade Arts, quilting, sourdough, woodworking, performances, and possibly even event tickets. We need to make sure to designate the reason for the Auction is to support the Retiree Employee Scholarship fund.

3. Membership of those that are not Northwest retirees - Janice brought up that there are some people that are interested in joining the group and have been at the Happy Hour asking about our organization. They are not retired Northwest employees, but would like to become a part of the group. A discussion was held about possibly bringing it before the general assembly at the November meeting to amend Article III of the constitution to be able to possibly include this type of member. An amendment was stated to replace the first sentence in Section V, Article III to read as follows: Individuals who have retired and have a previous association with Northwest or a comparable institution, may apply for an associate membership. This request will be presented for vote to the

membership committee. A motion was made by John and Bob seconded, to accept this amendment and present it to the general assembly at the November meeting. It was not a unanimous vote.

V. Old Business

1. Distinguished Faculty Emeritus Award - Mike Steiner was chosen and submitted for this award by the committee.
2. Scheduling of Upcoming Field Trips and Presentations:
 - a. September 29: Bingo (Meet at Elks at 6:30 for 7:00 game)
 - b. October 26: BD Owens Library Presentation - 2:00 in the BD Owens classroom on 2nd floor - (Jerry Wilmes)
 - c. November 3 - December 8 Lunch and Learn: PBS documentary on the Revolution Ken Burns (Janice Falcone) Scheduled for 6 weeks, but each DVD has 2 sessions so it might take longer than 6 weeks.
 - d. Beginning January 12: Lunch and Learn with Joel Benson: Colonial and Revolutionary History
 - e. Trip to Linda Hall Library and Toy and Museum - (Pat Lucido) February 18, 2027
Library at 10:15, Lunch on the Plaza at 11:15 and 1:30 Toy Museum
 - f. AI presentation: 2nd semester John Shaw
 - g. Medicare Update Presentation: Fall 2026, John Shaw

VI. Next General Meeting: November 19, 2026

VII. Adjournment— Motion - Jim, 2nd - Bob 4:20pm