

Northwest Retiree Association
Board Meeting
4:00 pm, Tuesday, June 16.2026
Conference Room, Alumni House

Present:

Board Members: Sue Wood (President), Theo Ross (Treasurer), Pat Immel (Vice - President)
Nancy Farlow (Incoming Secretary), Christine Benson (Outgoing Secretary), Robert Dewhirst
(Past President), Janice Brandon-Falcone, Jim Eiswert, John Shaw, Rosalie Weathermon

Attendance Via Zoom: Pat Lucido, Nancy Foley

- I. Call to order - 4:00 pm Sue Wood Sue thanked Bob Dewhirst for all the leadership and work as president.
- II. Approval of Agenda - Motion (Janice Brandon - Falcone) 2nd - Bob Dewhirst
- III. Treasurers Report - Theo Ross - no new report given due to date of last general meeting.
- IV. New Business :
 1. Discussion of Roles of Board Members
Remember that all process questions and/or requests involving university services must go through the Northwest liaison—currently Duane Havard.
 - a. Membership Process – Each role of the office was discussed as Christine Benson outlined the current process. After further discussion:
 - b. Since privacy laws prevent us from getting a list of retired staff, Pat Immel will ask to present at Faculty Senate and Staff Council, passing out NWRA cards, asking them to inform people approaching retirement about our organization.
 - c. Rosalee will create a flow chart of the Membership Process, including asking for a NW email account.
 - d. Christine will follow up with Duane about NW retiree access to B. D. Owen's Library materials.
 - e. We still need an at-large Board member to take the lead as Membership Coordinator.
 2. Facebook Management - Pat Lucido offered to take this step over and continue working with Rosalee and Janice to manage the Facebook Account.
 3. What's Up - Nancy Foley will help Sue with weekly What's Up Newsletter.
 4. Coordination of Snack Basket for Friday Happy Hour - Bob Dewhirst will continue to take care of this. Rosalee will help in picking up snacks at Sam's Club.
 - 5.. Events Coordinator - It was discussed that if you present an idea to the group, you will be responsible for getting the information and making appropriate plans for the event.
 6. NEW POSITION - Tech facilitator for meetings. Need someone to be responsible for setting up technology at meetings.

7. Faculty Emeritus Award Process - Nomination comes from this group. Waiting on response from Duane to outline this process.

8. AROHE National conference - if anyone is interested in going, contact Sue for information.

9. Organizational Goals for 2026 -27

- a. Scholarship - It is endowed! Janice sent out Thank You notes to donors. John Shaw stated that we still need to keep working on funds for scholarship to add to this above the endowment amount in order to keep up with inflation and still offer a scholarship amount that will be beneficial to recipients. Possibly have scholarship recipients speak at a general meeting.
- b. Membership - Goal is to get the membership process streamlined and more functional in promoting the organization to new retirees and prospective members.
- c. Other - It was suggested to possibly have a fundraising event to raise money to add to scholarship fund.

V. Old Business

1. Prioritizing and setting dates for field trips and presentations - discussion was held and decided to wait until after the World Cup in Kansas City to plan any trips to the city. Pat Lucido will get information on available dates and times for possible events.
 - a. Homestead National Historical Park in Beatrice, Nebraska - John Shaw checking into this.
 - b. Bingo at Elks Club - Janice checking for info on this and dates.
 - c. It was decided to pick one event for July - the Homestead National Park and see what the interest is at the August general meeting for future events and dates.

VI. Schedule next general meeting: August

Sue will check on the dates that faculty return and verify that NWRA is invited to the Back to School Picnic.

VII. Adjournment - Janice motioned to Adjourn and Bob 2nd the motion. Meeting Adjourned.