

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty Executive Board Meeting
May 11, 2016

Present: Irene Allen, Jim Conley, Dave Geherin, Bert Greene, Sally McCracken, John Pappas, George Perkins, Barbara Scheffer, Alida Westman.
Ex officio: Susan Rink, Senior Director of Development of the Foundation

The meeting was called to order at 9:03.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved with the amendments that Richard Douglass be labeled as a guest and under New Business #1 "than" be spelled correctly as "then."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1. The Social** will be May 25 in the McKenny Ballroom.
- 2. A. Measure for Measure**, a men's choral society, will give its Annual Spring Concert on May 21, 7:30 p.m., at Hill auditorium.
B. Fundraiser on June 4, 7 p.m. to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Sponberg Theatre. The proceeds benefit the EMU Theatre and the Entertainment Design and Technology program. Wendy Kivi will know where tickets are being sold.
- 3. Emeriti are entitled to two free tickets for theatre plays, sports events, etc.** Please make sure that this is enforced, so the contractual item does not disappear as a result of ignorance. With a fundraiser, there usually are no free tickets.
- 4. Athletic.**
 - A. Salaries of specific coaches are unclear.** There was a discussion about the athletic budget.
 - B. Contributions are up.** Susan Rink indicated that the practice facilities need to be competitive with those at other institutions. There is a fundraiser currently to update the facilities. A number of alumni have promised \$5,000/year for a minimum of 5 years. These alumni have been very successful, and they are passionate about EMU's athletics.
 - C. Athletics are supported, to some extent, from the general fund** at all institutions except 3. EMU is high in the percent of dollars from the general fund, when compared to other MAC schools, but not necessarily in the total dollar amount.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. The General Meeting is on May 12.** New emeriti will be inducted. Those who died will be recognized. Election will be held for Executive Board positions. Susan Rink will talk about changes at the Foundation. The Alumni Association is back under the umbrella of the Foundation and a new head is being sought. Glenna Frank Miller is the interim assistant vice president for alumni engagement.

2. **The survey requesting suggestions about presentations at General Meetings was sent out.** Only two people replied, but they made very good suggestions.
3. **Number of emeriti living within 75 miles of EMU** is about 418.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **The next Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation** is Howard Booth. His election was unanimous.
2. **The Constitution of the Emeritus Association** needs to be reviewed for possible updating.
3. **The current president of the Emeritus Association** has indicated he will not run for re-election in June. What followed was a discussion of how the transition could be made.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30

The next meeting will be on June 8, 2016, at the Eagle's Nest at the Convocation Center.