

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty Executive Board Meeting
November 11, 2015

Present: Irene Allen, Jim Conley, Dave Geherin, Bert Greene, Sally McCracken, John Pappas, George Perkins, Barbara Scheffer, Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Tom Gwaltney, Foundation Board Representative, and Susan Rink, Senior Director of Development of the Foundation.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07.

The minutes of the October meeting had not been copied and will be considered next time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. **Charles Kettles** is being nominated for the Medal of Honor. He has been a student and faculty member at EMU, and he will be honored by EMU at some point. Presently, there is a permanent display honoring his achievements at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum on Huron street.
2. **Faculty are deeply concerned and angry about the secrecy of the EMU presidential search.** It appears that the next president will be chosen solely by the regents. Lack of input on the search process has led in the past to problematic choices. The AAUP has refused to have a representative on the search committee and the Faculty Senate is considering a similar action.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Emeritus Board Meetings are open meetings.** We should invite members to attend, especially if they are interested in serving on the Board.
2. **The December Social is on December 9.** Space at the President's House is more limited, because both the study and kitchen areas will be closed. If space becomes too limited for the number of people who attend, then other venues will be considered. Some other venues were discussed. There was agreement that the opportunity to interact, good food, opportunity to sit down, and parking, including valet service, are important. It also was noted that it would be a good idea to remind our members that tipping for valet parking would be appreciated.
3. **Presentations of interest for General Meetings.** Barbara Scheffer created a short survey to ask people for recommendations on topics and perhaps presenters. The survey will be sent to the local emeriti and distributed at the May 12, 2016, General Meeting.
4. **Day of the week for the General Meetings.** Parking is better on Fridays especially during regular terms. It is hoped that better parking will increase attendance. George Perkins moved and David Geherin seconded the motion to move the October 2016 General Meeting from Thursday October 13, 2016 to Friday October 14, 2016. The motion carried.
5. **Nominating Committee.** Before we seek candidates for the Board, we should ask those who are completing their third year whether they plan to run again. These members are Jim Conley, John Pappas, and Sally McCracken. If any prefer not to stay on the board, then the Nominating Committee (composed of Board members in their second year) will need to find new candidates who might wish to serve as board members. Currently the second year members are Bert Greene, George Perkins, and Alida Westman.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Library Liaison is needed.** Barbara Scheffer volunteered.
- 2. EMU Foundation Liaison is needed.** Tom Gwaltney has been the liaison for a number of years and thinks it is time for someone else to serve. It is a three-year term. The policy of the Executive Board has been to elect someone who has contributed a minimum of \$1000/year to the Foundation. Foundation Trustees contribute at least \$1500/year. In order to promote parity, Irene Allen moved and John Pappas seconded the motion that the Executive Board elect a person who has contributed at least \$1500/year to the Foundation. The motion passed. Susan Rink will provide a list of emeriti who have donated at least \$1500/year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55

The next meeting will be on December 9.