

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
March 6, 2024**

Present: Larry Gates, Nora Martin, Sally McCracken, Glenna Frank Miller, Greg Peoples, Barbara Scheffer, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation and Rae Ann Yuskowatz, Director of Planned and Legacy Giving at the Foundation

The meeting was on Zoom and called to order at 4:02 p.m.

The minutes of December 6, 2023, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken** indicated that she is getting questions from faculty who are having problems obtaining the contractually agreed upon Medigap reimbursement of \$160 per month through HSA. Calling HSA directly may work. If not, contact EMU's Chief HR Officer Jeff Angeliu; he is the EMU liaison to HSA.
- B. Conflicting mailing lists are presenting problems.** Sally is working to get the mailing lists reconciled.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Constitution and Bylaws are reviewed every 5 years.** This is a year for review. One aspect to be updated concerns the timing of the agenda of meetings to be sent to emeriti. The Bylaws indicate that the agenda is to be mailed out a month ahead of a meeting, but these days we can use email rather than USPS, and so the timeline can be revisited.
- B. Mobility problems can be addressed** for emeriti coming to Social or Business meetings. Larry Gates reported that we have wheelchairs and he is willing to volunteer. People would be helped from the door of McKenny to the Ballroom but not from the parking lot to the building. Rae Ann Yuskowatz indicated that she can hire some student workers to help out. Sally McCracken indicated that she would include a question about mobility concerns in the invitation.
- C. Name tags** will be printed in larger letters for easier reading.
- D. The Order of Business and Social meetings** is reversed this year due to challenges in space availability from the usual one of Business meeting before the Social. Having the Business meeting on Zoom is less preferred, because it makes socialization more difficult, especially if the group is large. Finding and scheduling spaces for in-person meetings well ahead of time is a must. The Student Center is not available during May because of testing. Sally will work with Lorraine Walsh of the Provost's Office to check whether the Eagle's Nest at the Convocation Center is available. If not, availability of the Sponberg Center is the next choice and the University Health Center is third.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. For the May 17 Social** in McKenny, Rae Ann Yuskowitz will try to get entertainment for 10 to 15 minutes. She will contact members of the Forensics team, or, if these are not available, she will look for actors to do a theater sketch, or for music faculty or members of the choir who can perform at the event.
- B. The agenda for the June Membership meeting** does not include any business items. The dates mentioned with remembrances will reference the Board of Regents' meetings. Sally McCracken will contact the Chief Diversity Officer Dwight Hamilton to present the status of diversity at EMU. This is especially of interest given the disputes about Diversity Equity, and Inclusion on U.S. campuses.
- C. For the Fall meeting**, Jean Bush-Bacelis and Glenna Frank Miller will schedule a presentation on artificial intelligence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Howard Booth** indicated that the Foundation meeting stressed the need to maintain the fundraising momentum. There also is a push toward greater engagement with faculty and alumni through their department. Emeriti need to be considered also in this process, especially to encourage the continuation of their very generous support of EMU.
- B. Rae Anne Yuskowitz** added that the staff is being reorganized to achieve the goals Howard mentioned. She also will make sure to have emeriti contacted when President Smith and his wife go somewhere for fundraising.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Wednesday April 3, 2024, at 10 a.m.