

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
May 4, 2022**

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, David Geherin, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Barry (Dave) Painter, Gregory Peoples, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation

The meeting was by Zoom and called to order at 10:06 a.m.

The minutes of April 13, 2022, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sally McCracken indicated that the Emeritus Faculty and Staff Spring General Membership Meeting is on Friday, May 13, 2022, from noon to 3 p.m. It has been moved in the Student Center from Room 300 to the Ballroom due to the number of people planning to attend (most likely 60) and the pandemic. She is trying to figure out the number, because registration was not completed if people did not go through to the very end of the procedure. She has a list of people who clicked on the invitation but did not finish the registration in order to determine which of them might intend to come, e.g. people who live far away or have never come are not likely to come now.

The Emeritus Association has no budget of its own. The group in charge differs for the Membership meeting and the Social. The Provost's Office normally arranges the General Membership meeting and the Foundation takes care of the Social.

Karen Peacock is Provost Longworth's new secretary; she is a very capable person and Sally looks forward to working with her.

The Spring Social will be on June 1. Celia Murkowski, Assistant Director of Engagement, EMU Foundation, indicates that only 70 people have registered for it. She will send out a reminder to people around May 16. Some people have indicated when asked that they did not notice the invitation amidst the large volume of emails people are getting these days; they did find it when they searched for it.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership meeting on May 13, 2022

- Masks will be recommended but not required
- Sandwiches will be boxed: beef, ham, turkey, or vegetarian. Coffee and tea will be available.
- Alida Westman, Greg Peoples, Howard Booth, and Skip Lawver will come at 11:30 to help set up the tables with information about the agenda, new emeriti, diseased emeriti, election ballots, and to welcome emeriti as they arrive.
- The program will begin at 1 pm.
 - Sally will describe the group, with acknowledgment that in person contact stopped in March 2020 due to the pandemic. Since this time 127 new faculty and staff have joined, so that now we have 743 member, of which 527 are faculty (9 fulltime lecturers), and 216 staff;

therefore, we will maintain a ratio of approximately 6:3 faculty to staff on the Executive Board.

- President Smith and Provost Rhonda Longworth will describe EMU during the pandemic and moving forward from it.
- Sally will recognize David Geherin's many years of service on the Emeritus Executive Board
- Alida Westman and Skip Lawver will count the vote for the election of a new member on the Executive board.
- People will be asked whether they want to have boxed lunches or buffet at the Social on June 1 and any other ideas they have for the emeritus association, including for programs.
- New emeriti will be welcomed. Further information will be on the table.
- Diseased emeriti will be remembered. Further information will be on the table.
- The program "Know Your Emeritus Benefits" will describe benefits by subgroup, because they are contractual. Jeff Angeliu from HR and David from LAZ parking will be present. They will be asked about the most frequent questions they get. Sally will describe our website and indicate that it has a Q&A which now also provides information about auditing courses, including for staff. She also will indicate that golfers can get the corporate rate of \$450/season at the golf course (carts extra).

NEW BUSINESS

Provost Rhonda Longworth is considering having a special social gathering toward the end of summer to welcome new emeriti, because there are too many to easily do this in a different gathering. Executive Board members welcomed this.

Future programs. Members of the Executive Board are asked to circulate, especially at the Social, so no one feels left out, and to listen for future presentation topics of interest. Their nametags will be encased in a plastic holder, so that they are easier to recognize. They also will be introduced at the meeting.

Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver and Gregory Peoples will work together to organize future programs. Greg will contact Decky Alexander, Professor and Director, Academic Engagement Programs, who has been presenting technology for seniors and inquire whether this would be a good program for the Fall Membership meeting. Digital Devas also may offer interesting ideas. Other ideas are requested and welcomed.

Committee Report

Foundation. Howard Booth indicated that the Foundation is very close to its goal of a \$100 million. This Saturday are the Alumni Awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be by Zoom on Tuesday June 7, 2022, at 10 a.m.