

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
October 5, 2022**

Present: Richard Douglass, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Glenna Frank Miller, Gregory Peoples, Barbara Scheffer, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation and Jill Hunsberger, Associate Vice President for Advancement

The meeting was by Zoom and called to order at 10:07 a.m.

The minutes of September 7, 2022, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken has arranged the presentation with the speaker** from the *A2go Autonomous Vehicle Initiative* for the Fall General Membership meeting on October 28, 2022. The speaker will show slides, then a movie, and then talk about autonomous vehicles. Arrangements have been made to enable the audio-visual presentations.
- B. Sally will ask members what barriers they encounter** when they try to come to events of the emeriti. Both the general meetings and the socials are now from noon to 3 pm, so that people who hesitate to drive after dark can come.
- C. Sally is studying which issues need to be added to the Q&A section** of the emeritus website. For example, the office which handles the identification cards, Eagle card Service EMU, has been moved from McKenny to the Student Center.
- D. Sally has answered a diversity of questions from the membership.** Some emeriti were confused about the Required Minimum Distribution withdrawals of before-tax money at TIAA-CREF; this is a federal requirement and not something that EMU has initiated. Questions about HSA reimbursement for medigap insurance have been forwarded to Jeff Angeliu, HR Director, and he has answered them.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Fall General Membership Meeting** is on October 28 from noon to 3 pm in the Student Center Ballroom. Sally McCracken will give an update on some of the changes on campus, such as offices which have moved. Then she will introduce EMU President Smith. He will be a main presenter at the Fall General Meeting and Provost Longworth will be a main presenter at the Spring General Meeting. President Smith is asked to give an overview of EMU at the present time. Questions for his presentation were discussed and Sally will pass these on to him. After his presentation, Sally will mention the faculty and staff who have passed on, and then she will introduce the program on autonomous vehicles.
- B. Sally will arrange with parking to leave the gates to the parking lot open,** because the gates have been problematic in the past.
- C. People are requested to let Sally know** when they learn of someone's passing. It is difficult to get this information, especially on staff.

- D. The Bylaws and Constitution** of the Faculty and Staff Emeritus Association need to be checked in 2023 to see if any changes are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Two new executive board members are needed in 2023.** Richard Douglass is involved in many professional endeavors and as a result will not seek reelection. He is willing to continue entering professional and noteworthy activities of emeritus members on the website. Barry (David) Painter also would like to step down, and, as a result, another staff representative needs to be found. Membership on the Executive Board is meant to be representative of staff and of the colleges. Currently the College of Education is not represented on the board. Discussion led to the names of various faculty and staff who might be interested. Sally will contact them. Having Executive Committee meetings on Zoom permits more people to participate; people need not be local, and this makes the emeritus association less of a local organization.
- B. The 2023 Business Meetings** are scheduled for May 19 and October 13 from 12 to 3 pm in the Student Center Ballroom.
- C. Glenna Frank Miller will explore the scheduling of the Student Center Ballroom.** It was used as a classroom during the height of the pandemic, because it permitted good spacing between people. Since then it is hard to schedule an event in it. She will explore why this is so.
- D. A program committee is needed to think about future programs.** No one volunteered to chair the committee, but Skip Lawver would like to be a committee member. Richard Douglass will share his knowledge and evaluation of the healthcare industry at the Spring General Business Meeting. Other suggestions included Howard Booth presenting an overview of giving to EMU. Many of the large gifts are for specific purposes, such as a 3-D arts center and this does not provide money for other purposes, such as scholarships or money for things various departments need.
- E. Next year is EMU's 175th year and Ypsilanti's sesquicentennial.** No doubt many festivities are to be planned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Jill Hunsberger reported** that homecoming was a great success. Many tailgated and a tent was set up to permit a diversity of activities. The turnout was very good and people had fun. Soon she will promote Giving True Day and crowdgiving events. The Shovel-ready golf facility and soon the 3-D arts center will get started.
- B. Sally mentioned** that emeriti are very generous and provide a steady stream of funds.
- C. Howard Booth indicated** that fundraising had been very good and that there is much community involvement with EMU students in different directions. He suggested tht the student president and vice president be invited to meetings as special guests. The current president and vice president also would make excellent speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Zoom on November 2, 2022.