

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
December 1, 2021**

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

The meeting was by Zoom and called to order at 10:04 a.m.

The minutes of November 3, 2021, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Sally McCracken reported that she herself enters new emeriti to our email listing. Many of them use email addresses which are not emich.edu addresses. The listing is needed for many reasons, including the ability of alumni to contact the people they knew at EMU. Regrettably, EMU's listing of emeriti has many inaccuracies. People who are still actively teaching are sometimes listed as emeriti. Sometimes people who died are not removed or noted as having deceased. Some emeriti are missing. Some are misclassified as to the group to which they belonged.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Parking is presenting many problems.** People are being ticketed, including those who are currently still teaching. An emeritus member was informed that he needed to appeal the ticket in court. Actually it is best to contact LAZ directly at 734-217-4892, parkingemuhelp@LAZparking.com. The general manager at EMU is Lyla Ellens. During discussion it was learned that some members of the Executive Board neither knew about, nor received the new parking card from LAZ. The card is arranged through the provost's office. People also can call LAZ directly to check that their car has been entered into their system.
- 2. Big spaces are being used as classrooms** to permit appropriate distancing. This means that, with the exception of the ballroom in the Student Center, they are not available for meetings. A new variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus is beginning to circulate and in addition there were more than 500 cases of flu at the University of Michigan. At this time an outside **Spring gathering** seems more likely to make people feel comfortable enough to come. However, perhaps by that time a large indoor space is feasible. To make the event a success, comfortable seating is needed.
- 3. To make meetings inviting, they should be fun** to attend. Perhaps after the business meeting in Spring, music students could sing. Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver is an excellent wood carver and could present his art work. Perhaps an ice cream social would be fun. Various fun activities around town also were mentioned.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.** There was none.

REPORTS

1. There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be by Zoom on March 2, 2022, at 10 a.m. unless matters need to be discussed at an earlier date.