

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
December 4, 2024

Present: Larry Gates, Nora Martin, 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, Rae Ann Yuskowatz, Director of Planned and Legacy Giving at the Foundation, and Lorraine Walsh, Executive Assistant to the Provost.

The meeting was in the Eagles Nest and called to order at 10:06 am.
The minutes of November 13, 2024, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken reported that the search for the next EMU president** is well underway. She is in touch with the chair of the Search Committee and the chair indicated that they are looking for a Search Firm to help locate candidates.
- B. Sally is scheduled to go with Larry Gates, a golfer, to the Eagles Crest** to make sure that emeriti are included in the cheaper membership rates. Currently there is a "corporate membership" which provides students, staff, and faculty with a lower membership price; it is \$600 which is half of a regular membership fee.
- C. At the December 6 Social**, the president and vice-president of the Theater Honorary will sing nondenominational songs. EMU President Smith will speak briefly. The suggestion was made that for next Spring, Jill Hunsberger and her husband may be willing to present the music.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Lorraine Walsh presented an outline of the meeting rooms available.** Upon discussion, the Gervin Atrium was chosen as the preferred place for the Business Meeting in May 2025.
- B. Candidates to replace Alida Westman on the Executive Board** were discussed and a ranked list created. Sally will contact people using the rank order and stop when someone agrees, so that the position does not become a competitive one. Also needed is someone to be liaison to the EMU-AAUP. Alida has agreed to continue in this role until someone is found.
- C. The suggested changes in the bylaws** were approved for presentation at the Faculty and Staff Emeritus Association 2025 Spring Business Meeting and for vote at the Faculty and Staff Emeritus Association 2025 Fall Business Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The 2025 Emeritus Calendar was presented by** Sally, Rae Anne Yuskowatz, and Lorraine Walsh. Lorraine will arrange for the Gervin Atrium for the Spring 2025 Business Meeting. The deans with their significant others have been invited to the Fall 2024 Social.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Howard Booth and Rae Anne Yuskowatz** reported that Giving Tuesday was very successful. There were 1,110 donors who contributed \$2,033,907.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be at 10 am on Wednesday, March 5, 2024, at the Eagles Nest at the George Gervin Game Above Center.