

**Eastern Michigan University  
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting  
April 13, 2022**

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, David Geherin, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Barry (Dave) Painter, 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 10:04 a.m.  
The minutes of March 2, 2022, were approved unanimously.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Sally McCracken indicated that the Emeritus Faculty and Staff Spring Social** will be on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, from noon to 3 p.m. in the EMU Student Center Ballroom. Sending out the invitation electronically worked well. **Emeritus General Membership Meeting** on Friday, May 13, 2022, from noon to 3 p.m. in Room 300 of the Student Center also will be sent out electronically. **Claiming benefits sometimes still is problematic.** How to claim the death benefit will be clarified on the website, [www.emich.edu/emeritus](http://www.emich.edu/emeritus), and emeriti will be reminded to mention the benefit to inheritors. Emeriti also need to make sure that their inheritors are clearly indicated for their TIAA-CREF contracts. Medigap reimbursement through HSA is still causing some problems, but procedural information has been posted on the website.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**General Membership Meeting and Social.** At the Membership Meeting, President Smith and Provost Longworth will provide brief updates, including on the pandemic. President Smith is gone at the time of the Social, but Provost Longworth will provide a brief comment and perhaps VP for Advancement and Executive Director of the EMU Foundation Bill Shepard will do so also. Their brief comments. This will leave lots of time to socialize. EMU regulations on masking will be followed. Whether food is boxed or buffet will depend on the state of the pandemic at the time.

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

**Replacement for David Geherin.** Many faculty and staff people were listed as possibilities. Sally will contact them. If it works out, then replacement will happen at the Spring Membership meeting, but if not, then it will take place at the Fall Membership meeting.

**Hacking.** Sally McCracken reported that Bert Greene's email had been hacked and his email list used. He had not been aware of it.

**Parking.** Many emeriti assumed that the registration of their cars occurred after following the registration procedure, and they did not know that the process had failed because they did not wait for verification. Waiting for verification is critical. Further, registration must be repeated every year. If

there is doubt about whether a car has been registered, or to deal with a ticket, it is best to contact LAZ directly at [parkingemuhelp@LAZparking.com](mailto:parkingemuhelp@LAZparking.com) or 734-217-4892.

## **New Business**

### **Sally McCracken Organized the Program for the Spring General**

**Membership Meeting.** After President Smith and Provost Longworth have provided their updates, especially with respect to the pandemic, the people who became emeritus members during the past two years will be recognized. Those present will be acknowledged and asked to stand up and say a few things about themselves. More complete descriptions will be made available at each table. Similarly emeriti who have passed away will be acknowledged and more complete descriptions will be available at each table.

The presentation topic will be **"Know your emeritus benefits."** Jeff Angeliu from HR will attend. Opportunities include auditing a class at EMU which is a bit complicated if there are course fees or access to online segments are needed. Further, there may be a reduction in fees at the Eagle Crest Golf Course and for rentals upstairs. Sally McCracken is exploring these.

**Future programs.** Members of the Executive Board are asked to circulate, especially at the Social, so no one feels left out, and to listen to 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 during the meeting.

Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver and Gregory Peoples will work together to organize the fall membership programs. Other people will be invited; they need not be on the Executive Board to participate in the planning. Asking people at the Membership Meeting may be a good way to get people involved.

**Sill Hall Open House** will be on April 21, 3-6 p.m.

**Volunteer opportunities** are listed by Washtenaw United Way for those interested.

## **Committee Report**

**Foundation.** Howard Booth reported that alumni will invite emeriti to their programs, such as going to the Toledo Zoo and participating in the Heart Walk. There also is consideration of Zoom-like meetings to get people involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be by Zoom on May 4, 2022, at 10 a.m.