

**Eastern Michigan University**  
**Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting**  
**May 3, 2023**

Present: Richard Douglass, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Barry (Dave) Painter, Greg Peoples, Barbara Scheffer, and Alida Westman.

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

The meeting was by Zoom and called to order at 10:05 a.m.

The minutes of April 5, 2023, were approved unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Sally McCracken reported** that the Student Union is booked for 3 to 4 years and McKenny also is booked well into the future. It's why the Spring Business Meeting is in the Student Union and the Spring Social was moved to a Wednesday in McKenny. She is working to schedule other future meetings to make sure there is a place for them. Secretaries have been very helpful. Celia Murkowski has been promoted and Calley Taranto has stepped into her role for the Foundation and Lorraine Walsh for the Provost's Office. Calley and Lorraine also are taking care of having someone at the parking gate to facilitate parking.
- B. Ryan Lewis** is an excellent musician who has written his own musical. He will provide music during socializing and also will be featured at the Spring Social.
- C. Some emeriti are hard to reach.** They do not use computers or smart phones and have landlines telephones only. It is not clear how many emeriti fit into this category, but reaching them requires some thought. In one case, a friend in town will print out emailed newsletters and send them by US mail service.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. The Agenda for the Spring Business Meeting** on May 19 from 12 to 3 pm was reviewed. Sally McCracken will honor the service of Richard Douglass and Barry (Dave) Painter who are resigning from the Emeritus Association Executive Board. Alida Westman will run the election of executive board members, because Sally McCracken is up for re-election. Listing Remembrances by name on the back of the Agenda distributed on paper at the meeting was warmly received. It also was suggested that new emeritus members are listed by name on the back of the Agenda page. Provost Longworth has 30 minutes to talk about EMU. Richard Douglass will give a presentation on the US healthcare system. His book was published recently by Cambridge Scholars and is entitled *The Evolution of the US Healthcare System: A Legacy of Opportunism and Greed*.
- B. Richard Douglass** will continue the scholarship page of the emeritus website and he requested that Sally McCracken remind people to submit their scholarly activities to him.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Sally McCracken analyzed where emeriti live** and provided an Excel listing to executive board members. Out of 710 emeriti, 143 live in the Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti area, 419 live in SE Michigan, and 544 live in the lower peninsula. The second largest group lives in Florida, 14 in Ohio near Toledo, 10 in North Carolina, and a few live out west. On average about 54 come to the business meetings and 200, including guests, to the socials.
- B. To check where emeriti are coming from,** Barbara Scheffer and Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver will check with people whether there are any changes in their addresses as they check in at the Business meeting.
- C. Sally McCracken will invite Barbara Patrick,** Head of Political Science, to be the featured speaker at the Fall Business Meeting. Her topic is social justice.
- D. Sally McCracken is mentoring** Jean Bush-Bacelis to take over as president of the EMU Faculty and Staff Emeritus Association in a few years. Glenna Frank Miller will assist her. Jean and Glenna work well as a team and the president's job is a very busy one.
- E. Strategies to bridge gaps in information between the emeriti and departments as well as colleges** were discussed. Perhaps an emeritus ambassador can maintain a list of emeriti and suggest activities with which emeriti can help which do not cross union lines.
- F. Sally McCracken is meeting with** the president of the EMU Alumni Association. She will explore areas of interest, including trips, on which the two associations may want to collaborate.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Howard Booth reported** that the search for a new vice president of the Foundation is underway. The GiveRise fundraising was very successful and invitations to celebrate the conclusion have been sent out. Emeriti are significant contributors to the success.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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