



RETIREES ASSOCIATION

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

## ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

November 29, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm by President Mike Miyamoto. Members present were: Mike Miyamoto, Dave Kalwinsky, Ethel Garrity, Charles Moore, Georgia Greer, Judy Story, Ted Hughes, Jerry Gehre, Tod Jablonski, Priscilla Ramsey, Ken Mijeski and Don Carter. Also present were new 2017 board members Charles Edwards, Jeff Wardeska and Jack Rhoten. Diana McClay represented Human Resources.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Minutes were then approved unanimously.

### 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Executive Committee:** Dr. Mike Miyamoto, Chair: Ethel Garrity presented a report on the recent THERA (Tennessee Higher Education Association) Meeting at Fall Creek Falls, TN from 11/6-7, 2016. Ethel presented a report on our volunteer activities which was well received. There was a tribute to Bill Fisher, ETSURA and THERA founder. One panel of ETSURA's poster board presented pictures of Bill in action and Jerry Gehre spoke about Bill's work and their friendship. Betty Tester submitted a written testimony on Bill's ETSURA activities. Jerry Gehre spoke on the benefits for ETSU retirees. All institutions spoke about their memberships and relationships within their respective universities. TBR institutions must assure that they are not lost in the new structure of their schools when they become autonomous. Ethel also thanked Diana and Krista of HR for assembling our poster.

Jerry Gehre spoke about ETSU joining AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education) in the coming years. The cost is \$120 per year and up to 8 members' e-mails can be added to the data base. AROHE meets every other year and the 2018 meeting is to be at Clemson University.

Charles and Jerry pointed out the importance of Senior Staff Relationships with ETSURA. If we are interested in what they are doing, they, in turn will be interested in what we do. Jerry further noted that the purpose of these retiree organizations has changed over the years.

- b) **Communications Committee:** Dr. Priscilla Ramsey, Chair: Priscilla is revising her lists for next year and has discovered that we are contacting 25 members by telephone who no longer wish to be contacted for various reasons. She will work on the lists with the new Committee chair in the new year.

- c) Finance Committee: Mr. Charles Moore, Chair: Charles presented the following report: Operating Account \$5,148.63; Life Membership Account \$20,046.85; Scholarship Endowment Investment Account \$196,678.66; Endowment Interest Income Account \$20,410.18 and ETSURA Special Projects Fund \$271.08 for a total of \$242,555.40. Charles pointed out that it will be important for ETSURA to foster relationships with Pam Ritter, Vice President for University Advancement and whoever takes David Collins' position, Vice President for Finance and Administration, when he retires.
- d) Membership Committee: Dr. Priscilla Ramsey, Chair: The final total membership is 368. Priscilla has sent personal letters to new retirees.
- e) Program Committee: Dr. Dave Kalwinsky, Chair: Dave has scheduled Thursday, February 9 and Wednesday, April 5 as the Eat and Chat winter/spring dates with the Golden Corral. These meetings will start at 11:45. Note that this is a new time. Sunny Sandos, Executive Director of Planned Giving, University Advancement will speak in February. Someone suggested Hal Hunter of the Tree Streets might be a good person to consider for a future Eat and Chat. Dave did mention that he has spoken with Rab and Grant Summers about speaking at our Annual Luncheon about the General Mills Development.
- f) University/Community Service Committee: Dr. Jerry Gehre, Co-Chair  
Wednesday, December 19 is the next day to volunteer at Second Harvest from 9:00 am to noon. We have been invited to join the Senior Center volunteers on their bus if we wish. They leave the Senior Center at 8:15 am and usually go somewhere for lunch. Anyone wishing to do this should be at the Center by 8:15 am.
- Jerry announced that there will be an opportunity to volunteer at the WETS Fundraiser from December 12-16. Hours are from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday-Friday only. Four volunteers work per shift and shifts are typically 2 hours long. The contact for this is Chad Barrett at 327-1378.
- g) Liaison Committee: Tod reported that there has been much discussion by the Faculty Senate on the firing of someone. The result of this is that two committees have been formed. These are the Due Process Committee and the De-Tenuring Committee. Tod also announced that Dr. Fred Alsop of Biological Sciences will be Faculty Representative to the new board.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Garrity, Secretary