



## **ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting Tuesday September 29, 2015**

**Call to Order:** Members present Ethel Garrity, Betty Tester, Jerry Gehre, Jerry Rust, Ted Hughes, Dave Kalwinsky, Mike Miyamoto, Ken Mijeski, and Tod Jablonski. Absent: Charles Moore, Priscilla Ramsey, and Mike Marchioni. Diana McClay represented the Office of Human Recourses.

**Presentation and Consideration of Minutes:** Minutes from August 25, 2015 were approved.

**Executive Committee:** Ted Hughes reported that the Nomination Committee met with Tod Jablonski and Mike Miyamoto who agreed to be nominated for reelection to the ETSURA Board at the annual meeting in October 2015. In addition, Judy Story will be contacted by Ted to see if she will accept a nomination to the board. Prior to the decision to nominate Judy Story, Ted asked if she was eligible to serve on the board because she was not employed by ETSU. Her husband, Chuck Story was a former faculty member. A review of the association's Bylaws indicated that it was within the guidelines that she could be nominated. Tod Jablonski moved that the board present three nominations for election to the board at the Annual Meeting in October. It was seconded by Jerry Rust. Motion passed with the comment that prior to voting for board members an announcement be made calling for nominations from the floor.

**THERA Meeting:** An e-mail was received from Sheryl A Maxwell, dated September 28, 2015, inviting ETSURA members to attend the Annual Tennessee Higher Education Retirement Association Meeting on November 8 and 9, 2015 at Fall Creek Falls State Park. The Board approved Mike Miyamoto, Ethel Garrity, Priscilla Ramsey, Tod Jablonski, and Jerry Gehre to attend the meeting. Diana will request that a check for \$35 be prepared for help offset the expenses for the meeting room/refreshments. Each attendee will receive up to \$100 for expenses incurred in attending the meeting. Ethel will be responsible for presenting a 45 minute presentation at the meeting on "How can we ensure that retirees become interested in joining our retiree association?"

**Communications Committee:** Mike Miyamoto reported that one new member joined the list of members without email in September and two members passed away in the month. He is in the process of preparing an updated list of members without email accounts. Currently there are 372 members total. A question was raised about encouraging members with restrictive handicaps to attend meeting. The matter will be discussed by the committee.

**Finance Committee:** Betty Tester reviewed the financial report because Charles Moore was not present. A question was raised regarding the decrease in funds available in September 2015 report for Scholarship Endowment Investment Account (Fund 653110, Org. 25521) from \$191,655.47 to \$165,491.46. Diana McClay provided the answer in the attached email.

**Membership Committee:** Jerry Rust reported: 1) he has asked Diana to provide the committee with a list of new retirees. They will be called to encourage them to join our organization; 2) the committee recommended that a mailing be made in March 2016 encouraging non-members to join. This list would include all non-members from January 2015 to present; and 3) their next meeting will be in October prior the Board and Annual Meeting.

**Program Committee:** Mike Miyamoto reported: 1) The September Eat and Chat Meeting on the Mary B. Martin School of the Arts was enjoyed by those in attendance. Mike sent a thank you note to Anita DeAngelis for presenting an interesting program and Anita sent an email thanking our organization for the opportunity to make the presentation: 2) At this time a total of 55 individuals have requested a reservation for the Annual Meeting. Ted Hughes moved and Jerry Rust seconded a motion to pay the entertainers at the meeting \$100. Motion was approved. In addition, Ted Hughes moved and Jerry Rust seconded a motion to donate \$100 in Dan Schumaier's name to the Tweetsie Trail for his presentation at the meeting. Motion passed.

**University/Community Service Committee:** Dave Kalwinsky reported that members have an opportunity to work at Second Harvest Food Bank on either/both October 7 and November 4, 2015. Times on both dates: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In addition, members may volunteer for the ETSU Golf Tournament at The Ridges on October 9, 10, and/or 11, 2015. The time is subject to each team's tee off time. Participants will be notified of the time prior to the event.

**Liaison Committee:** Betty Tester indicated that if some state positions are out-sourced, it may affect the future of TCRS. She encourages members to contact state representatives to indicate opposition to the proposal.

**Faculty Senate Report:** Tod Jablonski has been attending monthly Faculty Senate Meeting. There were no items discussed at Faculty Senate that needed to be discussed by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Jerry Gehre, Acting Secretary