

OSURA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 5, 2024

Meeting Place: OSU Foundation Board Room

Present: Kevin Ahern, Tony Amandi, Gary Beach, Teri Braun, Mary Burke, Mike Burke, Carroll DeKock, Jaga Giebultowicz, Rose Kenneke, Larry Pribyl, Indira Rajagopal, Mike Schuyler, Bob Smythe, Liz Webb, and Bill Young

Absent: Julie Searcy

Called to order at 9:59 AM by President Carroll DeKock

1. Review and Approval of Board minutes of Friday, March 1, 2024.

Motion to approve by Tony Amandi and seconded by Jaga Giebultowicz. Approved unanimously.

2. Budget and Finance – Bill Young

Bill Young distributed the summary sheet for the General Foundation Fund and the Scholarship Fund from July 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024, and a second from July 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

For July 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024, there was a single new membership of \$20 and refreshments expenses of \$296.22 for a travel share and the David Bernell program talk. This brought the ending balance to \$10,585.72. There were no changes on the scholarship side. The Scholarship Endowment had an increased book value to \$103,207.59.

For July 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, there was an additional membership of \$20 and \$510 income from the woman's basketball dinner. On the expense side, there were a basketball dinner catering expense (\$553.38), room rent (\$198.50), plus the Republic Services program refreshments (\$147.06). This brought Event expenses to \$1,530.13 and an Ending Balance to \$10,216.78. On the scholarship side, there was a \$100 scholarship contribution, and \$972.62 from 3rd quarter endowment earnings which brought the Total Revenue to \$14,580.40. On the expense side, there were \$2,400 scholarship costs (it was noted, \$2,400 is still outstanding) and an additional \$5.00 fee which brought Total Expenses to \$17,390.90. The Ending Balance was \$13,820.56, which was lower than last year and will drop a bit more (i.e., by \$2,400). The Scholarship Endowment had an increased book value to \$104,384.04.

Mike Schuyler asked if there will be opportunities to make scholarship contributions at the annual meeting. After discussion, Teri Braun noted that this was possible by check, cash, or card. Teri noted it is common to get contributions at the annual meeting.

3. Brief Committee Reports

a. Scholarship Committee – Mike Schuyler

Mike Schuyler sent out an e-mail to the board listing the top 9 students recommended by the committee for OSURA scholarships. These were listed in two groups, 6 students recommended at the \$2,400 level and 3 were recommended at the \$1,600 level. The committee was assuming a budget of \$19,200 and the recommendation of 6 x \$2,400 and 3 x \$1,600 was consistent with this budget. After some discussion of the rankings, methods used, healthy aging criteria, and other factors, it was agreed to go with 10 scholarships, 6 at \$2,400 and 4 at \$1,200. Mike Schuyler so moved, and Jaga Giebultowicz seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous.

Mike will send a letter out to the 10 recipients asking them to attend the May 10th Annual Meeting and receive their scholarship certificates. He will also ask them to attend a September “Scholarship Forum.” Carroll DeKock thanked the Scholarship Committee for their excellent work.

b. Program Committee – Tony Amandi

Tony Amandi indicated that 35 people attended the Women’s Basketball dinner on February 29th which was organized by Terri Tower. Ray Brooks organized the tour of the Beth Ray Center for Academic Support and 19 OSURA members attended on March 1st. It was an excellent program. Kenneth Larson of Republic Services made a great presentation on recycling and 47 OSURA members attended the March 8th event. Tony indicated that he and Larry Pribyl met with representatives of Palm Harbor Homes in Albany. Palm Harbor has capacity for only 20 (maybe 25) people attending and Tony and Larry think the program should be very interesting and likely for late April or May. Tony is working on a presentation by Curt Melcher, the now retired director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The presentation date is open. A mini golf tournament and pizza lunch are also planned. Gary Beach is working on a possible tour of the Patricia Valian Reser Center for the Creative Arts (PRAx) which is complicated by the scheduled open house for Saturday, April 6th. It may be scheduled for later this Spring.

c. Newsletter and Website – Liz Webb

Liz Webb reported the Winter OSURA Newsletter was delivered to Teri Braun yesterday and this is being electronically distributed today. Helping Liz and Teri Braun is Graphic Designer Drew Caldwell, an OSU student who will soon graduate and will be missed. This volume is 20 pages long and highlights stories on John Byrne, Cliff Trow, and Charles Vars, all OSURA members who have recently passed. Summaries of recent OSURA Travel shares and Programs are also included to make a packed issue.

Larry Pribyl and Liz are working with contacts for filling data holes on the OSURA web page.

d. Member Services Committee- Jaga Giebultowicz

Jaga Giebultowicz is checking the National Council on Aging website to see if there is important information for members. Jaga also wants to have recorded Provost Lectures linked to the OSURA website.

e. Travel Share - Rose Kenneke

Rose Kenneke indicated the upcoming program by Indira Rajagopal and Kevin Ahern will be Monday, April 8th at 2:00 pm for refreshments and with the presentation at 2:30 pm. This will be at the OSU Foundation Conference Room on Research Way. Fifty OSURA members and guests are registered and an additional 5 on-line. Leslie Davis Boggess and Bill Boggess will give a presentation on their upcoming travel to the Antarctic and Jaga Giebultowicz may do the same for her upcoming trip to Madagascar. These are likely to be scheduled for next Fall and Winter.

4. Annual Spring Meeting – Carroll DeKock

Carroll DeKock indicated that the Annual Spring Meeting is Friday, May 10th at 2:00 pm. President Jayathi Murthy will speak and the 10 OSURA scholarship recipients will be presented. Mary Burke and Carroll encouraged the board to contact new OSURA members inviting them to attend. A list of new members was distributed.

5. Recruitment of New Board Members – Carroll DeKock and Bob Smythe

Leslie Davis Boggess and Bill Boggess have been contacted and they indicated they might be willing to serve but next year. Their scheduled away time is too great this year. Joann and Bruce Sorte have also been contacted and are willing to serve but live in Southern California for 5 months every year. Carolyn Aldwin has been contacted by e-mail and will attend the May 10th Annual Meeting. Other names suggested were Don Wirth, Peter List, Dan Arp, Gordon and Mary Ann Matzke, Freda Vars, and Joe Nibler. Work through the Nominations Committee of Bob Smythe, Bill Young, and Mary Burke before making contacts.

6. Old Business, Triad - Larry Pribyl

On February 9th, Joe Nibler, Ken Krane, Mike Schuyler, and Larry Pribyl met and discussed contacting the OSU Foundation on the process of dissolving or merging the Triad Scholarship into the OSURA scholarship fund. OSURA would administer the fund. Joe Nibler suggested he would like to fundraise and bring the Triad Scholarship Endowment Fund up to the levels that OSURA is awarding students. Joe and Ken both indicated they would put together a letter to be sent out to all living Triad members. Currently there is a little over \$30,000 in two Triad accounts. The group met Pam Powell (Director of Stewardship) and Jesus Rangel (Associate Director of Development

Scholarships and University Initiatives) at the OSU Foundation office on Monday, March 11. Present were Larry Pribyl, Ken Krane and Joe Nibler. It was determined that the Triad scholarship could be reassigned to be administered by OSURA.

Joe Nibler mentioned doing a fundraising effort over the next year and half and trying to bring the endowment up to \$100,000 for the 100th Anniversary of Triad. Historically, Triad was approved by William Jasper Kerr in the Fall of 1925. Early members were John Leo Fairbanks, George Gleeson, Ernest Herman Wiegand, Earl C. Gilbert, George Robert Hyslop, Samuel Herman Graf and William Edmund Milne to name a few.

Joe Nibler asked if the OSU Foundation could provide Triad contributors since the endowment was created in December of 2000. The Foundation said they normally don't share this information, but they would get back to him on what they can provide. Joe Nibler was able to obtain a list of all the Triad members and officers up until 2019. He feels optimistic that many retired Triad members would contribute to a 100th anniversary legacy fund recognizing their organization. He also talked about having a Triad fundraiser reunion gathering.

Larry will get back with Joe and Ken next week to see where things are in the drafting of a letter and if they have any updates from the OSU Foundation.

7. New Business

Gary Beach indicated the John Byrne "Celebration of Life" is scheduled for Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 pm in the CH2M Hill Alumni Center. He also indicated that the historian, Doris Kearns Goodwin will be speaking on campus in October.

8. Staff Report – Teri Braun

Teri indicated that credit cards could be used for the Annual Meeting, May 10th. There is a 10% fee for using the cards.

Mike Burke moved that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am.

Next regular meeting: Friday, May 3rd at 10:00 am in the OSU Foundation Board Room.

Respectively submitted, Mike Burke