

OSURA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 8, 2023

Meeting Place: OSU Foundation Offices

Present: Bob Smythe, Mike Schuyler, Julie Searcy, Gary Beach, Bill Young, Kathy Motley, Carroll DeKock, Larry Pribyl, Tony Amandi, Mike Burke, Mary Burke, Rose Kenneke, Teri Braun, and Shelly Signs

Absences: Carol Kronstad

Called to order at 10:00 AM by President Bob Smythe

1. Introductions

Teri Braun, new Event Coordinator in the University Events Office was introduced to the board by Shelly Signs. Teri will be the key liaison to the OSURA Board with an office in A406 Kerr Administration Building. Some of Teri's projects are developing and updating the OSURA display (finished), the 2023 OSURA Directory, use of credit card for payment of membership dues, ...

Teri grew up and went to school in Dallas, Oregon, attended Corban University in Salem and formerly worked for Arizona State University and the Salem Boys and Girls Club. Teri was welcomed by the board!

2. Review and Approval of Board minutes of March 3, 2023

There were no changes to the above minutes. Mike Schuyler moved, and Larry Pribyl and Tony Amandi seconded that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous.

3. Budget and Finance

Bill Young reported that there was very little change from the last report. The book value of our Scholarship Endowment had an ending balance of \$99,503.05 on March 31, 2023. Two new membership renewals have added \$50 to the general fund. These renewals also included \$30 added to the scholarship fund. It was noted that many scholarship contributions occur with membership renewal.

Shelly Signs indicated that "University Tickets" could be used for paying membership using credit cards; however, there are fees involved. There was general favorable discussion, but no action was taken.

Gary Beach noted that there is some need for “Flag Items” such as the OSURA letter openers and the OSURA trifold pamphlets. Shelly Signs indicated there are some yearend Education and General State Funds that could be used for this purpose. (Note, see discussion under Item #6 later)

4. Brief Committee Reports

a. Scholarship Committee

Mike Schuyler reported that they received 41 applications, of which 36 were deemed complete. At the virtual meeting of the committee, they reached a consensus on five nominees, but the committee had a hard time choosing between the 6th and 7th individuals. As a result, the committee is leaving it to the board to decide between three options:

- i) award 7 x \$2,400 scholarships,
- ii) award 5 x \$2,400 scholarships & 2 x \$1,200 scholarships to the 6th and 7th student, or
- iii) have the board pick recipients for 6 x \$2,400 scholarships eliminating one person.

After discussion, there was general support on the board for awarding 7 x \$2,400 scholarships. Bill Young indicated that the scholarship fund can afford the required \$16,800. With that, Mike Schuyler moved that 7 x \$2,400 scholarships be awarded, and the motion was seconded by Carroll DeKock. The board vote was unanimous. Mike S will make sure the “winners” are notified right away, and they will be invited to the Annual Meeting. All the unsuccessful applicants will also be contacted.

b. Program Committee

Larry Pribyl reported that OSURA had a presentation by John Gremmels, Campus Planner (University Facilities/Infrastructure and Operations/Capital planning and Development) on Friday, March 17 at the OSU Foundation conference room. There were 27 people in attendance, 19 in-person and 8 virtually. With the help of Shelly Signs’ team and Adam Oberg who is the AV Tech at the OSU Foundation, they were able to stream the Webinar and archive the presentation. John's presentation along with David Bernell's is on the OSURA web site for viewing. They improved the sound quality in the room using the audio PA and a roaming microphone to pick up questions from attendees. The meeting was delayed due to technical problems but those were resolved, and new protocols are in place against future webinar delays. Larry does feel there is added value for our members to be able to participate in our programs when they are not able to attend in-person.

Larry is working on securing dates and times for the OSU Autonomous Delivery Food Robots program that will either be this month or in May after the annual meeting. That should be finalized next week.

Tony Amandi and Larry plan to meet with the Program Committee this month to finalize program plans for the remainder of the academic year and begin securing programs for the 2023/2024 academic year.

There were many expressions of appreciation from the board for the good work of the Program Committee.

c. Newsletter/Website/Volunteers

Kathy Motley reported that the Spring Edition of “News and Views” is in planning and that Elizabeth Webb will be helping in the effort. The deadline for new submission is April 30th. A column is planned by Chunhuei Chi in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences as a COVID 19 update. Kathy is looking for suggestions for the Membership Spotlight. She will also need photos and information from past presentations. The last 17-page Winter Edition came out electronically February 15th.

d. Member Services Committee

Carroll DeKock indicated that Jaga Giebultowicz is the newest member of the committee and asked if she should be invited to join the board and chair the committee when Carroll leaves the committee in the Fall as he becomes OSURA President. Bill Young indicated this would bring the board to 15 members and that was consistent with the bylaws. There was support for following up with Jaga and Larry Pribyl and Tony Amandi, who regularly see Jaga, will ask when they see her next. The other members of the committee are Tom Plant and Bob Smythe. Carroll asked if there was interest in developing a program for new retirees on “special opportunities retirement provides for doing new things that are absolutely different”. There was board support for the idea.

f. Travel Share

The next program is scheduled for the OSU Foundation Office conference room on April 28th at 2:30 pm by Andy Ungerer and Bobbi Conard on Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands. Twenty-eight people have now signed up and Tony Amandi will give the introduction. Mike Schuyler is doing a write-up for the newsletter.

5. Staff Report

The 2023 OSURA Annual Meeting is to be held Monday, May 8th, at the OSU Foundation Offices on Research Way. We are on President Jayati Murthy’s calendar between 1:00 to

1:45 pm. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm sharp with brief remarks by Bob Smythe, and then Bob will introduce President Murthy. She will speak briefly. The doors will open around noon and people are expected to arrive around 12:30 pm.

Shelly Signs led the discussion of logistics and timing for the Annual Meeting. A save-the-date announcement will go out ASAP. The mail announcement will need to be out in 10 days, by Monday, April 17th. Items discussed for the Annual Meeting included but are not limited to:

- i) staffing a membership desk at the door with name tags, collection of dues, scholarship contributions, etc. (Credit cards will be taken),
- ii) developing an online option for those that cannot attend,
- iii) suggesting questions for the President to address,
- iv) acknowledging/presentation of scholarship recipients,
- v) conducting the business meeting,
- vi) providing photographic opportunities,
- vii) developing a PowerPoint presentation of scholarship recipients,
- viii) arranging refreshments; and food.

It will be a compact and busy meeting that is coming up quickly.

6. Old Business

a. Summer Term Program with ALL

Gary Beach and Larry Pribyl are the OSURA Board members that are working with the Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) on joint summer programming. They attended a Zoom meeting with 3 representatives from the ALL this week including John Ringle. The joint summer term meetings started in 2008 and are based on an MOU between OSURA and ALL. From 2008 to the start of the COVID pandemic, over 78 different activities have been held. For the summer of 2023, there will be 6 joint OSURA/ALL tours between July 5 and August 31. There are 14 ideas for tours. The group will decide on April 13 which tours will be selected. The dates and times will be shared with members from both organizations.

b. Retirement Fair

OSURA participated in the 1st Annual Retirement Expo. There were 8 OSURA volunteers involved in the daylong event. OSURA arrived early and had a prime table with a great poster board (thanks to Teri Braun) which indicated some of the many activities OSURA had done. There was a constant flow of people. While many were too young for retirement, some indicated they had co-workers who were close to retirement, and they would tell

them about us. We had a trifold brochure that said what OSURA was and membership forms to pass out. We also had a small gift that included a letter opener, magnifier glass and ruler. Two oral presentations were given by Bob Smythe and Carroll DeKock that were well received. The Flag items like the trifold brochure and the letter opener are in short supply. They will need to be updated and revised. Shelly Signs indicated that State E&G funds could be used for this purpose. It was asked that the present trifold be sent to the board before the next meeting for review and comment.

7. New Business

a. Proposal to name a scholarship

Susan Poole, an OSURA Past President, has raised the question of whether Jean Peters "could or should be recognized by one of our OSURA scholarships". There was a general board discussion and many fond memories of Jean. In summary, OSURA scholarships are not nameable "endowed" scholarships and are only partially endowed. They derive much of their funding from annual contributions from the membership. As such, they cannot be named.

b. Planning for the Fall Startup Meeting

The Fall Startup Meeting usually occurs in September and is a dinner meeting. Last year's speaker was Emily Ho, Director of the Linus Pauling Institute. Suggested speakers for this year were Provost Edward Feser on any of a range of topics (how the pandemic changed OSU; the OSU E-Campus; the impact of high tuition on students and the university,); or perhaps someone from OSU Athletics on new issues facing intercollegiate athletics; or perhaps someone from admissions on attracting students to OSU in the current demographic and fiscal environment. Carroll DeKock will contact the provost to see if he is available. Bob Smythe will contact Athletics. A suitable date will be selected around Saturday, September 23rd depending on availability of speaker, meeting venue and parking availability. The board thought the Horizon Room was a good place for this event.

Carroll DeKock moved adjournment and Tony Amandi seconded. The motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 pm.

The next scheduled OSURA Board meeting is Friday, May 5, 2023, at 10 AM at the OSU Foundation Building.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Burke