

OSURA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 2, 2022

Meeting Place: OSU Foundation Offices

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

Absences: Kathy Motley

Called to order at 9:57 AM by President Bob Smythe

1. Review and Approval of Board minutes of November 4, 2022

There were no changes to the above minutes. Gary Beach moved, and Tony Amandi seconded that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous.

2. Budget and Finance

Bill Young reported on the status of OSURA's two OSU Foundation Funds: the general foundation fund and scholarship fund. The November 30 balance on the general fund was \$6,643.87 which included renewal dues from 25 members bringing the total dues paying membership to 282. The November 30 balance in the scholarship fund was \$10,491.90 with the major expenditure on scholarships at \$12,167. The scholarship endowment now has a book value of \$92,546.11.

There was discussion on the number of members and if that number could be increased. Shelly Signs has a list of about 150 people to whom she sent dues reminders. She will pass that list of unpaid members on to Bob Smythe for future consideration.

3. Brief Committee Reports

a. Scholarship Committee

Mike Schuyler reported that the first OSURA scholarship was awarded in 2007. Originally OSURA awarded 1-3 scholarships/year. In the past three years, we received 35 to 50 applications, and many were well qualified. Thus, we have awarded 6, 6, and 9 scholarships of \$2,000 each (last year we split one into two \$1,000 scholarships). Mike also indicated that future scholarships will be increased to \$2,400.

Problems arose recently that about half the applicants did not submit fall terms grades, because they applied during the October to December time frame. This made it unfair to compare those who did submit fall grades versus those who did not. So, in consultation with the "Scholar Dollar" folks, i.e., Heidi Ware, we changed the opening date for applications from October 1st to December 30th, when fall grades would be available. In addition, we formally asked for fall grades to be submitted. We have also decided to extend the closing date from February 10th to the 17th, since Heidi Ware felt she could make some changes to the format of the submissions making them easier to process, i.e., to convert from the separate paragraphs to a more contiguous document. Mike wants to be able to

distribute printed versions of each student application to committee members in time to review them and compose a report for the OSURA April meeting. Mike Schuyler volunteered to assist in the editing process as well as the printing step, and Shelly Signs accepted this idea.

One of Mike Schuyler's concerns is whether we will reduce the number of applications by delaying the opening until the end of the year, so we will wait to see how that goes. The main criteria missed by applicants was the requirement for one year at OSU. There was some discussion as to the need for applicants to describe how they will promote healthy aging in their planned careers.

Note to Shelly Signs from Mike Schuyler: Please make a change to the OSURA website to shift the closing date from February 10th to February 17th.

b. Member Services Committee

Carroll DeKock reported that the upcoming hospice/palliative care program will be provided by Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care of Corvallis. The presenter will be Holly Bollman, their Community Engagement Coordinator. It is scheduled for December 8, 2022, at 2 pm, Oak Room, Corvallis Community Center. The program capacity is 45 participants. Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care of Corvallis is a nonprofit organization.

c. Program Committee

Tony Amandi and Larry Pribyl reported the tour and program at the OSU Gymnastics Practice Facility November 18th was quite successful with 26 participants.

The OSURA Program Committee met on November 15th with Ray Brooks, Terri Tower, Tony, and Larry. The tentative vision is as follows:

For January, Larry Pribyl is working on a program on the Oregon and national election results by David Bernell or Chris Stout in the OSU School of Public Policy. They could cover national races, the Oregon gubernatorial race, and congressional races including identity politics issues of race, ethnicity and gender. For February, Terri Tower is working on a woman's basketball program. For March, Larry Pribyl is working on a program related to the OSU Master Plan including building remodeling, new construction, and OSU off-campus locations such as Sunset Research Park. Their contacts are Libby Ramirez and John Gremmel. For April, Larry Pribyl is working on a program on the autonomous delivery robots with contacts Michael Winder in the OSU Housing and Dining Services. Ray Brooks is working on another possibility regarding OSU's ROTC program.

For the 2023/4 academic year, program possibilities are the College of Engineering's MECOP (Multiple Engineering Co-op Program) or an OSU startup company in the mid valley where Tom Plant is taking the lead. Tony Amandi is considering a program involving the State Arthropod Collection (Chris Marshall, Curator), the OSU Herbarium (James Mickley, Curator), and the Oregon State Ichthyology Collection (Brian Sidlauskas, Curator). They are in the remodeled Cordley Hall or the basement of Nash Hall. Other possibilities include a behind the scenes look at a large

distribution center like Target or Lowe's; or how to build an affordable home in 2-weeks such as a manufactured home factory in Albany.

Tony asked if the program density was appropriate, and the consensus was that the active schedule was appropriate and appreciated.

d. Newsletter/Website/Volunteers

Kathy Motley was not present, but she wanted us to know the newsletter deadline is January 15th. The board was reminded that Kathy Motley will be stepping down from these duties at the end of the academic year, so the board is looking for a replacement.

e. Membership

Shelly Signs indicated that there would be an opportunity to review the OSURA Directory in late April and that would provide an opportunity to update and correct the membership list particularly with reference to those that have passed away.

f. Travel Share

Rose Kenneke reported that the November 10th Travel Share which featured Photos and Facts about Africa by Debi and Simon Johnson was attended by 38 people. The board agreed that it was an excellent program and Rose indicated that two more programs are in the planning stage.

4. Staff Report

Shelly Signs indicated an additional event coordinator is being added to the OSU Events Office and should be on board by mid-February. Along with Brianna Beene this will bring the office to three people. The ALL (Association for Lifelong Learning) Directory was circulated, and there was discussion on the importance of maintaining close liaison with ALL. Chris Mathews is currently in this role and is willing to continue. There is a full list of OSURA scholarship recipients from the first in 2007 to 2022. Shelly is attempting to contact them for feedback. There was discussion on the best process for OSURA to make payments through the university system.

5. Old Business

a. 2023 OSURA Annual Meeting

Bob Smythe has contacted staff of the President's Office to get on President Jayathi Murthy's calendar for the 2023 OSURA Annual Meeting. The President's Office is not making commitments that far into the future and asked that they be contacted again in March. As a result, a backup will be needed.

6. New Business

a. Summer Term Program with ALL

John Ringle from ALL would like to have two OSURA members working with them on joint programs. Carol Kronstad will continue, and Jack Walstad will be contacted as an additional person.

b. Faculty Senate Request

A letter has been received from Vickie Nunnemaker requesting 1 or 2 volunteers to work with the Faculty Welfare Committee (OSU Faculty Senate). The committee is composed of 9 members plus 2 retired members. Bob Smythe will send out a request for volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM by Bob Smythe.

The next scheduled OSURA Board meeting is Friday, January 6, 2023, at 10 AM at the OSU Foundation Building.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Burke