

OSURA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 5, 2023

Meeting Place: OSU Foundation Offices

Present: Bob Smythe, Mike Schuyler, Carol Kronstad, Julie Searcy, Gary Beach, Bill Young, Kathy Motley, Liz Webb (Guest), Carroll DeKock, Larry Pribyl, Tony Amandi, Mike Burke, Mary Burke, Rose Kenneke, and Teri Braun

Called to order at 10:02 AM by President Bob Smythe

1. Introductions

Elizabeth “Liz” Webb, who will be an OSURA Board member next year was introduced by Bob Smythe and Mike Burke. Liz will take over the Newsletter and Website duties replacing Kathy Motley. Kathy will continue with the Volunteer activity. Liz retired from OSU in 2019 after a 37-year career in the College of Science and the College of Agricultural Sciences. Liz’s e-mail address is her name but with liz and webb backwards zilbbew@gmail.com.

Liz started her career in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences as Assistant to the then Chair, Larry Gates. She then moved downstairs as Office Manager for Academic Programs in the College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS). Following that, she spent the last half of her career in the CAS Dean’s Office working with Gwil Evans then Bill Boggess. There she had responsibility for the college’s online accountability system and for developing an online “web” presence for the college. Her entire OSU career was in Strand Agriculture Hall excepting one year when Strand Hall was remodeled. Her favorite task at OSU was working with students and her least favorite was coordinating the college’s move out of Strand to Bexell Hall and then back again to the remodeled Strand Hall a year later!

2. Review and Approval of Board minutes of April 7, 2023

There were no changes to the above minutes. Kathy Motley moved, 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. There was a \$1,056.05 expense for the woman’s basketball game dinner which should have a revenue offset. That offset hasn’t appeared yet and Teri Braun will check on its status. The ending balance of the General Fund was \$6,458.82. The Scholarship Fund had a \$25 contribution and a \$666.00 scholarship payment. This brought the ending balance to \$11,768.27. The

book value of our Scholarship Endowment had an ending balance of \$98,676.4 as of April 30, 2023.

4. Brief Committee Reports

a. Scholarship Committee

Mike Schuyler has sent a letter out to all seven scholarship winners with invitations to the OSURA Annual Meeting. Five will attend and two will miss due to class schedules. Teri Braun has developed slides for each of the recipients which Mike will use when he introduces the students. Mike will attempt to arrange a group photo of the recipients with President Murthy following the presentation. Mike has also notified all the non-winners.

b. Program Committee

Larry Pribyl reported that our past two programs and Travel Share were recorded and archived. They include the 2022 Midterm elections presentation with David Bernell, campus updates with John Gremmels, and the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu with Andy Ungerer and Bobbi Conrad. Larry is still working on details for the OSU autonomous "Starship" food delivery robots' program tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 15 at 1 :30 pm if the OSU Foundation Conference Room is available.

Tony Amandi and Larry plan to get the Program Committee together in the next few weeks to finalize programs for the next academic year.

c. Newsletter/Website/Volunteers

Kathy Motley reported that the Spring Edition of "News and Views" is in advanced planning and that Liz Webb is helping in the effort. The deadline for new submission is May 11th.

A column is planned by Chunhuei Chi in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences as a COVID 19 update. A memorial article on Jean Peters is also planned.

In preparation for joining OSURA's board, Liz is job shadowing Kathy as the Spring newsletter is assembled.

d. Member Services Committee

Carroll DeKock did not have anything new to report.

f. Travel Share

Rose Kenneke reported that the last program on April 28th by Andy Ungerer and Bobbi Conard on Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands had 45 participants plus 2 online. Mike Schuyler is doing a write-up for the newsletter. Rose is now working on programs for next Fall.

5. Staff Report

Teri Braun reported that the mailing for the 2023 OSURA Directory will be coming out soon. This is the mailing that goes out to all OSU retired people asking if they would like to be included in the directory and if they would like to join OSURA.

There was discussion on including information on past OSURA activity or perhaps the trifold brochure. There was general support by the board. There was discussion on the cost of the trifold brochure, the number needed, and the pending June 30 deadline for the mailing. Teri will get the needed information for the June 2nd OSURA Board meeting.

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. Gary and Larry indicated the OSURA/ALL summer tours have been selected and some dates and times confirmed as follows:

Date	Topic	Host
July 14	OSU Wave Lab	Gary Beach
July 17-21	Plywood plant	Jack Lowers
July 24-28	NuScale simulator	John Ringle
Aug. 3	Mt. Angel tour	Jim Nusraka
Aug.8	Brownsville Museum	Larry Pribyl
Aug. 14-18	Ft. Hoskins	Gary Beach

The dates and times will be shared with members from both organizations.

b. Annual Meeting

Bob Smythe and Teri Braun walked us through the meeting plan. Teri has developed a PowerPoint agenda for the proceedings.

The doors open at 12:30 pm at the OSU Foundation Meeting Room. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be available. Bob will introduce President Jayathi Murthy who will speak briefly and respond to questions. Mike Schuyler will introduce the scholarship recipients who will receive certificates signed by Bob and there will be a group photo of the students, President Murthy, Bob, and Mike. President Murthy leaves at 1:45 pm and this will be followed by the business meeting.

Bob will introduce Carroll DeKock the new OSURA President who will conduct the business meeting. The business meeting includes a Treasurers Report, a list of OSURA Officers voted in at the May 5 meeting, and a list of nominees for the OSURA Board (Kevin Ahern, Indira Rajagopal, Liz Webb, and Jaga Giebultowicz).

Fifty-two are expected to attend with four online. Board members are encouraged to wear their OSURA shirts.

c. Election of Officers for 2023-24

Bill Young gave the Nominations Committee report. Carroll DeKock was nominated for President, Mary Burke for President Elect, Bill Young for Treasurer and Mike Burke for Secretary. There were no additional nominations. Bill Young moved and Kathy Motley seconded the motion, the board vote was unanimous.

Mike Schuyler asked how best to select committee chairs and two approaches emerged from the discussion. First, Mike's suggestion is to have the various committees recommend the chairs and additional members. Alternatively, Carroll DeKock suggested involvement of the Nominations Committee. Tony Amandi suggested using both approaches which had general support on the board. Carroll was requested to encourage members to sign up for these committees. Teri Braun will have sign-up sheets available at the annual meeting on May 8th for OSURA members to volunteer.

7. New Business

a. Fall Startup

The Fall Startup Meeting usually occurs in September and is a dinner meeting. Carroll DeKock reported that the Fall Startup is scheduled for Monday, September 11th in the Memorial Union Multipurpose Room just below the Horizon Room. The speaker will be Provost Edward Feser.

Carroll and Provost Feser discussed a range of topics including: the impact of high tuition on students; the changing student body which, e.g., now included more women than men; how the pandemic changed OSU; the OSU E-Campus; the university long range plan out to 20 or 30 years; The provost was quite satisfied with that list.

There was discussion on the cost and if OSURA needed to subsidize the meal. Last year there were about 35 members in attendance and the cost was \$20, which seemed to work well.

b. TRIAD Liaison

Larry Pribyl and Gary Beach met with Joe Nibler the TRIAD treasurer to discuss the feasibility of folding TRIAD into OSURA. TRIAD is coming up on its 100th anniversary at OSU and it has a long history here. OSURA and TRIAD have overlapping interests but also have different focuses. The OSU Folk Club is in a similar situation with a 115-year history at OSU and 81 current members. The Folk Club is no longer linked to the OSU Thrift Shop but does have a separate foundation. This will be an agenda item for the June 2nd OSURA Board meeting.

Mike Schuyler moved adjournment and Gary Beach seconded. The motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 am.

The next scheduled OSURA Board meeting is Friday, June 2, 2023, at 10 AM at the OSU Foundation Building.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Burke