

Southern Oregon University Retirees Association
General Membership Meeting
Feb. 28, 2014

Approximately 35 members gathered for a brief business meeting in McNeal Hall following winter luncheon in new residence hall dining facility.

Co-presidents Ralph Fidler and Dave Hoffman conducted the meeting, which was called to order at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Great satisfaction with the luncheon (price and quality) was expressed.

Ralph announced that the scholarship fund had grown to an amount that enables the association to have the university award a \$1,250 grant to a deserving student this coming school year.

Ralph said that the retirees council had agreed to change council guidelines from requiring a minimum of five council meetings a year to a minimum of four.

Dave talked of the need for the organization to address and assess its value to retirees, the preponderance of older retirees in its membership, etc. He said the future of the organization will be a topic of discussion at upcoming council meetings and asked for input from the association's membership.

Ralph mentioned that the memorial service for Jerry Insley will be April 5 in the Stevenson Union.

Ralph read a proposed change to the association's bylaws. The change would make eligible for association membership former employees who left SOU after at least five years service, but did not officially retire from employment at the university.

The proposal is to change the wording of Bylaws Section III Membership from

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The proposed change to the bylaws was passed by a near-unanimous vote of members present.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m.