

Southern Oregon University Retirees Association
May 28, 2014, Council Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Co-president Ralph Fidler called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in Campbell Hall room C on the SOU campus. Present were: outgoing council members Barbara Irvin and Wayne Schumacher; newly elected members Tom Pyle (serving last year of Don Reynolds' term), Frank Lang and Glenda Wood; continuing members Ralph, Lorraine Winger, Bonnie Rott and Ed Hungerford. Also present were SOU staff members Rob Casserly and Jeanne Stallman and council past-president Bev DeLaZerda. Members absent were Ernie Ettlich, Jim Olsen, Lavelle Castle, Dave Hoffman, Herman Schmeling, Barbie Brenheiser, Belinda Melendez and Bob Riehm.

2. Meeting Start Times

Ralph said it had been suggested that council meetings start at 3 p.m. instead of 3:30. It was pointed out that OLLI classes end at 3, so 3:30 is a better time to find parking and get a room arranged for our meetings. The consensus was to leave the starting time at 3:30.

3. Minutes of April 2, 2014, Council Meeting

Approved as corrected following distribution via email. Tom said approved minutes would be posted on association website along with those of May 16 membership meeting.

4. Thanks, Welcome

Ralph thanked retiring council members Wayne and Barbara for their service and introduced newly elected members Frank and Glenda. Bev gave copies of council handbook to Frank and Glenda and handbook updates to returning councilors.

5. Membership Lunch and Council Meeting Dates for 2014-15.

It was agreed to stay with Friday lunches as there are fewer classes and more parking on Fridays than on other days of week. Dates set were Oct. 24, Feb. 27 and May 15. Council meeting dates set were Sept. 10, Jan. 21, April 8 and May 27. Lorraine suggested that lunch and council meeting dates be included in newsletter well in advance so that people can plan ahead.

6. OLLI and Association Responsibilities

Following a brief discussion, Rob handed out an outline covering responsibilities of both OLLI and the association (see attached). Ralph suggested questions (calls, emails) regarding association should be directed to its officers, not OLLI.

7. Faculty, Staff Directories

Jeanne said directories are no longer printed but are available online to retired faculty who have SOU email account and to retired staff who ask. Ralph said he would give her list of staff on council so that they could have access to the directories.

8. Future Size of Council

Bev handed out a list of 2014-15 council members, how many years each has left in his or her term and email addresses for each member. Some corrections were made. Discussion followed with it being pointed out that 2014-15 size is already set at 15 as result of recent elections. Ralph said 15 is a large portion of total association paid membership, leading to difficulty in finding enough people willing to serve on council. He suggested going to 11 in 2015-16. Bev said that would require a bylaws change,

which must be voted on by association membership. It was agreed to revisit the issue at an upcoming meeting.

9. Treasurer's Report

A budget listing income and expenditures for 7/1/13 through 4/30/14 and a proposed budget for 2014-15 fiscal year were distributed. After some discussion primarily involving Lorraine and Jeanne, it was determined that the budget documents were incomplete. It was decided to obtain updated documents and then discuss them at the September meeting of the council.

10. Helping Promote OLLI

Rob asked that the association help publicize OLLI to our membership, especially the opportunities available to retired faculty and staff to enroll in and/or teach classes. It was agreed that Rob would write an article for the association newsletter.

11. Luncheon Location, Speakers

Ralph commented on responses to his recent request for member suggestions regarding future guest speakers and luncheon site. He said many respondents like the new Hawk dining facility, but not going to another building for the after-lunch meeting. Many also liked the "order your own" meal idea (as opposed to catered meals) at the Hawk and student union. It was decided to continue to have the luncheons at the SU with meals being individually ordered rather than catered. Also discussed was the cost of table cloths, coffee and tea at May 16 lunch in SU; the total was \$161.16. Rob is going to check on the cost breakdown and whether Rogue River Room can be divided. Discussion of potential speakers and topics was postponed until next meeting.

11. Reimbursement for Goodies

Lorraine made motion (Barbara seconding) that Bev be reimbursed, from association funds, for cost of treats she purchased and provided. Motion passed by consensus.

12. Adjournment

Ralph adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m. Next meeting will be Sept. 10, 2014.

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