

**Ohio University Emeriti Association Board Meeting, September 24, 2020  
(Conducted on Zoom)**

**Present:** Rosemary Rossiter, Allyn Reilly, Tom Franz, Leslie Flemming, John Howell, Richard Post, Scott Moody, Anne Braxton, April Underhill (University Liaison), Alan Boyd, Scott Malcom.

**Minutes:** corrections: 3 or 4 typos, name corrections, and other corrections were cited in the August 20 minutes. These corrections have been made in the permanent copy of those minutes.

The meeting was called to order by President Rosemary Rossiter at 1:00 on Zoom.

**Finance Report (Leslie Flemming):** While this month's report is brief, mention should be made of the statement of Foundation accounts. There is no change in spending authority. A second account area is the Emeriti Park account. Again, there is not much to report. We have a spending account through the Alumni Association, with around \$5000 in the account. Only one or two checks were written. OCHER: no dues to pay for the academic year. Flemming would like to clarify what expenses can come out of the Alumni Association account. April Underwood will try to find exact figures. Motion to receive the Treasurer's report was made, seconded, and passed. A question was asked about the bank service charge for our account, and Flemming explained that it is not a personal account (since it does not belong to any single person) but a business account, and we therefore pay a modest service charge per month.

**OCHER Report (Rosemary Rossiter):** Our OCHER representative reported that dues are eliminated this year to member emeriti groups, as noted in the Finance Report. There are no changes to Aetna Medicare coverage and OPERS Health Care is doing better. Bowling Green reports a 1.5% increase in enrollment, but they seem to be the only member with an increase. Toledo is down 1,000 students.

**Old Business:** access to the Library was discussed in an earlier meeting, and the Dean of Libraries is now aware of the issue.

For the letter to all emeriti: We have stationery and a cover letter, along with written instructions for using Zoom. The presentation will be by College. The letters will be sent out by Printing Services, and the addresses will be printed directly on the envelopes. April will coordinate with Printing.

Our Zoom meeting on October 15 is limited to 100 people, but it was felt this will not be an issue given that we normally have fewer than that number of participants at our regular lunch meetings. Rossiter asked about inviting President Nellis, since this is customary. Post suggested that he be asked to present a short introduction on Zoom which can be inserted in our program. Rossiter will contact him. For the student presentation on the undergrad research travel scholarship, Roxane Malé-Brune has confirmation from one student, and was working on getting two or three others. She will introduce the students and they will share a screen with Roxane, each taking about 10 minutes for their individual presentations. Also featured via Zoom

will be the OU Marching Band. There was some discussion about features on Zoom, and how we could move figuratively around the room, with different people serving as temporary hosts, and other possibilities. At the end, we talked about the possibility of breakout rooms (again, a ZOOM feature we are trying successfully in real time in this meeting).

Leslie Flemming asked about the possibility of a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 1:00 PM on Zoom. The meeting would be for the purpose of coordination and structure. It was decided we should have that meeting, which was expected to be relatively brief. Another meeting, suggested by Rossiter, would be for examination of what worked and what did not at the regular meeting on October 15. This third meeting, on October 22 at 1:00 PM on Zoom, would be for the purpose of coordinating programs for the regularly scheduled general meetings for November, December, and beyond.

**New Business:** Future meeting programs were discussed: the program for the Nov. 19 meeting will be the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Florenz Plassmann. Another person we could hear from might be Gillian Ice, new Ohio University Special Assistant for Public Health Operations. Another new person is the new head of Student Affairs, and it was suggested by Scott Moody that Gillian Ice should be the first choice, given the importance of her responsibilities during this time. Leslie Flemming suggested we could have a 5-minute report on the Covid 19 at the beginning of each upcoming general meeting. This possibly would be Ms. Ice together with the Student Affairs head.

December 17: This is traditionally a music program (holiday music); Allyn Reilly has contacted the School of Music and will hear back at the next meeting. This was followed by questions about handling return envelopes, which was worked out in discussion following the adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned by President Rossiter at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyn Reilly,  
Secretary