



Northern Michigan University Retirees Association

Minutes for Governing Board meeting of Thursday, May 3, 2018

In Attendance: Tony Tollefson, Sue Tollefson, Peggy House, Veikko Heikkinen, Dave Carlson, Jan Seppa, Phyllis James, Bruce Sherony, Sandra Poindexter

President Tony Tollefson brought the meeting to order shortly after 11:30 a.m. at the conclusion of the Retirees Association General Meeting.

1. Tony welcomed the new members to the board: Dave Carlson, Phyllis James, Jan Seppa, Bruce Sherony.
2. Sandi Poindexter agreed to take minutes of this meeting, but a permanent secretary should be appointed since Sandi is ex-officio.
3. Constitutions and By-laws need to be thoroughly reviewed this year with changes brought to the next General Meeting in May 2019.
4. Communications
 - a. Review the processes
 - b. Send a physical post-card reminder of activities each semester instead of only at the beginning of the year in August
 - c. Send an email reminder 3 weeks and 10 days (or just before RSVP date) in advance of an event.
 - d. Send a president's "Welcome" mailing to new retirees twice a year instead of only at the beginning of the year in August. As it is, Sept retirees don't get welcomed until the next August.
 - e. Put NMURA events into www.marquette365.com, events.nmu.edu, Marquette Monthly and Mining Journal. Kristi Evans, NMU News Director, is responsible for distribution of NMU-related events to news media. Giving her a detailed activity list for the year is the proper route to follow to get events posted. kevans@nmu.edu
5. The University Center will be a limited venue for NMURA events due to extensive renovations beginning soon.
6. Discussion on possible events for next year
 - a. Wed. Oct 24 theatre cast luncheon is certain event
 - b. Late October Chez Nous is certain event

- c. Summer picnic at the NMU pavilion between Cohodas and Lee Hall. This type of event was mentioned in the 2014 survey as one of interest. It would just be a social; no program.
 - d. Possible early Sept event – Lunch at the Marketplace. Possibly invite President Erikson to speak directly to retirees. It is true that anyone can attend the convocation, but it was mentioned that a more focused meeting/ Q&A between the NMU president and retirees would be good to have every 3-4 years.
 - e. Stay in touch with academic departments, their programs and research. This could be done through a brown bag lunch perhaps Nov and a winter month. Robyn Stille, director of Alumni and our Admin connection has offered this idea in the past and suggested holding it in their Gries Hall conference room. This was done once in 2016 with approximately 20 attendees.
 - f. Winter hockey or basketball reception should be done.
 - g. March or April music student performance coordinated with the Music Dept. Could have hor d'oeuvres in Reynolds Hall before the performance. Rob Englehart is the Music dept head. Sandi will talk to him on an informal basis since he is her neighbor.
 - h. March or April Chez Nous luncheon. Since the fall dinner is so well received, the spring event may be as well.
 - i. Move the May meeting to mid-month where it has been before. It may increase attendance of those who live elsewhere during the winter.
7. Other. Retiree living arrangements on campus could be revisited. At one time Cary Hall, now demolished, was considered for this option.

The meeting was brought to a close by Tony Tollefson at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by Sandi Poindexter, ex-officio