



# Northern Michigan University Retirees Association

Minutes of the August 11, 2016 Board Meeting

Location: Cadillac/Brule Rooms, Don H. Bottum University Center  
Start Time: 11:50 AM  
Present: S. Poindexter, S. Tollefson, T. Tollefson, E. Moisio, (G. Nault provided input via email), J. Kiltinen (ex-officio) and M. Harmon (support staff).

**NOTES: Item 3 requests input; items 4 and 5 require a board vote.**

1. **Acceptance of VP candidate.**
  - a. Tony Tollefson approached Sandi Poindexter prior to the start of the board meeting with an offer to fill an open AP board slot. As a first item of business, the Board accepted Tony. Very quickly it was evident that Tony had the skills and interest to serve as the VP and the Board appointed him to the open VP position. Bylaw Article I 1.4 permits the board action.
2. **Programming discussion for F17.**
  - a. It was concluded that we should repeat the Chez Nous event with some modification for grouped seating; retain an athletic event utilizing exiting ticket benefits; and return to the prior format for the FRT event, i.e. inviting cast and director to a social meeting prior to the musical rather than hosting a reception at a performance.
  - b. Attempting to have a monthly event would increase consistency and perhaps awareness of retiree events.
  - c. Suggested NMU units/topics for presentation include Athletics, USOEC, NCAA selection or placement process, new sports, women's sports, conference v. non-conference games, meeting athletes, international programming and students.
  - d. Participating in events with Alumni Association and NCLL (Northern Center for Life-Long Learning) could effectively increase activities without additional planning and/or costs. Sandi Poindexter is an NCLL board member and will work with its winter (Nov – March) curriculum planning committee to encourage a joint event.
3. **Recommended programming for F17.** M. Harmon will aid in communication to members, expenses, reservations and attendance recording.

Date/Month	Suggested Activity	Location	Status
August 25, 2016 12-1	Library and Archives Update; lunch provided; Archives tour	LRC 224 (back of library)	In place; RSVP needed by Aug 19
Sept 23-24 TBA	Homecoming activities	Dome	Being arranged by Alumni Assoc.
Oct TBD	Wine Tour and dinner at Escanaba restaurant (\$) (preferred)	Southern UP	Possibility being investigated by T. Tollefson
Oct TBD	Chez Nous (with grouped seating of 4 to encourage	Jacobetti Center	Possibility being arranged by T. Tollefson

	retiree interaction) (alternate or additional) (\$)		
Nov	Brown bag lunch and presentation by NMU unit	Beaumier Center	Possibility being arranged by Alumni Assoc.
Jan/Feb TBD 2017	Basketball reception between men's and women's games	Berry Events Center	Being arranged by T. Tollefson
Jan/Feb TBD	Regional travel activity in coordination with planned Alumni Association event (\$) <b>(suggestions on location?)</b>	TBD	Possibility being arranged by Alumni Assoc.
Jan/Feb TBD	Joint NCLL event and/or Brown bag lunch and presentation by NMU unit <b>(suggestions from list in 1c or other?)</b>	Beaumier Center	Possibility being arranged by S. Poindexter (NCLL) and Alumni Assoc. (brown bag)
Mar TBD	Chez Nous lunch (with grouped seating of 4 to encourage retiree interaction) (\$)	Jacobetti Center	Possibility being arranged by T. Tollefson
Apr 4 or 5	Luncheon with FRT cast/directors highlighting upcoming musical	UC or Marketplace	Being arranged by T. Tollefson
May TBD	Spring social reception with unit or other presentation <b>(suggestions from list in 1c or other?)</b>	UC	TBD

**Input from Board members is requested on the above ideas and suggestions needed. This will be handled with an email discussion.**

**4. Change date for business meeting.**

Sandi Poindexter put forth a proposal to change the business meeting from August 2017 to May 2017. Rationale: It is too difficult to elect new board members and determine a slate of activities in August when activities begin immediately. There is not enough time to plan, coordinate and publicize events. May typically has a high attendance and provides the summer to arrange events.

Subsequent careful reading of Bylaw Article III Section 1.1 "The annual business meeting of the Association shall occur during the month of August unless otherwise changed by the Association or Governing Board" permits the board to try a May 2017 meeting *without revising the bylaws*. **However, it does require a vote of the board to do so. This will be handled with an email discussion.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

**5. ADDENDUM**

On Monday August 16, 2016, prior to submission of these minutes, Yvonne Lee spoke to Marti Harmon, NMURA support staff, with an offer to fill the open Faculty slot. The board can accept this offer and appoint Yvonne with a vote. **This will be handled with an email discussion.**

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Poindexter, President NMU Retirees Association