



Northern Michigan University Retirees Association

Minutes of the May 4, 2017 Annual Business Meeting and Social

Location: University Center, Huron Room
Start Time: 10:00 a.m. with Breakfast
Attendance: Approximately 65 retirees, spouses, and guests

Opening remarks were made by Sandi Poindexter, President, who concluded by introducing Tony Tollefson, Vice-President.

Tony made a few remarks concerning the day's program, a presentation by Cody Langdon from the NMU Computer Center Help Desk concerning LTE system and G-Suite.

Program: LTE System and G-Suite

Cody explained that LTE is replacing Wi-Max; LTE is faster and covers a broader range than Wi-Max. It is planned that over the next two years NMU's LTE system will eventually cover the entire Upper Peninsula. LTE is free to NMU retirees but a wireless device must be acquired to connect a personal computer to the LTE system. Such a device may be procured from the repair office in the basement of the LRC for approximately \$180 (depending upon the type). According to Cody, Hot Spot is the cheapest LTE device. Hot Spot may already be available on a person's smart phone obviating the need to spend any additional money beyond the monthly charge for the phone.

Cody then went on to discuss G-Suite, a new e-mail system which will be provided and supported by Google. Retirees are responsible for making the switch prior to late August. (Don't forget that there is help at the Help Desk, in person or by calling 227-2468).

After Cody's informative remarks, there was a short break and prize drawings. The prizes were donated by NCLL (Northern Center for Lifelong Learning). The business meeting followed.

Business Meeting

Sandi Poindexter, President, led the Business Meeting.

i). Minutes from August 11, 2016. Janice Book moved to accept the minutes from the August 11, 2016 meeting; Janice Olson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ii). Proposed By-Laws change. Two By-Law changes were made.

Article 1, Section 3.1, was changed from requiring the Governing Board to meet immediately after the summer general membership meeting to requiring the Governing Board to meet immediately after the spring general membership meeting.

Article 3, Section 1.2 was changed from having the annual business meeting of the Association held during the month of August to having the annual business meeting held in May.

There was no discussion and ~~no~~ there were no questions. Phyllis James moved to accept the two By-Law changes. Gerry Nault seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

iii). Governing Board Elections. Each position had one candidate. Tony Tollefson moved that the slate be accepted; John Kiltinen seconded. By unanimous voice vote, the following one and two year term members were elected to the Governing Board:

Gerry Nault, Admin/Prof, 2 years

Sue Tollefson, Tech/Office, 2 years

Elmer Moisio, Faculty, 1 year

Peggy House, Faculty, 2 years

Dan Hakala, Operations, 1 year

Veikko Heikkinen, Operations, 2 years

A one-year Admin/Prof position remains unfilled.

iv). Annual Budget Report – FY 17. The annual budget was presented to the members. The salient features are: Carry forward from FY 16 was \$2176.58; FY 16 Income was \$2581.00. Current Balance is \$2691.14, however, it was noted that it is an incomplete report as it lacked expenses from the May 4, 2017 (current) meeting. Adding the estimated cost of May 4, it was remarked that the FY2016 total expenses were slightly less for seven activities than for four activities in FY 2014 and served more attendees.

v). Future Programming Events Discussion. This part of the meeting was led by Vice-President Tony Tollefson. Pauline Kiltinen suggested that the NMURA join MARSP (Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel) in future events. Pauline provided a schedule of MARSP recent and proposed activities, which generally looked similar to the kinds of events in which NMURA would be interested. A variety of activities were broached as future events, including the following: a Chez Nous dinner; a computer training session; a tour of the UP's answer to California – Northern Sun Winery in Bark River; a reception after, or before, NMU's Homecoming game; a theater party; a party related to a basketball game next winter.

Conclusion

Tony turned the meeting back to Sandi. After a 50/50 drawing, Sandi closed the meeting. The time of adjournment was approximately 12:30 p.m.