

**Senior Academy Board Meeting
Park 100
October 11, 2012**

Members present: Nan Bohan, Bill Bosron, Carlyn Johnson, John Paulsrud, Sharon Peterman, Randy Strate, , Rosalie Vermette. Harriet Wilkins

Members absent: Pat Blake, Walt Linne, Golam Mannan, Rose Mays, Jeffery Vessely
Becky VanVoorhis

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Interim President Bill Bosron at 10:05 a.m..

Minutes

The minutes of the September 13 meeting were approved as distributed, with the deletion of Sharon Peterman's name from the list of attendees.

After discussion, there was general agreement that Board meetings should usually be limited to an hour and a half.

President's Report

- In response to the recent complaints about the Sr. Academy listserv and requests to be removed from it, the listserv has been changed to be a moderated one with responses going only to Walt and Lee. This means that one of the listserv's functions—enabling direct discussion among members—will no longer be possible. However, it seems to be a necessary change because of the dissatisfaction of some people on the list who do not want to receive messages. At the suggestion of members of the Board, Bill will look into the possibility of having an “unsubscribe” button added to the listserv. Otherwise the directions Jim Brown provided for unsubscribing could be placed at the bottom of each message. Within the next few weeks, but after the current furor has subsided, Bill will send a message apologizing for the recent problems and explaining the changes that are being made.
- IUPUI has now reached \$225,000 of its \$360,000 United Way goal. No postal mail solicitations were sent out. However, if Sr. Academy members want to use a pledge card, rather than the on-line gift form, they can obtain one from Lee at the Sr. Academy office.
- Bill attended an initial meeting about the new IUPUI strategic planning process along with 50-75 others from the university. The group heard from Chancellor Bantz about the changes that have occurred during the past ten years and then discussed issues that should be addressed in thinking about the next ten. One possibility that he thinks might be of interest to the Sr. Academy is lifelong learning offerings. Several such programs were mentioned: Osher Lifelong Learning at Northwestern and the University of Chicago, Senior Hostels at IU-Bloomington, Great Decisions. After some discussion, the Board asked Bill to

talk with Khala Murtadha about what kinds of offerings are currently available at IUPUI and perhaps invite her to a Board meeting.

- Rose Mays has resigned from the Board. Bill asked that suggestions for a replacement be sent to Becky Van Voorhis, chair of the Nominations Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Randy presented a report of the last three months of activity in the Sr. Academy accounts.

The current balances are

IU Foundation Accounts	
Sr. Academy Fund	\$8,161.34
Returning Student Scholarship	\$48,224.07
IPS Scholarship	\$43,181.16
Academic Scholarship	\$39,106.45
Checking Account	\$6,381.21

Lifetime member dues are deposited in the Sr. Academy account in the Foundation; annual member dues are deposited in the checking account.

Arlene Phillips is the new account representative for the Sr. Academy.

Facebook Project

John reported that he will work on setting up a Senior Academy page, using the School of Science one as a model, as soon as he receives information from the Office of Technology about use of the IUPUI logo. The Facebook page will provide a way for members of the Sr. Academy to communicate directly with one another.

Program/Social Committee

Carlyn reported that there were approximately 20 people at the presentation by Dr. Susan Hickman on Tuesday. She also reviewed the list of programs for the rest of the year. The next program will be the Spirit and Place event, "Playing as we Age," at the Pike Y on November 7 from 10:00-noon.

Last Lecture

Harriet reported on behalf of Golam Mannan, chair of the Last Lecture committee. The committee has met, updated the request for nominations, and set the dates for receiving nominations from faculty, staff, and students, as well as for receiving abstracts from the nominees chosen by the screening committee for review by the selection committee. The request for nominations will be sent out soon. As in the past, nominees whose names were forwarded by the screening committee last year will be invited once again to submit abstracts this year.

Membership

The Board again discussed the practices for renewing memberships. As in the past, letters will be sent near the end of the fiscal year (May-June) to (1) lifetime members thanking them for their continuing participation, (2) current paid annual members asking them to renew, (3) current first-year free members asking them to become dues-paying members; in the spring of 2013 the last group will include retirees from both 2011 and 2012.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44.

Harriet Wilkins, Secretary