

**IUPUI Senior Academy Board Meeting  
February 12, 2009  
Glendale Library Auditorium**

**Board members present**

Marge Applegate, Ted Cutshall Noel Duerden, Mark Grove, Mary Grove, Joe Hingtgen, Giles Hoyt, Carlyn Johnson, Golam Mannan, Shirley Newhouse, Richard Patterson, Leon Rand, William Voos, Harriet Wilkins

**Board member absent**

Shelton Siegel

**Committee chair present**

Walt Linne (Communications)

**Call to order**

President Bill Voos called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M..

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the January 8 meeting were approved.

**President's report**

President Bill Voos reported that Dottie Swinney's health continues to improve, and she has come to the office a couple of times. In Dottie's absence, Patricia Hare from Dean Sukhatme's office has been helpful in providing secretarial assistance to Senior Academy. Bill reminded the board of two upcoming events: a presentation on aging and memory loss on February 17 and the IUPUI vs. Oakland basketball game on February 21. He commented on the good attendance at the Senior Academy-sponsored events this year.

**Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Shirley Newhouse presented her report. She noted that there was a turnaround from losses to small increases in interest. The scholarship funds showed small increases in January. Totals are: \$33,657.24 (Returning Students), \$30,290.25 (IPS), and \$34,077.79 (Academic). Shirley told the board that we are now paying for scholarships out of working funds rather than earned interest. Under ordinary financial circumstances—unlike the ones recently experienced--the Senior Academy hopes to have enough money in each fund to pay for scholarships out of the endowment. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

**Communications Committee report**

Chair Walt Linne reported that work continues on the website and that he has been sending emails to the membership about events. Noel Duerden prepared and sent the *Sentinel* to all members. A discussion followed about whether the *Sentinel* could be sent by email rather than hard copy. The advantages would be cost-savings in postage, using color for a more attractive look, and including more photographs. Since 90 percent of SA members have email addresses, the board voiced support for the idea; but before

committing to it, asked Richard Patterson to include this as an item in the upcoming survey of members. Walt noted that the *Sentinel* is also posted on the SA website.

### **Program Committee report**

Chair Carlyn Johnson reported that the program on Feb. 17 will be on aging and memory loss, presented by Dr. Mary Austrom, Professor of Alzheimer's Disease Education, IU Medical School Department of Psychiatry. Carlyn announced that a future presentation will be given by Gene Tempel of the IU Foundation. Board members suggested different approaches for his talk, including philanthropy in changing times and the effects of the nation's fiscal crisis on university foundations, endowments, operations, and student scholarships. Suggestions for future programs included an illustrated presentation of the campus master plan and a shuttle bus-walking tour of the campus to introduce SA members on the many changes, new buildings and facilities on the IUPUI campus. The latter could be jointly sponsored by the Program and Social Committees.

Carlyn and the board members also talked about inviting other groups, such as Faculty Club members and Elder-Friendly Communities (EFC), to SA programs. The consensus was that we should make those decisions on an ad hoc basis, depending on the topic, the expected SA attendance, and size of facility to accommodate non-members. Carlyn asked Walt Linne to send an email invitation to EFC regarding the February 17 presentation and encouraged others to invite friends.

### **Last Lecture Committee report**

Chair Golam Mannan reported that the response to a call for Last Lecture candidates resulted in 20 possible candidates. The committee narrowed that down to 5 and asked them for resumes and abstracts if they wished to be considered. A selection committee made up of distinguished faculty and a student will select the finalist. The Last Lecture will be given on April 17 in conjunction with the Chancellor's Honors Convocation..

### **Social Committee report**

Giles Hoyt encouraged members to attend the IUPUI-Oakland University basketball game at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 21. Dinner will be available at the Den (Sports Bar) starting at 5:00 P.M. Giles and Dolores Hoyt are in charge of the event.

Bill Voos, reporting for Jean Gnat, announced that a Scholarship Recognition reception, sponsored by the IUPUI Foundation and honoring Art and Patricia Mirsky, will be held on Thursday, April 9. Bill also reminded the group of the Wildflower video program and guided walk at Holliday Park at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 17. There will be a \$4.00 charge per person to cover the cost of the program.

### **Membership Survey Committee**

Chair Richard Patterson distributed a survey, which his committee had drafted. Several board members suggested additions and changes. Richard said he will make the requested changes and email the revised survey to the board for comments. His committee would like to send the survey to members on April 1 and ask for responses by April 30.

**Nominating Committee report**

Chair Harriet Wilkins reported that names of nominees for Board members for the 2009-2011 term need to be sent to the membership by March 15. As required in the by-laws, a request for suggestions was sent to members email and in the *Sentinel*. She also asked the board for suggestions of ex-board members, who will comprise the selection committee, and received several names.

**Bepko Medallion report**

The Bepko Medallion will not be awarded this year. According to the by-laws, the medallion must be awarded at least once every three years. Mark Grove will send a note to the Board in which he will ask for suggestions for candidates for future years.

**Draft Policy**

Bill Voos distributed a draft of a policy on General Guidelines for Cooperating with Other Organizations. He asked Board members to review the document and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary R. Grove, Secretary

**Next Board Meeting:** March 12, 2009, 10:00 A.M, at Glendale Library.

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