

**Senior Academy Board Meeting
Park 100
January 10, 2013**

Members present: Pat Blake, Nan Bohan, Nancy Chism, Carlyn Johnson, Walt Linne, Golam Mannan, John Paulsrud, Sharon Peterman, Becky VanVoorhis, Rosalie Vermette, Jeffery Vessely, Harriet Wilkins, Kathryn Wilson

Members absent: Bill Bosron, Randy Strate

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Walt Linne at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the Dec.13 meeting were approved as distributed.

President's Report

Walt gave a brief summary of Executive Vice-Chancellor Nasser Paydar's presentation to Senior Academy members yesterday. In the presentation, Dr. Paydar discussed the current situation in higher education and outlined the strategic planning process that is currently underway to set IUPUI's direction for the future. Bill Bosron is serving on the strategic planning committee on behalf of the Senior Academy.

Standing Committees

Communications. John reported that the Sr.Academy *Facebook* page is now active. *Facebook* users who "like" our page will automatically receive updates about activities and topics of interest.

Walt reported that he and Bill are working on a new brochure to be used for membership recruitment.

Membership. Nan reported that lists of retirees will be obtained directly from Human Resources. Becky will contact Maggie Stimmings to facilitate this. New retirees will be added to the listserv. Nan expressed concern about the low response rate from new retirees to invitations from the Sr. Academy.

Last Lecture. Golam reported that the screening committee has forwarded information from three candidates for the Last Lecture to the selection committee. Each candidate has prepared an abstract for a proposed lecture and sent a CV. The Lecture is scheduled for March 22. The regular date of the last Friday in March, which was agreed on with administration two years ago, could not be used this year because that day is Good Friday. The selection committee will be chaired by Rosalie and is expected to meet and make its decision within the next two weeks.

Several questions were raised about the procedures for the Last Lecture process. Golam explained how the process has developed over the last five years and how it works.

Program Committee. Carlyn reminded the Board of the meeting scheduled for February 12 on e-readers. The trip to New Harmony has been scheduled for May 1&2. The committee is still working on a possible presentation in Indianapolis about the history of New Harmony prior to that trip.

Nomination Committee. Walt reminded the Board that the Nomination Committee would soon need to begin work to present a slate for new Board members. The Vice-President, Becky, chairs that committee.

Other Business

Following up on the discussion about the procedures for selection of the person to deliver the Last Lecture and the lack of information by several Board members, it was decided to develop something like a procedures manual in which each committee could briefly outline the way they have been doing their work. Such a manual might be easier to use than the annual reports or the information on the website or the files in the Sr. Academy office, which are currently in place.

Jeff noted that the fitness center on the Eastside that was built as part of the Super Bowl Legacy Project is offering inexpensive exercise opportunities for seniors.

Becky offered to organize a table of Sr. Academy folks for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day luncheon.

She also reported that she has been in touch with the staff who are putting together Spirit and Place for 2014; the theme will be "Risk." For the past two years, the Sr. Academy has sponsored an event as part of that activity.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Harriet Wilkins, Secretary

APPROVED: February 14, 2013