

**Senior Academy Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 14, 2009**

**Board members present**

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

**Board members absent**

Ted Cutshall, Noel Duerden, Sheldon Siegel

**Committee chairs present**

Walt Linne (Communications), Jean Gnat (Social)

**Call to order**

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

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the April 9 meeting were approved.

**President's remarks**

President Bill Voos reviewed the large number of events in which Senior Academy has been involved since the April 9 meeting: the Last Lecture by Dr. Einterz, a wildflower program and walk in Holliday Park, a scholarship reception honoring Art and Pat Mirsky, the annual luncheon for newly retired faculty, and a tour of the Kokomo Opalescent Glass Factory. All events were well attended and successful.

**Treasurer's report**

Shirley Newhouse reported that in the past month, Senior Academy accounts were in the plus range. As of April 30, 2009, the balances are: \$32,152 (Returning Students Scholarships), \$28,657 (IPS Students Scholarships), and \$32,836 (Academic Scholarships). In addition, SA had \$5,207 in its Foundation fund and \$4,609 in its checking account. The Treasurer's report was approved.

**Communications Committee report**

Chair Walt Linne said that since the majority (78%) of Senior Academy members have email accounts, the Communications Committee would like to send *The Sentinel* electronically. The electronic mail method would save printing and postage costs, and allow for the use of color and additional pages.

Mark Grove suggested that there should be a transition period to assure that members who want to receive a paper copy will be able to receive it. Harriet Wilkins suggested that SA should use the listserv to ask members to respond whether they want to get the publication electronically or in paper.

Walt asked board members to actively support Noel Duerden, who has been the editor of the *Sentinel* for several years, by writing articles and asking colleagues to do so. Bill Voos suggested that we send a request to members, asking them to submit articles. Bill also suggested asking Journalism Dean Jim Brown, a new retiree, if he would be interested in assisting in producing the *Sentinel*.

**Social Committee**

Longtime Social Chair Jean Gnat agreed to accept one more year as chair. She announced that several events have already been planned for the 2009-10 academic year, including a shuttle bus campus tour and presentation on IUPUI's long-range plan, a docent-led tour of a special collection of Spanish Art at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, and the traditional Holiday Dinner.

Jean complimented this year's committee's members for arranging enjoyable and educational events.

### **Programs and Membership Committees**

Carlyn Johnson proposed that SA could invite non-SA members and members of other organizations to attend SA programs and social activities. Dick Patterson proposed that SA ask retired adjunct faculty to become members, perhaps as a special category, since adjuncts are not specified in the by-laws and do not appear on the Human Resources retiree list. A subcommittee, consisting of Marge Applegate, Golam Mannan, Shirley Newhouse, and Harriet Wilkins will investigate the issue of inviting adjunct faculty to become SA members.

### **Last Lecture feedback**

Golam Mannan reported that the process for choosing the Last Lecturer was effective. The small committee worked methodically. Confidentiality was observed concerning those who nominated and were nominated. Working with the other partners was helpful. The costs of the reception, printing, honorarium, and other amenities were provided by External Affairs, the IUPUI 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, and the Foundation.

A discussion followed about whether future Last Lectures must be combined with an honorarium and/or other awards and whether Last Lecture should be coordinated with the Chancellor's Honors Convocation. After discussion, the consensus was that the Last Lecture could be a stand-alone event, not necessarily involving financial and other honors. The board generally agreed that it need not be combined with the Chancellor Honors Convocation, since the Honors event already draws a packed audience.

### **Membership Survey report**

Richard Patterson thanked Mark Grove for collecting data and analyzing the responses. Mark distributed the analysis of the membership survey, which included the following high points: Preferred programs and social events: Planned group outings, financial-related presentations, health related topics, meals at restaurants, outdoor activities, and picnics.

Communications: The majority of respondents wished to receive the *Sentinel* by email.

Volunteering: Six members expressed interest in mentoring IUPUI students. The survey also yielded a good number of people who wish to serve on committees.

Specific Ideas: Many respondents suggested social activities and program topics, and many members volunteered to do presentations on their expertise, travel, and hobbies.

### **By-Laws Changes**

Harriet Wilkins offered several minor changes to update the by-laws. She also proposed an additional section in the by-laws describing the Last Lecture. The proposed changes were approved unanimously.

### **Annual meeting**

Bill Voos announced that the annual meeting will be held at 4:00 -5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 24, a time that will accommodate the busy schedules of Chancellor Bantz and Dean Sukhatme. The meeting will be held in the Campus Center. Bill asked committee chairs to prepare a report of no more than 5 minutes, to be given at the meeting. The Scholarships winners will be invited and introduced.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Next board meeting: June 11, 2009 at 10:00 A.M., Glendale Library