

**ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF (ARFS)
RECOGNITION OF RETIREES AND ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021**

Due to ongoing concerns regarding the pandemic, the 2021 ARFS Recognition of Retirees/Annual Meeting was held online via ZOOM.

Call to Order: Check-in for the meeting was 11 a.m. with those present able to socialize before the welcoming statement by Meg Cooper, president, at 11:10 am. At that point, the recording of the official portion of the meeting began.

President's Welcome: Meg welcomed the 28 participants, identified the current members of the ARFS Coordinating Council, and extended special thanks to Anne Richards for hosting the meeting via ZOOM and providing technical support throughout the process of planning and implementing this event.

In a brief review of this “unusual” year, Meg

- recognized ARFS’ new liaison as Sharon Seneca of Human Resources
- described the major effort behind the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) survey sent to UWG retirees, the continuing attempts to resolve retirees’ issues, and the creation of a final report to summarize all details
- identified the various system-wide and national meetings which focus on retirees and which were attended by her and other ARFS members

The video from Dr. Brendan Kelly (UWG’s president) was not available in time, so Meg summarized the major points he intended to share: (1) the impact of the work done by retirees while at UWG lives on, (2) retirees will continue to influence the path taken by UWG, (3) retirees should continue to stay engaged with UWG through whatever means possible but particularly through support of the ARFS legacy scholarship.

Legacy Scholarship: Jess Lasseter, who serves as Director of Annual Giving within University Advancement, spoke regarding the 39th annual West Georgia fund drive which netted over one million dollars for student scholarships/success and acknowledged retirees for their continued support of the ARFS legacy scholarship and indicated that financial gifts can still be given. He introduced Nathan Davis, recipient of this year’s legacy scholarship. Nathan is the grandson of Andy Davis, a UWG retiree who served in Continuing Ed. Nathan is a Health and Community Wellness major and will use the funds toward fees and future efforts in the field of physical therapy.

Council Elections: Kathryn Grams, ARFS past president, presented the slate of candidates for the at-large positions, thanked the members of the nominating committee for their assistance, and moved that the slate of candidates as presented be approved; Meg seconded the motion, and with voice acclamation, the motion passed. A list of the current ARFS Coordinating Council will be posted on the ARFS website.

Recognition of Retirees: Meg presented a power point identifying those who retired between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021; the presentation included photos when available and an overview of their post-UWG plans. Tribute booklets and medallions have been mailed to the retirees, and the pdf version of the power point will be placed on the ARFS website.

Meg also identified retirees Bonnie Bar and Bobby Powell whose terms on the ARFS Coordinating Council have expired and thanked them for their service.

Francie Taylor read the names and positions of the fourteen UWG retirees who passed away between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. Their names will be included on the website.

Closing Comments: Meg extended thanks to Brooke Keener and the Printing Services staff for their assistance in the publication of the tribute booklet and to Sharon Seneca of Human Resources who serves as the ARFS liaison.

The formal portion of the meeting ended at 11:45, and the recording was stopped. Those who wished to continue to socialize were able to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Francie Taylor, Secretary