

**Association of Retired Faculty and Staff
Annual Meeting
Online
August 22, 2020
12:45 p.m.**

Call to Order: Kathryn Grams called the meeting to order. Owing to the coronavirus, this was the first annual ARFS meeting to be conducted online. Approximately 25 retirees were in attendance.

President's Report: Kathryn expressed the hope that ARFS members would see each other in person soon. She noted that the annual reunion, usually a luncheon in conjunction with the annual meeting, was an online affair this year also. Retirees were recognized via a slide show and the event included video remarks by President Brendan B. Kelly, the Interim Executive Director of Alumni Relations/Director of Annual Giving, Allyson Bretch, and our Legacy Scholarship recipient, Allen Ledbetter. Presentation of the retiree medallions will be delayed until conditions permit the group to meet safely, perhaps in the spring.

Kathryn reported also that the ARFS annual report had been submitted and is available on our website, the *Rejuvenator* newsletter has been published periodically this past year, and the "Steps to Retirement" brochure was prepared again for the annual UWG Benefits Fair. She indicated that a highlight of the year was the opportunity to showcase the Newnan Center for a meeting of GA HERO.

Candidate Slate: As chairperson of the nominating committee, Mitch Clifton presented the slate of candidates for officers and Coordinating Council members-at-large. The list includes persons who will be completing the second year of their two-year terms. Terms of office begin on the date of the annual meeting.

**Officers
(also members of the Coordinating Council)**

President: Meg Cooper (term 2020-2022)
Vice President: Anne Richards (term 2020-2022)
Past President: Kathryn Grams (term 2020-2022)
Secretary: Francie Taylor (term 2020-2022)
Treasurer: Sally Roberts (term 2020-2022)

**At-Large Members
(minimum of six)**

Bonnie Bar (term 2019-2021)
Bobby Powell (term 2019-2021)
Frank Pritchett (term 2019-2021)
Jimmy Drew (term 2020-2022)
John von Eschenbach (term 2020-2022)
Anita Thomas (term 2020-2022)
Alice Wesley (term 2020-2022)
Diane Williamson (term 2020-2022)

With a motion by Kathryn Grams and a second by Anne Richards, nominations were closed. Kathryn then moved, and Mitch Clifton seconded, to approve the slate. The motion was approved.

Closing Remarks: Kathryn expressed her appreciation to various officers, CC members and others for their service to ARFS, including Bruce Lyon (secretary), Mitch Clifton, who has accepted the position of president-elect of the USG Retiree Council, Karen Smith and Tom Mackel for their service on the council, and Allyson Bretch for her support of ARFS. She also cited Meg Cooper and Francie Taylor for their work in preparing the reunion slideshow and the tribute booklet, Denice Perdue for assisting the organization in many ways, including editing the *Rejuvenator* and making the arrangements for the reunion, Steven Broome for the retiree photos, and Julia Mothersole for recording and editing the reunion video. Finally, Kathryn thanked Drs. Brendan Kelly and Meredith Brunen for their ongoing support of UWG retirees.

Adjournment: Following an expression of appreciation to Kathryn by the group for her exemplary work as President, the meeting concluded shortly after 1:00 p.m. Retirees were invited to remain online and visit.

Bruce Lyon
Secretary