

**UWG ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF (ARFS)**  
**Coordinating Council Meeting**  
**Neva Lomason Memorial Library**  
**January 19, 2024**

**Present:** Anne Richards (presiding), Meg Cooper, Patricia Durrough, Rolanda Farmer, Kevin Hibbard, Cecilia Lee, Ann McCleary, Francie Taylor, John von Eschenbach, and Alice Wesley.

**Absent:** Micheal Crafton, Frank Pritchett, Sally Roberts, Anita Thomas, and Ex-Officio Council Members MaKena Burns and Lauren Niedringhaus.

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Anne Richards called the meeting to order at 10 am in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Neva Lomason Library. Ann McCleary moved and Meg Cooper seconded that the September 8, 2023, minutes be approved with minor spelling corrections; the motion passed. John von Eschenbach moved and Meg Cooper seconded that the minutes of the October 7, 2023, minutes of the annual meeting be approved with the inclusion of the entire list of honorees and the full slate of candidates to the Coordinating Council as well as several spelling corrections; the motion passed.

**Lauren Niedringhaus' Update:** In Lauren's absence, Anne Richards shared Lauren's suggestions to attract more retirees to the annual meeting. These include the possibility of securing the services of a mobile biometrics unit which could offer flu shots, COVID vaccines, blood pressure checks, body mass index (BMI) assessments, and so forth. Much, of course, would depend on cost. Meg suggested that UWG's audiology students could perform hearing tests using the booths in the Education Center and that Speech and Language Pathology students might also be available to help. Logistical issues would need to be resolved, such as when to schedule the services available.

**Review of the Annual Reception/Reunion:** Meg Cooper provided a handout which identified the number attending (57 including 9 of the 23 retirees); the costs associated with printing various materials such as the tribute booklets, agenda, and envelopes; and the costs for photography and inscribing the medallions. The catering cost was covered by a donor, so there was no admission charge this year. All agreed that the Education Center was a good facility with convenient parking, but it would have been helpful to have a master key for access to a sink for the outside caterer's use.

Other items reviewed included the following: (1) ordering in the near future medallions which must contain the UWG shield rather than the flame currently appearing on the medallions and determining which retirees—based on longevity—would prefer the flame medallion, (2) having a tech person present or have a contact to handle issues such as synching the two screen displays with each other, (3) ensuring a microphone is available, (4) deciding soon if October 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in October and an away game) is the 2024 reunion date with the possibility Dine West would cater, and (4) asking retirees to speak briefly, perhaps as members of a panel, on life after retirement, volunteer opportunities, and other appropriate topics.

The 2024 reunion will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of ARFS thanks to Andy Leavitt who first got the event recognized (at his father's suggestion) and Glenn Novak (recently deceased) and his wife Debbie who for many years were the faces of ARFS. This event will include recognition of these persons and what they accomplished for the sake of UWG retirees. A sheet cake commemorating the anniversary was also mentioned as a good way to mark the occasion.

**ARFS Legacy Scholarship:** John von Eschenbach reported that the platform for the scholarship portal is changing and that the application deadlines and number of applicants who have already applied are unclear. Ketty Cusick is no longer the main contact for the Legacy Scholarship. John will email her with copies to Anne and Lauren seeking additional information. John was informed that Amanda Stitts is taking Ketty's place, but he was unable to reach Amanda directly in advance of today's meeting.

**Update on Emeriti Listings:** Anne reported that Suzanne Garrett in Academic Affairs is making every effort to help resolve discrepancies between who is listed and who is not with regard to emeritus standing. The purpose of the list must be determined: Is it a historical listing (which includes all who have received emeritus status), or is it simply a current list including only those still alive? The Faculty Development Committee of the Faculty Senate will be making a recommendation regarding this issue in the near future.

**ARFS Website Update:** Beverly Dittmer, Human Resources, is updating the website to include (1) the names, terms, and photos of current CC members, (2) the latest scholarship recipient information, (3) the previous issue of *The Rejuvenator*, (4) the revised version of the "Steps to Retirement" brochure, and (5) photos from the annual reception/reunion for retirees.

**Upcoming Issue of ARFS Newsletter:** The next issue of *The Rejuvenator* will contain an article and photos of the annual reception/reunion, copies of the poem written by Cecilia Lee and read at the reunion in honor of retirees as well as the thoughts about retirees which she shared with attendees, and a cybersecurity crime prevention tip. Additional suggestions for content should be sent to Anne. Bruce Lyon has recommended that we mention again the option to request, for a small fee, a retiree's family tree researched by Jack Johnson. Bruce was very impressed with the results Jack provided when Bruce asked him to create one for the Lyon family.

**ARFS Annual Report:** Anne Richards is compiling the 2022-2023 annual report and provided the CC with an initial draft. Corrections/suggestions should be directed to Anne; some of the financial data needed for the report is not yet available.

**Next CC Meeting:** Anne will send out to CC members potential dates of March 15 or March 22 regarding the next meeting of the Coordinating Council and ask for their input to determine the date most preferred by the majority.

Respectfully submitted,

Francie Taylor, Secretary