

VSU Retirees Association  
Annual Meeting – October 31, 2018  
Student Union Theater, VSU

The Annual Meeting of the VSU Retirees Association was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chair David Boyd

David welcomed everyone to the meeting and indicated that there were handouts on the table as people came in and were available if anyone had missed picking them up. He then asked for approval of the annual meeting minutes from 2017 presented by Secretary-Treasurer Mary Helen Watson.

Minutes were unanimously accepted.

As Treasurer she then presented the state of the current foundation Accounts. This report is as of the end of September as the October report is not yet available from the foundation. VSURA currently has \$7,620.37 in the Lifetime Membership Account and \$218.99 in the Annual Dues Account.

David Boyd and Dennis Marks then reported on the bi-annual meeting held in October and which they both attended.

Dennis Marks then reported on the recent activities of the USG Retiree Council including a call for clearer communications between the University system and the various retiree councils. One message for the different populations is simply not working. It makes for confusion between the various groups. A real effort is being made to correct this problem.

Dennis then announced that the VSURA needs to elect new council members. There are three members ending their terms, both Robert DeLong and Louie Schmier have indicated they will be happy to serve an additional term. A call was made for an additional nominee to take up the vacant seat. Jack Hasling nominated Dennis Bogyo and Mary Gooding seconded the nomination. Dennis agreed to serve and was elected by unanimous vote.

A representative of HR presented a bit of information about the open enrollment coming up in November and December. An open lab for retirees will probably be held on 11/15 but she encouraged everyone to open their AON accounts and take the time to understand what the situation is regarding their individual health accounts.

Jack Hasling asked what happens to people who have no computer as it seems all communication is handled through electronic communication. We do have a calling committee, Betty Paulk does a fine job of contacting those few who need such assistance by phone.

Numerous questions regarding various aspects of health coverage were asked and Dennis announced that a workshop for AON signup will be held at South Georgia College in Douglas on 11/3 at 9 am.

November 9 in the GA-HERO meeting. Dennis encouraged everyone to consider attending and to contact him for more information.

Those in attendance were reminded that the new SGRL system's facility on Julia Drive tour is set for November 13 at 4 pm. All are invited to attend. A Council Meeting will be held immediately following the tour in the SGRL Board Room.

Some discussion followed regarding things other institutions are doing for and with their retirees, Louis Schmier asked specifically what retirees get out of joining and Dennis called for responses from those present. What attracts retirees to organization such as VSURA can be such things as information about benefits, collegiality, social events, other?

David reminded those attending that monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30. These are Brown Bag Lunches with time to learn something about our institution and to socialize.

He called for meeting suggestions and several ideas were floated such as a garden club, a book club, lectures on understanding Alzheimer's, aging, etc.

New retiree, Pat Rozier, was welcomed to the group.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm with a Council Meeting immediately following.

Respectfully submitted

Mary H. Watson, Secretary-Treasurer