

VSU Retirees Association
Annual Meeting – November 1, 2017
Student Union Theater, VSU

The Annual Meeting of the VSU Retirees Association was called to order at 1:33 pm by Chair Bob DeLong.

Bob 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 Secretary-Treasurer Mary Helen Watson to present the minutes of the prior year's Annual Meeting

Mary Helen read the minutes which were unanimously accepted.

As Treasurer she then presented the state of the current foundation Accounts. VSURA currently has \$6,344.37 in the Lifetime Membership Account and \$323.53 in the Annual Dues Account.

Bob then announced the results of the council election which was held via E-mail. Mary Helen Watson and David Boyd were re-elected to serve another three-year term and Joan Dear was elected as a new council member.

Fred Ware, former Chair and council member has completed his most recent term on Council.

Bob thanked Fred for his service to the VSU Retirees and welcomed Joan Dear as a new member of the council. He also thanked Mary Helen and David for their willingness to continue the council for another term.

Bob then introduced Dennis Marks and asked him for information on upcoming meetings.

Dennis began by thanking Joan Dear and Michael Black for all their assistance over the past year with meeting scheduling and with the Retiree Luncheon held each April.

He then mentioned that there was a handout containing questions gathered by the University System of Georgia Retiree Council for discussion at the upcoming meeting (Friday, November 3) which he will be attending as our VSU Representative, Bob DeLong is the VSU Alternate Representative. Dennis urged everyone to read over the questions and if there are others anyone felt needed to be asked to contact him or Bob DeLong.

Other upcoming meetings are 11/17 Georgia Association of Higher Education Retiree (GA-HERO) Organization; Monday, December 4, 2017 VSURA Holiday Party and the 10/7-9/2018 bi-annual national meeting of the Association of Retiree organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). Anyone wishing more information on the GA-HERO or the AROHE meetings should contact Dennis Marks or Robert DeLong to learn more about the meeting or make a reservation to attend.

Dennis then asked Mary Helen to discuss the Annual Holiday Party. Mary Helen reiterated that the party will be held in the University Center on December 4 at 4 pm and all members are invited and encouraged to attend. She also asked for a few volunteers to assist. Mary Gooding, Joan Dear and Sandra Walker indicated their willingness to assist. Mary Helen thanked them and said she would be in touch to plan things.

Bob DeLong then introduced a VSU Human Resources representative, Catherine Wills, who gave a short rundown regarding benefits we, as retirees, are still able to resource. She also told the assembled group that the current HRA of \$2,736.00 will remain the same for the third year in a row. While all agreed this amount is a great help there is some concern that it has not been increased while premiums and other costs are continually increasing. She requested that everyone take the time to go through enrollment again – the deadline is 11/10 on One USG. This site can be reached by going to One USG Connect (<http://oneusgconnect.usg.edu>) or contact Human Resources at VSU.

Catherine indicated there were two portals to consider: USG Connect for the under 65 coverages, and the AON portal for over 65 retirees.

Bob thanked Catherine for her assistance and encouraged everyone to check One USG to be sure all coverages are correct, including such things as beneficiaries.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Helen Watson

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Secretary/Treasurer, VSURA