

**UWG Association of Retired Faculty and Staff (ARFS)
Coordinating Council Meeting, August 26, 2022**

Present: Meg Cooper (presiding), Anne Richards, Francie Taylor, Sally Roberts, Jimmy Drew, Frank Pritchett, Nancy Watkins, and Alice Wesley.

Absent: Micheal Crafton, Kathryn Grams, Ross Miller, Lauren Niedringhaus (HR Liaison and Ex-Officio council member), Anita Thomas, John von Eschenbach, and Diane Williamson.

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Meg Cooper called the meeting to order at 10 am in Campus Center Ballroom 108.1. A motion by Frank Pritchett and a second by Anne Richards to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2022, CC meeting passed.

Nominating Committee: On behalf of Kathryn Grams who was out of town, Meg Cooper presented the slate of candidates for the CC; the entire slate will be posted on the website, listed in *The Rejuvenator*, and voted on by those present at the ARFS annual meeting. A motion by Francie Taylor and a second by Jimmy Drew to approve the slate presented by the Nominating Committee passed. The slate to be presented is as follows:

Officers: Anne Richards, president; Frank Pritchett, vice president; Francie Taylor, secretary; Sally Roberts, treasurer; Meg Cooper, past president

At-Large Members: Michael Crafton, Tricia Durrough, Kevin Hibbard, Cecilia Lee, Ross Miller, Anita Thomas, John von Eschenbach, Nancy Watkins, and Alice Wesley

ARFS Scholarship Update: Jordan Wagner, son of Dr. Don Wagner, is the recipient of this year's ARFS scholarship. Jordan, a senior computer science major, will attend and be introduced at the annual meeting on October 29.

Benefits Fair: ARFS has a table next to HR at the Benefits Fair scheduled Tuesday, October 18, from 10 am – 3 pm. Although there is a need for a new ARFS brochure since the current one does not reflect ARFS' move under Human Resources, the timing is such that we may need to edit the brochure by marking out information no longer accurate. Meg Cooper and Anne Richards have volunteered to be present for the 10-11 time block, Frank Pritchett and Nancy Watkins will be

present for the 11-1 time block, and Meg will ask for other CC members to volunteer for the 1-3 time block. Meg can come back at 1 if needed.

Lauren Niedringhaus wants to be sure that potential retirees know that any discussions with her are confidential until the retiree opts to make retirement plans official. We will include this information as part of a recommendation to meet with her in the next issue of *The Rejuvenator*.

Annual Reunion and Recognition of Retirees: The reunion is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, from 10 to noon and includes a continental breakfast. The space in one of the campus ballrooms has been reserved, the commemorative tribute booklet is in the final editing stages prior to printing, medallions will be engraved in the near future, the invitation mailed to the honorees (including the previous two years' honorees) is being revised and will be printed, and an email version will be sent to those on the ARFS listserv and appear on the ARFS website. Lauren Niedringhaus will work on a form to be completed for registration that can accompany the invitation sent via listserv. Those who are sent *The Rejuvenator* via postal mail also will be sent a hard copy of the invitation. Everyone will need to register in advance and can do so by emailing, calling, or texting Meg Cooper or by completing the online form that will be available via the listserv. Francie Taylor will work with Makena Burns in Alumni Engagement/Special Projects to coordinate various details including room setup, centerpieces, menu, and so forth. Steven Broome, pending approval by HR, will be the event photographer, and the University Blue Coats, or another student group if needed, will help with logistics.

Meg Cooper will meet next week with Brooke Keener in Printing Services to identify the various printing needs (including directional signs).

We are unsure if President Kelly will be able to participate, so an alternate speaker will be identified as needed through the president's office. Jess Lasseter, Director of Annual Giving within University Advancement, will be one of the speakers.

Meg Cooper will be asking for volunteers from the CC to help hand out medallions, greet honorees and guests, etc.

Retiree Concerns: A concern regarding retiree access to the library and electronic resources has been raised. The official policy is that access to electronic resources is limited to faculty with emeriti status and a westga.edu email address which has been used within six months after retirement. Another concern raised by a retired

staff member involved permission to access training modules found on WorkWestin order to refresh skill levels. Meg Cooper will follow up on the former concern with relevant USG Retiree Council committees, and Patricia Durrough (who will be joining the Coordinating Council) will be asked what she thinks about the latter inquiry. Meg Cooper passed along a question from Lauren Neidringhaus concerning possible willingness of retirees who are not qualified for full access to the library to receive that access via payments, but the Council wanted to wait to gauge interest until after issues related to access by emeriti faculty are resolved.

Next Issue of *The Rejuvenator*: Anne Richards presented a number of topics to be included in the next issue of the newsletter. These include information about the annual meeting and reception, the slate of candidates to be elected, the upcoming enrollment period with a reminder for Medicare-eligible retirees to go through Alight, and other items of interest to retirees.

As a side issue, Meg noted that the annual letter of upcoming USG information regarding health costs, etc., which is mailed by HR, will be delayed slightly.

Proposed Retiree Directory: The purpose statement reflecting the proposed directory, which also includes information about the Open Records Act and who will have access, has been developed following guidelines provided by University Counsel. The role of ITS support is under discussion.

Next Coordinating Council Meeting: The next meeting of the CC will probably take place in January, but Meg will check with the new CC members elected at the annual meeting to see if Friday mornings are still the best date/time.

Other Business: Meg extended special thanks to Kathryn Grams, Jimmy Drew, and Diane Williamson for their service to the ARFS Coordinating Council. Their terms expire at the annual meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Francie Taylor, Secretary