

**Association of Retired Faculty and Staff
Meeting of the Coordinating Council
Alumni House Conference Room
September 20, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

Present: Kathryn Grams (presiding), Bruce Lyon, Frank Pritchett, Bob Powell, Karen Smith, Sally Roberts, Bonnie Bar, Meg Cooper, Francie Taylor, Mitch Clifton, Denice Perdue (staff). Past member Anne Richards also attended.

Absent: Jimmy Drew, Tom Mackel, Linda Picklesimer

Call to Order: Kathryn Grams welcomed the new members, all of whom were present, and asked all members to introduce themselves.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2019 and of the annual reunion of September 7, 2019 were approved with one correction, the misspelling of Jami Bower's name in the minutes of September 7. Motion by Frank Pritchett and second by Francie Taylor.

Review of the Annual Reunion: The initial decision to hold the reunion in the campus ballroom was influenced by the lower meal cost offered by Dining West, the location on campus, and the availability of parking. A last-minute schedule conflict required the move back to Sunset Hills Country Club. Comments from the Council about the food and seating arrangements were positive. The honorees were not seated at separate tables. There was no opinion survey at the event this year. The last survey produced very few comments. The suggestion was made to ask retirees to wear their medallions next year.

Update on Retirees: Anne Richards distributed a list of those employees who have indicated their intention to retire between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. At ten, it is a substantial number for this early in the year. Retiring staff and faculty are contacted by ARFS after we are notified by Human Resources of those persons who meet Board of Regents' requirements for age and years of service. They are asked for a photo and the name of a person who can write a tribute statement for them. The photo and statement appear in the reunion booklet.

The Rejuvenator: Denice Perdue reviewed the publication schedule. Usually, there are three issues each year, beginning in November. Suggestions for features were discussed. Denice will welcome volunteer writers!

UWG Fall Benefits Fair: ARFS will participate again this year in the benefits fair. CC volunteers will be needed to staff our table, where we will have the "Steps to Retirement" pamphlet. Those who can work between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on October 22 may contact Kathryn.

GA-HERO: The fall meeting of this organization of retiree representatives from both public and private colleges and universities in Georgia will be hosted by UWG on the Newnan campus on November 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ARFS members who wish to attend may contact Kathryn.

UWG Presidential Search: Kathryn described the process. An online survey has been made available as well as listening sessions for those who wish to express opinions about characteristics we should be seeking in our next president. A search firm has been engaged to assist with the nominations and appointments. The campus search committee will review all applications and will schedule interviews at an off-campus location. A list of 3-5 acceptable candidates will be forwarded to the Board of Regents where the final decision will be made. The process will be confidential from beginning to end.

Review of Coordinating Council Activities: With the departure of several of our longtime members, current members have assumed various responsibilities. Sally Roberts and Bonnie Bar (with support from Glenn and Debbie Novak) will manage the ARFS list serve and provide information for the phone directory to UWG Publications and Printing. With help from Anne Richards and Martha Ann Saunders, Meg Cooper and Francie Taylor will maintain the list of new retirees and develop the tribute booklet for the retiree reunion. Karen Smith and Meg Cooper will oversee the selection of our scholarship recipient.

Next Meeting: the ARFS CC will meet next on January 10, 2020 in the Alumni House Conference Room.

Other Business: Following her recent strokes, Linda Picklesimer remains in rehab in a facility located in Chattanooga near her daughter, Jennie. CC members who wish to be in touch with her can get contact information from the secretary.

Bruce Lyon
Secretary