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**Minutes of Meeting held at East Campus Union  
12:30 p.m. December 5, 2006**

President Irv Omtvedt called the meeting to order. Those present: Jim Kendrick, Dick Boohar, David B. Brinkerhoff, Delivee Wright, Rose Marie Tondl, George Tuck, Max Clegg, Howard W. Ottoson, Bob Fuller, Jerry Petr, Jim McShane, Walter E. Mientka, Don Edwards, Dan Lutz

It was noted that this meeting is the final one for Past President Don Edwards who will be leaving the Board on December 31 as will Jerry Petr who has completed his 3-year term as a Director. Tondl was welcomed as the newly elected director to replace Petr.

The November 2 board of directors meeting minutes and the November 16 membership meeting minutes that had previously been circulated to the administrative group on-line and suggested changes incorporated, were formally approved by acclamation.

The treasurer's report covering the period November 1-November 30, 2006 was accepted as presented by Walter Mientka on a motion by Mientka and second by McShane. The treasurer's report is posted on the Emeriti Assn. website.

The next agenda item taken up by the board was discussion of recommendations pertaining to changing the amount of Maude Wisherd stipends to Emeriti applying for assistance in meeting medical costs. The gap in Medicare part D coverage "the donut hole" relating to the shortfall of benefits in making it possible to pay Medicare costs in full was discussed. Questions arose regarding how Emeriti Association originated funds lodged in the NU Foundation can be used to meet Emeriti medical assistance requests. Mientka said he would check with the Foundation regarding this issue and get back to the board. (Note: A note circulated to the administrative group on the internet by Mientka after contact with the Foundation is reproduced as *Addendum A* to the minutes).

The next item for discussion was the report of the ad hoc committee chaired by David Brinkerhoff on obtaining an accurate database of retired UNL faculty to make it possible to deal with the issue of identifying faculty recommended for tenure. The committee charge is ultimately to recommend criteria for certifying Emeritus status for retiring academic faculty (the current policy of the Board of Regents is contained in *Addendum B* to the minutes).

Brinkerhoff handed out a 4-page report, which was discussed in depth for some time. (See *Addendum C* to the minutes). Brinkerhoff made the following motion, seconded by Boohar: "The Board of Directors committee accepts the recommendations of its ad hoc study group and transmits them to the Emeriti Association president to see to their implementation as is practicable." Motion approved.

Omtvedt asked when the new Emeriti Association brochure would be completed for distribution. The answer offered is "soon." Cost per copy of the brochure will be 73 cents.

Omtvedt said there is a need for a new chairperson for the Member Relations Committee; other committee chairs will continue to serve.

Kendrick distributed a hard copy of the Website Committee report for November, which is also posted on the Web. In the report, he asserted that having visual and audio presentations on the Association website is essential if we are to generate meaningful interaction with Emeriti who live outside of Lancaster County. The Association needs to own its own digital camcorder and a wireless mike, he said in the report. The wireless audio-visual equipment needed to produce acceptable quality for streaming or podcasts could be acquired for about \$1,000. It was moved by Mientka, seconded by Fuller, to authorize Kendrick to purchase the appropriate equipment for \$1,000. Motion carried.

Omtvedt cited the following correspondence needs to be sent soon:

- Spouses of deceased Emeriti: Letters be prepared and sent prior to December 31 by Omtvedt as President
- New retirees: Boochar will compile this list and the letters will be sent over the President's signature when information is available
- Retirees completing their 1-year dues-free membership: Boochar and Mientka will collaborate and send dues letters to these individuals when information is available.

Omtvedt reported that the UNL Library system has agreed that Emeriti Assn. records can be archived in the system. Volunteers for the East Campus Visitors Center are needed. There was no discussion on this item.

Board and membership dates for 2007 were discussed. It was proposed that the next board meeting would be held at 12:30 p.m. on January 9, with meetings on the first Tuesday in following months, except for June, July and August when board meetings are not scheduled. Moved by Omtvedt, seconded by Mientka, approved.

It was agreed that the first membership meeting in 2007 would be held in the UNL East Union, convening at 11:30 p.m., with the meeting to begin at 12:00 noon.

There being no further old or unfinished business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan B. Lutz, Secretary