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Monday, May 2, 2005
UNL East Campus Union

President Don Edwards called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., with the session to conclude at 10 a.m. to begin Emeriti web site training conducted by Jim Kendrick. Others present: Francis Haskins, Dan Lutz, Irv Omtvedt, Walter Mientka, and Wilma Crumley.

An early question re the web site related to *Frequently Asked Questions.* It was approved by consensus to leave the listing as presented. After brief discussion, it was moved by Lutz, seconded by Omtvedt, to approve the proposal to make the Website ad hoc committee a formal standing committee. Motion approved unanimously.

The possibility of making the Courtesy Committee a standing committee rather than an ad hoc committee was discussed. Omtvedt observed that the function of the committee might be expanded to include the broader concept of fostering good Emeriti relations. A need was expressed to define the purpose of the committee. The possibility was raised that the birthdates of Emeriti be listed on the web site to identify those whose birthdays would make them eligible to receive a gift from the Association. Noting that further discussion is needed to broaden the perspective of the Courtesy Committee, Omtvedt moved, seconded by Crumley, that discussion of a mission statement for the committee be included on the September board meeting agenda. Motion approved. Omtvedt will visit with Delivee Wright, current committee chairperson, regarding a description of the committee's goals and functions to be brought to the September board meeting.

Crumley discussed the possibility of replicating a 2001 survey of Emeriti designed to gather their thoughts and suggestions regarding Emeriti Assn. programs, attendance, and other issues which would be helpful in guiding board decisions. The survey form would be open-ended in terms of allowing members to express their ideas, concerns, etc. beyond the formal questions. Wilma and Dan were asked to investigate what needs to be done in developing a survey form and including it in a mailing which would include minutes of the April membership meeting and the text of the three motions passed relating to monies placed in the NU Foundation account and the re-establishment of Emeriti Assn. lifetime dues.

Mientka raised a question as to whether Emeriti funds deposited in the bank are tax-deductible as compared to those which are deposited in Foundation accounts. He will check into this question.

With no other business to transact, the business meeting was adjourned to begin the web site training.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Lutz, secretary