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Budget/Finance                        Gerald H Newsom
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Communications                       Nancy Wardwell
Cultural Arts                         Darian M Torrance
Friendship                            Sally E Dellinger
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OSU Alumni Association  Craig Little

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Conference Planning Committee Report 2020-2021
Conference Held – September 23, September 30, October 7, & October 14

Committee Members:
Sally Dellinger, chair; Susan Evans, Brenda Hammond, Donna Lamb, Joan Leitzel,
Shirley Fields McCoy, Liz McPherson, Jerry Newsom, Hal Noltimier, Diane Selby,
Marie Taris, Meg Teaford, Darian Torrance, Doug Torrance, Rachael Turner

The Conference Planning Committee mission statement is to plan, coordinate, promote, and conduct the annual OSURA conference. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic this year, the conference was certainly different and something to behold!

The 2020 OSURA Conference was entirely “virtual.” The November Newsletter contains the reports from every session. The Conference was opened by a Welcome from OSURA President Jerry Dare, and Alumni Association President and CEO Molly Ranz Calhoun. The conference may be seen in its entirety by going to the OSURA website and choosing “View All News.”

The Committee

1. Determined the format and dates of the annual conference
2. Gathered input on proposed conference sessions, selecting topics and speakers for sessions, and setting the schedule
3. Solicited sponsorships to support the conference
4. Promoted the conference to OSURA members and worked with the Alumni Association on registration
5. Gathered feedback from speakers and participants, and evaluated conference sessions

It is very difficult to actually determine how many OSURA members and friends attended the conference. We were able to pull in many from outside the state and those who traditionally would not travel to Columbus for the conference.

Fourteen sponsors participated including retirement communities, senior resources and opportunities, financial services, medical services, and commercial.

The conference program is provided on page 2.

Session summary reports can be found in the November 2020 Newsletter.
We are going virtual!

The Conference will begin at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 23, 2020 followed by three consecutive Wednesdays – September 30, October 7, and October 14. The program will be evenly distributed, with some of the sessions being LIVE. All sessions will be recorded and available for future viewing.

The program being planned includes:

- **KEYNOTE:** "Celebrating Centenarians: The Ohio State University's Evidence-based Secret Sauce to Leading a Long Healthy Life" – Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, Associate Vice President for Health Promotion, University Chief Wellness Officer, and Professor and Dean of the College of Nursing, Professor College of Medicine, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
- **Here and Now of Global Climate Change:** Ellen Mosley-Thompson, Distinguished University Professor, Geography (Atmospheric Sciences) and Lonnie G. Thompson, Distinguished University Professor, Earth Sciences
- **The Heart of the Matter:** Robert Bode, Visiting Professor & Associate Director of Choral Studies, Jordan Saul, Lecturer, Choral Music Education, and Robert Ward, Associate Professor and Area Head of Voice, Conducting, and Ensembles
- **Aging Creatively:** Kate Quickel, Host of Broad & High on WOSU-TV
- **Nutrition & Brain Fitness:** Lisa Wolfe, RD, LD, Executive Director of Dining & Nutrition Services at the Wesley Communities
- **Gardening as We Age:** Margaret H. Teaford, Associate Professor Emerita, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
- **“Listening” and Exposure to Political Difference:** William Eveland, Professor, School of Communication and Department of Political Science
- **The Thurber House – History and Opportunities for Current and Future Writers:** Laurie Latham, Executive Director and Anne Touvell, Deputy Director Thurber House & Museum
- **Research and Education at Stone Laboratory Today and for the Future:** Christopher J. Winslow, Director – Ohio Sea Grant College Program, F.T. Stone Lab, Center for Lake Erie Area Research
- **Senior Scams:** Danielle Murphy, Consumer Educator, Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Consumer Protection Section
- **Everything You Wanted To Know About Memory Loss But Forgot To Ask:** Douglas Scharre, MD, CMD, FAAN Professor of Clinical Neurology and Psychiatry Director, Division of Cognitive and Memory Disorders
- **Preventing and Curing Cancer—You’ve Had It In You All This Time:** Zihai Li, MD, PhD Professor Internal Medicine, Klotch Chair in Cancer Research, Founding Director, OSUCCC Pelotonia Institute for Immuno-Oncology
- **Prepare to Care:** Deborah Hall, AARP
- **Healthcare and Benefits:** STRS, OPERS
- **Tours:** The Wetlands – The Wilma H. Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park, Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory, Orton Hall Museum
MEMBERS: Carol Newcomb-Alutto, Chair; Marie Taris, Vice Chair; Sally Dellinger; Jack George; Debra Hendichs; Richard Hill; Doug Jones; Joan Leitzel; Beverly Maselli; Harold Moellering; Hallen Noltimier; Gerald Newsom; Margaret Teaford; Nancy Wardwell; Debra Zang.

- Very active year evaluating, interpreting and responding to the changes to OSU retiree’s individual investment options.
- Very active year watching the US and world economy and its effects on STRS and OPERS retirement investments.
- Discussing possible health and welfare implications to OSU retirees situations.
- Keeping OSURA membership updated through proposing information for the newsletter

FCBC Report for JUL2020 - JUN2021

Here is a list of highlights of my activities as the OSURA representative to the OSU Senate Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee:

- Participated in all FCBC meetings via ZOOM, and reported on them to both the OSURA benefits Committee, and to the OSURA Board;
- In November, 2020 we shared with FCBC our SRA WG recommendations to OSU/HR on their 2021 Retirement Vendor Reform; FCBC then utilized our SRA WG recommendations as the basis of their 2021 Retirement Vendor Reform recommendations to OSU/HR;
- During an April FCBC meeting where they were discussing possible faculty benefits which would enhance collegiality at OSU, your FCBC representative suggested that they add a membership to the OSU Faculty Club to their list; They subsequently added this idea to their list as an additional way to build faculty collegiality on campus.

Respectfully submitted, Harold Moellering, OSURA FCBC Representative

Additional Activities:

1. The Dinner Series with dinner/lectures at the OSU faculty Club was canceled due to the pandemic.

2. Health and Wellness Series: Two ZOOM presentations

Budget/Finance Committee

Members: Gerald Newsom (Chair), Charles Miller (Vice Chair), Shirley Flowers, Hallan Noltimier, William Shkurti, Gaibrelle Reissland; Ex Offico: Jerome Dare (President), Gemma McLuckie (Vice President and President Elect), Edward Schlechty (Treasurer), and Margaret Teaford (Immediate Past President)

The Finance Committee manages the budget for OSURA. Duties include:
- Obtain financial information and develop a budget for upcoming fiscal years; this includes soliciting budget requests from other committee chairs
- Monitor receipts and expenses for OSURA activities
- Monitor cash flow and recommend investments in OSURA’s endowments and other funds
- Make recommendations on obtaining liability insurance for OSURA

The COVID-19 pandemic curtailed many OSURA activities in FY 2021, so we were able to run a significant budget surplus. The last of our certificates of deposit came due in July, 2020, and we invested the proceedings of the CD and some of the budget surplus into our quasi-endowment with Ohio State. Thanks to the strong appreciation of shares of the OSU endowment, OSURA’s assets posted a large increase in FY 2021, up by nearly $115,000 from 1 July 2020 to 31 May 2021.

Other events in the Committee: A policy to guide the Finance Committee in deciding how much readily available cash to keep on hand was provided by Bill Shkurti and adopted by the Committee. Ed Schlechty opened a savings account at Fifth Third Bank to hold a cash reserve.

OSURA Bylaws

**Members:** Marie Taris, chairperson, Newsom, Gabby Reissland, Elenore Zeller. *Ex-officio* members: Jerome Dare and Gemma McLuckie

**Accomplishments during 2020-21:** The committee chairperson sought suggestions from committee members, as well as from all OSURA officers and committee chairpersons as to ideas to improve the OSURA Bylaws. The committee met (via zoom) to deliberate all the suggestions that came forward and decided to recommend amendments to three sections of the Bylaws. Proposed amendments were submitted to the Executive Board for comment and subsequently presented to the membership in the June 2021 edition of the *OSURA News*. These amendments, which were largely editorial in nature, were approved by the membership at the June 30th Annual Meeting.

**Goals for 2021-22:** To continue to provide effective governance for the Association by monitoring and recommending updates for the Bylaws.

OSURA Cultural Arts Committee Report 2020/2021

Members of the Cultural Arts Committee included:
Although this has been an unusual year, with all events being “held” online, the Cultural Arts Committee has continued to provide virtual “tours” to OSURA members. The Committee uses a listserv to share information with OSURA members. This virtual sharing was made possible, in large part, by the efforts of two members – Susan Berntson and Jerry Dare.

Many of the events planned for 2020/2021 have been postponed until the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted. These include:

- Tour of Museum of Psychology in Akron
- Food tour of Cincinnati
- Football Factory at Ada
- Short North Gallery Hop
- Butler Art Institute/Goodyear Blimp Factory in Akron
- Civic Center Productions
- Contemporary Dance
- Fort Hayes Gallery and Historic Buildings
- OSU Veterinary Hospital
- OSU’s New Dental Clinic
- OSU’s New Optometry Clinic
- Anthony Thomas Chocolate Factory, Columbus

We look forward to seeing fellow OSURA members again in person in the fall of 2022.

Submitted by Darian Torrance

Friendship Committee Report – 2020-21

Committee Members:
Sally Dellinger, chair; Barbara Nelson, vice chair and secretary; Rose Hart; Mary Anne Herbst; Margaret Hickle-Grimm; Gemma McLuckie; Nancy Wardwell; Deb Zang

The Friendship Committee mission statement is to provide leadership and assistance in carrying out the interpersonal, caring responsibilities of OSURA. With this come the tasks of monitoring the passing of The Ohio State University retirees, sending condolence and benefit cards, conveying get well messages when notified, mailing thank you cards to those who have contributed to the endowment fund, and serving as greeters at some OSURA special events.
Since July 2020, the Friendship Committee has:

- Sent condolence and benefit cards to 247 Ohio State retirees and OSURA members. Deb Zang and Margaret Hickle-Grimm continue to work as a team to ensure the completion of these mailings.
- Sent 21 get well/thinking of you cards. Rose Hart continues to have the major role making sure our members receive well wishes.
- Sent thank you cards (when addresses were provided) to those who contributed to OSURA efforts.

The committee would like to thank all who notified us of our retirees’ needs, and encourage you to continue to communicate those needs to the committee.

Sally Dellinger

**Membership Committee Annual Report, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

Committee Membership:
- Co-Chairs: Deb Zang and Sandy Bell
- *Ex-Officio:* Jerry Dare and Gemma McLuckie

**Membership Data:** Total members (lifetime and annual, retirees and spouse/partners) as of 12 April 2021: 2433. On 13 April 2020, it was 2532, a drop of 99 members.

**Membership Recruitment**

Statistics show that OSURA Membership numbers are declining about 3% each year. One of our main goals for FY2021 was to look at ways to increase membership in OSURA. We have done several things to help reach this goal:

- We held a Fall Membership Drive to remind annual members to renew their membership for 2021.
- We continue to hold a Quarterly Coffee Hour via zoom to introduce recent retirees to OSURA. This is attended by several members of the Membership Committee to promote everything OSURA has to offer and answer any questions the retirees may have about the organization.
- We have taken on the responsibility of sending the Congratulations Packet to all newly retired OSU employees. In so doing, we revised the main Congratulations Card and added an invitation to all recent retirees to attend the Quarterly Coffee Hour.
- We are looking at inviting retirees from other organizations closely related to OSU to join as Associate Members. Example: We invited retirees from Chemical Abstracts to join as Associate Members. As a result, we did gain a few new members to the organization.
We are working on doing a promotional presentation at various retirement communities where some of our current members live to boost membership.

We are updating our promotional information board to be more inclusive of what OSURA has to offer. This information board is used at various OSU functions to promote OSURA and familiarize OSU employees with the organization and all we have to offer.

**Online Directory**

A new Online Directory has recently been activated as a replacement to the printed directory. All current OSURA members have access to the directory. We are in the process of developing instructions on the use of the directory. The link to the directory and the associated instructions will be available on the OSURA website in May 2021.

All OSURA members are encouraged to login to the directory, update their personal information, and make viewable their contact information so that the directory will be useful for OSURA members.

**Other Items**

We have instituted a process of contacting all new OSURA members to welcome them to the organization and invite them to upcoming events to help them become involved in OSURA.

We continue to provide a monthly Member Spotlight article for the monthly OSURA newsletter “OSURA News.” This article introduces a current OSURA member and lets you know what others are doing in retirement.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

JULY 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Members: Elenore Zeller (Chairman), Steven D’Ambrosio (Vice-Chairman), Mary Anne Herbst, Paula Hook, Shirley McCoy, Jerry Newsom, *ex-officio* members Gemma McLuckie and Jerry Dare.

Due to the CPVID-19 virus pandemic, the Social Committee as well as the rest of the world had the most unique and challenging year of our history. We were not permitted to have in person meetings but we wanted to reach out to our members so we bravely tried Zoom programs. There were a few inconveniences but we soon discovered that we could reach members too far away to join us *in person* and, as a result, we had members from all parts of Ohio as well as many other states participating and they were very supportive and appreciative. Listed below are the Zoom programs we presented this year:

**August 20, 2020** - A Round Table Discussion, with 17 members attending. We did not have a speaker because we had no idea what to expect.

**October 29, 2020** - Trick or Treat with 35 members attending.

Dr. Steven D’Ambrosio presented a program about his trip to Africa for a face to face encounter with the giant silverback gorillas of Rwanda.
December 8, 2020 – Holiday Cheer with 98 members from three states attending
Ms. Joy Cheary entertained us with stories.

February 10, 2021 – TBD
ITL [The Best Damn Band In The Land] with 126 members attending
from seven states. Dr. Paul Droste presented the story of the OSU marching band.

August 20, 2020 - A Round Table Discussion with 17 members attending.

May 13, 2021 – Amazing Antarctica with 85 members attending from five states.

Dr Mary Jo Fresch presented a program about her visit to Antarctica.

OSURA Travel Committee Annual Report June 2020- June 2021

Members:

Alabelle Zghoul, Chair- January 2013-Present
Jessica Pritchard, Vice Chair- January 2014-Present
Betty Hriesik
Norma Harper
Margaret Hickle- Grimm
Cindy Giles
Beverly Maselli
Judy Brandt- new member

Goals for 2020

1. Due to pandemic, the retreat for members of the committee to review the process of arranging trips, how to do the budget and how to submit forms for the newsletter, had been postponed for a later date.

2. To recruit new members.

Due to COVID 19 pandemic, all trips had been cancelled and will be rescheduled for later dates.