

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2023 OSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION

Technology Interest Group – Glade Presnal

I coordinate the Emeriti Technology Interest Group and we had a successful year in 2023. We met monthly from September 2022 to May 2023. We meet at Legacy Village where parking is better than on campus. Our instructor, Dr Blayne Mayfield, retired from OSU in July 2023 as Head of the Computer Science Department. He has agreed to continue to teach our class and we greatly appreciate that.

Athletic Council – Glade Presnal

I also represent the Emeriti on the Athletic Council at OSU. I serve on the Athlete Equity and Well Being subcommittee. Last year we met with the head coaches and student athletes on the following teams: football, men and women's basketball, track and field, women's golf and equestrian. Our general assessment was that all teams and coaches were satisfied with support from OSU. Fund raising for additional facilities is ongoing.

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Tours and Travel Report for 2023

Through the combined efforts of our local OLLI office, OLLI International, Collette Tours, and Village Travel, the following tours/travel took place in 2023:

1. Branson New Year's Jambor-eve, final day of the trip was Jan. 1, 2023 (Village Travel)
2. Amish and Azaleas, April 25 (Village Travel)
3. Tulsa: TV, Musicians, Books and Beer, April 20 (OSU OLLI Office)
4. Tropical Costa Rica, May 15-23 (OLLI International and Collette Tours)
5. Caney, Kansas, June 1(OSU OLLI Office)
6. Sedan, Kansas, June 8 (OSU OLLI Office)
7. Pawhuska, OK, June 15 (OSU OLLI Office)
8. Get Your Kicks in Rogers County, October 13 (OSU OLLI Office)
9. Jumbo Trip to Hugo, Nov. 15-17 (OSU OLLI Office)
10. Dewey, OK, Nov. 16 (OSU OLLI Office)
11. Spotlight on New York City Holiday, December 7-11 (OLLI International and Collette Tours)

2023 Report of the Emeriti Association Directory Editor

Zane K. Quible

As the editor of the Emeriti Association Directory, most of the work is done in January and February of each year. The main function is to assure that the individuals assigned to certain tasks are current, in addition to publishing their correct phone numbers. The Directory is prepared in Word and then converted to a pdf file before it is sent to the printer.

In addition, the names of deceased members are listed in the Directory of the year after which they passed away. Therefore, those who passed away in 2022 are listed in the 2023 Directory. Information included in the General Information section, in the Retiree Benefits section, and the President's Report has to be updated and changes included. The membership roster, which is maintained by the Association's administrative assistant, is also included in the Directory.

Once the Directory is ready to be published, it is sent as an electronic file to the Administrative Assistant who contacts local printers and arranges for its printing and mailing it to the membership.

2023 Report of the Newsletter Editor

Zane K. Quible

As the newsletter editor, I receive some information (specifically, the President's Message and information pertinent to retirees that is prepared by OSU HR). I create the remainder of the information. The publication is published 10 months of the year (each month except July and August). The information is prepared using Microsoft Publisher, which results in a more visually attractive newsletter than doing the newsletter in Word.

In addition to the information mentioned above, other information that is generally found in the newsletter is new information recently uploaded to the Emeriti Web Page, and links to these items is imbedded in the newsletter so readers can click on the links rather than having to go to the Web page to read the material.

Once I finish creating the material and share it with the president, I make any desired changes in the content and then forward it to the Emeriti Association's administrative assistant, who forwards it to the members for whom we have an email address.

2023 Report of the Web-Page Master

Zane K. Quible

It has been my pleasure to serve the Emeriti Association as its Web-page master. As master, my primary responsibility is to keep the information on the Web page up to date. More specifically, the following three areas are those I primarily use:

1. In Memory
2. Meeting Minutes
3. Newsletters

Regarding In Memory, I frequently check the listings of deceased individuals at each of the two Stillwater's funeral homes. As soon as an obituary appears for one of our members, I prepare a condensed version of the obituary and upload it to the Web Page. In 2022, 15 of our members passed away, and I had access to an obituary for all but one of them.

For the Meeting Minutes, once Kay Keys, secretary, distributes the minutes to the members of the Council, I upload the minutes onto the Web page. She creates the material, but I upload it to the server so it is accessible to the membership.

For the Newsletter, I prepare the content of the newsletter except for the President's Message and an occasional report from OSU's HR Department that is pertinent to retirees. In addition to these two items, I place in the newsletter links to newly uploaded content (primarily meeting minutes and the names of recently deceased members with links to their obituaries. We also include the names of newly joined members. The newsletters are uploaded to the Emeriti Association Web page and are e-mailed to the membership for whom we have an e-mail address. The newsletter is generally published 10 times per year.

To: Mike Woods, Emeriti President

From: Kathryn Castle, Emeriti Representative to the OSU Academic Standards & Policies Committee

Re: Requested Report From 2023 through January 25, 2024

Date: 1-25-24

I served as Emeriti Rep on the AS&P Committee during 2023 and was appointed to serve through Spring 2025. During 2023 under Chair Kathy Curry, Educational Leadership, this committee addressed the issue of academic freedom in response to HB 1775 which prohibits higher education institutions from mandating students complete any form of gender or sexual diversity training, orientation, or counseling and in response to a resolution from the College of Arts and Sciences concerning possible limitations on academic freedom from HB 1775. Kathy Curry cited Provost Mendez' statement regarding HB 1775: "this law does not affect specific course content or academic freedom." The committee decided not to continue discussion of the A&S resolution.

The committee was also asked to address a concern that non-tenure track faculty are not included in teaching awards. This discussion also led to a reconsideration of the responsibilities of the AS&P Committee as stated on the Faculty Council website, with particular attention to policies regarding "incentives and academic awards to encourage scholarship". The committee voted to change the language from "incentives and academic awards to encourage scholarship" to "incentives and academic awards to encourage excellence in teaching". A special Faculty Council committee to consider the NTT awards issue was formed.

In addition, the committee voted to support the proposed changes to UAR 7.1 Graduation Requirements and 7.8 Graduation Application.

The new chair for fall 2023 and spring 2024 is Mike Yough from Educational Psychology. During fall 2023 the committee discussed the role of the AS&P Committee including the extent to which members of the committee are also assigned to represent the committee on other Faculty Council Committees. Several appointments were made to some committees. Our committee was asked to provide feedback on suggested revisions the Instructional Council has made to the five-year Academic Program Review process. This discussion is currently in

progress.

The committee discussed producing a survey to be sent to all faculty concerning the need to distribute course objectives/requirements prior to the enrollment period so that students will be more informed about courses and what is involved in each course before they enroll. Other university committees are also considering contributing to a survey to go out to all faculty. The\

Membership Committee Report

1/22/2024

Michael Lorenz, Chair

We solicited new members twice in 2023 using information provided by OSUHR. Recall that HR only provides names of retirees. Letters of invitation to join the Emeriti Association were mailed using address labels provided by HR. Postage was paid for by the Provost's Office. In addition, several individuals were contacted individually. In 2023, 39 annual members were converted to lifetime membership. A list of those individuals is attached.

New Members: 8

Lifetime: 1 couple (2) and 2 individual (2)

Tom and Joleen Royer

Pamela Fry

Barbara Stoecker

Annual: 1 couple (2) and 2 individual (2)

James and Carol Trapp

David Peters

Carolyn Sanders

Members renewing annual membership:

Annual members given lifetime membership: 39

Members deceased: 15

William Payne

Jean Burns

Kenneth Bell

Cat Thompson

Connie & Harold Myers

Beth Conway

Robert Maurizzi

Moses Vijayakumar

Robert Sandmeyer

Odell Walker

Wanda Cunningham

Ron duBois

Jessie (Jackie) Plaxico

Total Members:

January 2023: 414

January 2024: 392 (-22). Attrition is due to death and failure to renew annual membership.

Comments: The addition of new members (8) is 7 less than the number of deceased members (15). Several members did not renew their annual membership. Since we do not have contact information for new retirees other than name, follow up solicitation is difficult unless they have contact information in the OSU Directory. Fall 2023, we sent 59 letters of invitation and will try to follow up with e-mails to individuals that did not respond.

Ideas/suggestions on increasing membership are welcome.

I greatly appreciate the assistance of Sofia with the membership solicitation