

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 29, 2025

Council Members Present: Carolyn Gang, Mike Woods, Joyce Sherrer, Gary Clark, Becky Schlais, Liz Tarbutton, Ray Huhnke, Bob Levalley, Mike Lorenze, Gerald Stangl, Sue Williams, and Gladeen Allred.

Staff: Patricia Acurio

Absent: Bob Graalman, Judy Hoberock, Kent Sampson.

Call to Order: President Carolyn Gang called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes: August minutes were approved.

President's Report

President Carolyn Gang provided updates on insurance open enrollment. Estimated increase of 10.9% on premiums and there are no changes in vendors. Email notice from University Human Resources will be forthcoming. September Monday Night Dinner went smoothly with members being informed of meal line safety, tables called randomly and speakers served first. Carolyn also shared information about Emeriti Association Scholarship Recipients, Savannah Wooten and Michaela Tucker.

President-Elect Report

President-Elect Joyce Sherrer no report.

Ambassadors Report

Joyce Sherrer expressed gratitude for support and commitment of ambassadors. Joyce will send reminders a week before to assigned ambassadors. Next up are Gerald Stangl and Gladeen Allred.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Liz Tarbutton provided the financial report for August. The report was accepted. Liz informed Council that reimbursement from Foundation had been received.

VP for Activities

Vice President for Activities, Gary Clark, presented the upcoming speakers scheduled for the next Emeriti Monday Night Dinners.

Fall 2025 Programs:

- October — Tracy Caine on OSU's Oral History Program.
- November — LTC Kyle Ferguson, Army ROTC—ROTC Program at OSU
Nicholas Ramierz, Air Force ROTC Cadet—AFROTC Cadet Experiences
- December – Stillwater High School Choir – Holiday Program

Future Programs in 2026:

- February — Bob Burke (noted Oklahoma Attorney and Author)—One Lucky Cowboy— Behind the Scenes, followed by book signing by Burns Hargis
- March — Dr. Jim Hess, President, Oklahoma State University—OSU Update

Past President's Report

Mike Woods reminded everyone about nominations timeline: slate due in October and election in November. Positions needed: President-Elect and three Counselors-at-Large (Bob Levalley, Bob Graalman, and Mike Lorenz rotating off).

Membership Report

Mike Lorenz sent a written report on new members before the meeting.

Julia and Steven Haley – Couple's Life Membership

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David and Ann Perrin – Couple's Annual Membership

Catering Report

Bob Levalley informed Council of upcoming caters for remaining Emeriti Monday Night Dinners for 2025.

Hello Catering – October

Steer Inn – November

Duncan – December

Bob also informed Council that he would be stepping down as of end of 2025. There was discussion on replacement and Carolyn will reach out to individuals.

There was ongoing discussion about cost of catering and issues that Council are currently facing and financial concerns for the future. A motion was made by Mike Lorenz to continue cost of meals at current rate until December 31, 2025 and then evaluate in January for potential increase. Motion was 2nd by Gladeen Allred. Motion was approved.

New Business

OLLI Report

Membership: ~300 currently. They are working on filling part-time position that will help with duties in the office. Two tours are being worked on in Tulsa and OKC and will be utilizing new registration platform that will reduce manual process of registration.

New initiatives for Emeriti members:

- 50% discount on \$200 Premium Membership, or
- A \$25 credit applied for a la carte members.

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn at 2:10. Motion approved.

