

NEWSLETTER

September
2023



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President's Message

It has been a nice summer except for the excessive heat. Hopefully, the temperature will be milder as we edge further into September.

Speaking of September, what a beautiful Emeriti Association 35th Anniversary Celebration we had for our monthly dinner! It was so good that President Shrum took the time to come and be with us for the special occasion. It was obvious that she thinks a lot of our association.

Dr. Ann Caine, President of the Alumni Association, did a great job of updating us on their activities. She made us excited about the modernization or refresh of the Alumni Center.

Dr. Ron Beer did an excellent job of giving the history of our association! A link to access Ron's comments appears in another section of this newsletter. Also, it was special to have a charter member present, Myr-Lou Rollins. The OSU Jazz Band did a terrific job, and the Champagne toast topped off a beautiful evening.

In other business, the Alumni Association and the Emeriti Association presidents signed the annual agreement that is supposed to be done each year. However, the last signed agreement that was found dated back to 2011. The usual things were included in the agreement, such as the Emeriti Suite and Office. The difference was that because of the refreshing of the Alumni Center, the Emeriti Office was moved to the second floor. It is a nice office and very useable. Another thing included in the agreement is that the Emeriti Association will provide ambassadors to help greet Alumni members at special Alumni Association Events, such as football games, homecoming, graduation etc. More information about the Ambassadors is also found in this newsletter.

Because of the large crowds we always have for our December dinner, the Emeriti Council decided to switch the October dinner to the Legacy Village and the December dinner to the Alumni Center.

I hope everyone has a great rest of the month.

Respectfully,

Gary Sherrer
President

Changes Recommended in the Association's Governance Documents

Emeriti Committees and Groups

Ambassadors

Joyce Sherrer

Archive /Historian

Barbara Miller

Benefits

Mike Woods

Catering and Reservations

Clem Ward

Communications

Zane Quible

Directory

Zane Quible

Faculty Council

Barbara Miller

Finance

Ron Miller (chair); Gary Sherrer;

Investment Club

Ron Elliott, Ray Huhnke

Meet and Greet

Michael and Velda Lorenz

Membership

Michael Lorenz

Name Tags

Michael Lorenz

Newsletter

Zane Quible

Nominations

Kent Sampson, Gary Sherrer

Technology Group

Glade Presnal

Tours and Travel

Cathy Shuffield

Web Site

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The Bylaws of the Emeriti Association require that its governance documents (Bylaws, Constitution, and Policies and Procedures) be reviewed every odd year. Accordingly, Kent Sampson (past-president) was appointed by the Association president to lead the review. Helping Kent were the executive team and the entire Council.

Following are the changes recommended by the review committee:

1. Relating to Bylaw Article No. 4, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE), the decision was made to renew our membership for the next year and to send the Association's president-elect to the national conference. The Provost's Office will reimburse our expenses for membership renewal and travel to the conference.
2. Under Policies and Procedures, Item No. 2, the newly approved procedure was added of granting lifetime membership in the Association for members who have paid annual dues for at least 10 years.
3. Under Policies and Procedures, Items No.16 and18, the Facilities Committee was eliminated as this function was added to presidential duties, thereby requiring a renumbering of the remaining items.
4. Under Policies and Procedures, Item No. 19 changed so there will no longer be an installation ceremony for new officers. Rather, new officers will be announced at the December Emeriti Association dinner.

Upcoming Event Schedule

September 25	Emeriti Council Meeting	1:30 pm
October 2	Meet and Greet	5:30 pm
	Monday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
October 30	Emeriti Council Meeting	1:30 pm
November 6	Meet and Greet	5:30 pm
	Monday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
November 27	Emeriti Council Meeting	1:30 pm
December 4	Meet and Greet	5:30 pm
	Monday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
December 18	Emeriti Council Meeting	1:30 pm

Content Added to Emeriti Web Site Since the Last Newsletter

The following content has been added to the Emeriti Web Site since the publication of the last newsletter.

Connie Myers [Obituary](#)

Robert Sandmeyer [Obituary](#)

Wanda Cunningham [Obituary](#)

May [Minutes](#)

Moses Vigayakumar ("Vijay") [Obituary](#)

Harold Myers [Obituary](#)

Beth Conway [Obituary](#)

Ron Beer's [Remarks](#) at 35th Anniversary Gala

Calling All Emeriti Members!

We need your help to serve as an Ambassador!

According to our agreement with the OSU Alumni Association for allowing us to use the facilities on campus for our monthly dinners, council meetings, and other special-interest group sessions, we are to assist at a variety of Alumni events. We start with "meet and greet" Alumni before the home football games. Several Emeriti have signed up, but we still need a few more volunteers. Other events during the year may include Homecoming, graduation, and other events as requested.

We will have new name tags to identify us as Emeriti Association members; but more importantly, we will have fun sharing a handshake and a smile with visitors to our beautiful Oklahoma State University campus!

If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, contact Joyce Sherrer by email <Joyce.sherrer@okstate.edu> or by phone at 405-880-2411.

Information From OSU Human Resources

Following is helpful information provided by OSU Human Resources:

Retiree Life Insurance Benefits

Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (OTRS) provides retirees with a \$5,000 death benefit payable to your designated beneficiary upon your demise. When you retired with OTRS, you would have completed a form to designate a beneficiary for this benefit. If you need to update your designation, you can locate the TRS Form 2R at <https://oklahoma.gov/trs/forms.html> . Upon the reporting of the retiree's death to OTRS, OTRS will contact the designated beneficiary regarding the \$5,000 death benefit.

Oklahoma State University also provides retirees with a \$6,000 retiree life insurance benefit payable to your designated beneficiary upon your demise. You may at anytime update

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your beneficiary designation by completing and submitting the following form: <https://hr.okstate.edu/benefits/retiree-benefits.html> . Reporting of the retiree's death needs to be made to OSU Benefits; OSU Benefits will file the claim with Lincoln Financial, and Lincoln Financial will submit paperwork to the designated beneficiary to finalize the claim for payment.

2024 Open Enrollment

OSU Benefits anticipates mailing open enrollment materials on or around October 9, 2023, and changes to your enrollment can be made between October 15 and November 10. Changes made during this time will become effective January 1, 2024. There are no vendor changes. Health and prescription drug insurance remain with BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma, vision with Vision Service Plan (VSP), and dental with Delta Dental of Oklahoma. Rates for 2024 have not been finalized at this time. All retiree benefit information may be accessed online at <https://hr.okstate.edu/benefits/retiree-benefits.html>.

Insurance Billing with Chard Snyder

Chard Snyder will continue as our third-party billing administrator. As a reminder, the contact information for Chard Snyder by phone is 888-993-4646; email is benefitsupport@ascensus.com; online portal is app.unifyhr.com. If you pay by check, make the check payable to UnifyHR and mail to Benefit Continuation Department, PO Box 56027, Boston, MA 02205.