Minutes
Northwestern Emeriti Organization
Executive Council Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2022, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
1800 Sherman, 5th floor conference room and via Zoom

In attendance:

Executive Council Members:
Jeff Garrett (President), Erv Goldberg (Immediate Past-President), Steve Carr (Vice President and President-elect), Mary Dedinsky (Treasurer), Charlotte Crane (Secretary), Holly Clayson, Rick Cohn (NEO representative to Faculty Senate), Bernie Dobroski, Emile Okal, Mary Poole, Sandra Richards, Robert Tanz

Other:
Al Telser, NEO member/past president, and BTRA conference co-planner
David Zarefsky, NEO member/past president, and BTRA conference co-planner

Ex-Officio:
Gina Prokopeak, NEO Admin. Asst.

Absent:
Celina Flowers, Asst. Provost for Faculty

Minutes
The minutes from the June Executive Council Meeting were approved without comment.

Reports

Provost Office:
None presented.

Jeff Garrett indicated he would be meeting with Celina Flowers. The details of the implementation of the Mobile Hybrid Capability project, already funded by a specific grant from Northwestern Alumnae Association, remain to be finalized. Jeff said he was hopeful that closure could be reached at tomorrow’s meeting.
Faculty Senate:

Rick Cohn reported that there was no Faculty Senate Meeting since his last report.

BTRA Conference:

NEO hosted the BTRA [Big Ten Retirees Association] Conference. Al Telser and David Zarefsky reported on the meeting of the BTRA hosted by Northwestern on August 1-3. Both reported that the event was well attended, except for Ohio State University (2024 host), and the last-minute withdrawal of some participants due to Covid concerns. (Maryland and Rutgers did not participate).

Al and David reported that the fact that NU’s participating organization is only faculty, while other organizations include staff, probably contributed in a positive way to the tone of the event. Especially important was the inclusion of substantive presentations by NU faculty members.

On behalf of the NEO Council, Jeff thanked all four individuals heavily involved in planning the event (Celina Flowers, Gina Prokopeak, Al Telser and David Zarefsky) for their substantial efforts, and the Provost’s office for the significant financial resources, all of which resulted in a highly successful event.

NEO membership events:

Jeff Garrett confirmed the schedule for NEO Memory Series events for the coming academic year:

It is the intent that all such events be, with the consent of the speaker, hybrid.

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<th>September 14</th>
<th>online only</th>
<th>Jim Roberts &amp; Panel; Jim Roberts’ Photographs-Photography as Art and in the Service of Memory</th>
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<td>October 20</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
<td>Ken Paller, “Memory and Sleep”</td>
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<td>December 1</td>
<td>Dinner</td>
<td>Leslie Harris, “How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America by Clint Smith. One Book, One Northwestern selection for 2022–23”</td>
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<td>Winter</td>
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<td>Spring</td>
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**NEO community events - mini-courses:**

Jeff Garrett also confirmed the mini-courses to be sponsored by NEO this academic year.

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<th>October 11 &amp; 18</th>
<th>Emile Okal, “40 Years of Tsunami Research”</th>
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<td>January 18 &amp; 25</td>
<td>Barbara Deal and Steven Devries, “Diet, Heart Health, and Living a Full Life”</td>
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**Old Business**

**AROHE:**
Bernie Dobroski remains our representative to AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education). Last Fall’s award from AROHE to NEO for innovation in establishing the NEO community mini-courses was acknowledged.

**New Business**

Budget and Membership Events:
Several changes in the arrangements for membership events, driven by budget concerns, were unanimously approved. First, reducing the number of membership events to two lunches and two dinners, for which member cost is increased for lunch from $16 to $20, and for dinner from $25 to $30. There would be an open bar for wine and beer at evening events. Even with these changes, the subsidy from the Provost’s office remains substantial.

Discussion of “New Business” items – (NEO social media and additional plans for 2022-23 academic year) was deferred to the next meeting.
Remarks

Jeff Garrett welcomed new council officers and members, and he noted that no council members were absent.

Jeff Garrett reminded the Council that its meetings have traditionally been held at 1 pm on Mondays near the end of the month. The next meeting of the Council is September 19. Charlotte mentioned that going forward it may be more convenient for Chicago EC members to meet at 1:30 given the shuttle bus schedule, but she would look into that and report back.

Jeff Garrett also reminded the group that the deadline for the submission of content for the Newsletter is September 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.