

# **Austin Peay State University Retirees Association (APSURA)**

## **April 21, 2011**

The spring general membership meeting of the Austin Peay State University Retirees Association (APSURA) was held on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in room 312 of the Morgan University Center on the APSU campus. The meeting was called to order by President Al Bekus. Present were: Al Bekus, Ken Grambihler, Wayne Chaffin, Jim Clemmer, Richard Gildrie, Al Irby, Mitch Robinson, Meredith Gildrie, Rae Hansberry, Ann Harris, Aleeta Christian, Gerald Beavers, and Hester Crews. Nancy Beavers was present as an invited guest.

President Al Bekus called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Secretary Hester Crews distributed the minutes of the April 27, 2010 meeting as approved by the Board.

The first item of business was recognition of Gerald Beavers and his tenure as Vice President of APSURA. Board members expressed their sincere appreciation to Gerald (and Nancy) for the “above and beyond” service to the organization. Al Bekus presented Gerald with a plaque from the Association.

Al Bekus reported the Board is working on possible tutoring/mentoring of Clarksville-Montgomery County public school students. Dr. Worthington will be meeting with the Board at their May 24 meeting for further discussion.

Al Bekus led discussion concerning the desire to improve membership numbers. He expressed thanks for the turnout for today’s meeting. Members present suggested possible activities including: Rails to trails; walking tour @ Cumberland; lunches; Sunday brunch @ cafeteria. Wayne Chaffin pointed out there are no activities scheduled for early mornings and some retirees might participate in such. Mitch Robinson presented information concerning the possibility of APSURA members assisting with rest stops for participants of the Labor Day Classic (Saturday). Funds could go to the Association’s endowment fund.

Following discussion concerning last summer’s reception and the low attendance, the membership suggested trying one more similar event – following the University convocation and reception with an APSURA meeting. The Newsletter and New Notes as well as “Ask Gov” will be utilized to inform members and the University community.

It was noted that transportation service for APSURA sponsored events might increase attendance.

Gerald Beavers and Wayne Chaffin, nominating committee members, presented the following slate of nominees for officers:

President	Al Bekus	one year term (third year)
Vice President	Aleeta Christian	three year term (first year)
Secretary	Hester Crews	one year term (third year)
Treasurer	Al Irby	one year term (second year)
Director	Ann Harris	one year term (third year)

Following nomination of each officer, Gerald asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. With appropriate motion and second, each nomination was accepted by acclamation. One Director's position remains open. Information will be included in the Newsletter and members were encouraged to consider serving in the position.

Gerald presented the proposed amendment of the current bylaws as follows:

#### Article IV, Section 1

Current reading:

Elected Officers: The elected officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall...

Amended as follows:

Elected Officers: The elected officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and **Publicity Director**. Officers shall....

#### Article V, Section V.

**Publicity Director**: The Publicity Director shall work with the Officers and other Directors to inform APSURA members, other retirees, and the larger community of the activities of the Association through newsletters, press releases and other appropriate media. The Director shall strive to project an image of the organization balanced among its various recreational and service pursuits, and emphasizing the accomplishments of individual members. The Director shall serve a term of three years.

Existing Section V becomes Section VI;  
Existing Section VI becomes Section VII.

Richard Gildrie moved the amendment be approved as presented; Al Irby seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The nominating committee nominated Jim Clemmer to serve as Publicity Director. Gerald asked for other nominations from the floor. There were none. Ann Harris moved to accept the nomination by acclamation; Rae Hansberry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Gerald moved for adjournment; seconded by Ann Harris. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved May 24, 2011

Hester Crews