APSURA Board Meeting:

Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at the Pace Alumni Center

Members present were Barbara Blackston, Aleeta Christian, Floyd Christian, Jim Clemmer, Joe Filippo, David Kanervo, Phil Kemmerly, Sharon Silva, Nancy Smithfield, Carl Stedman, and Eloise Weatherspoon.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Sharon announced that there were several new members last month.

It was also announced that the money that would normally go to the fourth newsletter will be allocated for THERA, since we will have only three newsletters this year.

Our travel allowance is \$1855.

Jim made several announcements regarding the upcoming THERA meeting. The presidents of all four retirement associations are coming, from the University of Memphis, ETSU, UTC, and APSU. No one from UT Knoxville will be coming.

Jim went over the list of attendees and the schedule of events.

For the upcoming STAR meeting, Jim encouraged us to spread out, with at least one APSURA member per table. Aleeta stressed the importance of the STAR program to future retirees.

Aleeta announced that Dr. Edward Chester was given the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award and was featured in the *Tennessee Conservation Magazine*.

She also told the group that two out of the three Philosophy lines have been given to the Music Department and suggested that our board recommend keeping those Philosophy lines.

Floyd volunteered to contact Daniel Mayo about Connections.

Nancy announced that we now have 87 APSURA members. She handed out lists of members.

The speaker for the January Connections will be Carl Stedman, who will talk about his research into his ancestry.

Because of the busyness of the holiday season, we will not meet in December. The meeting was adjourned.