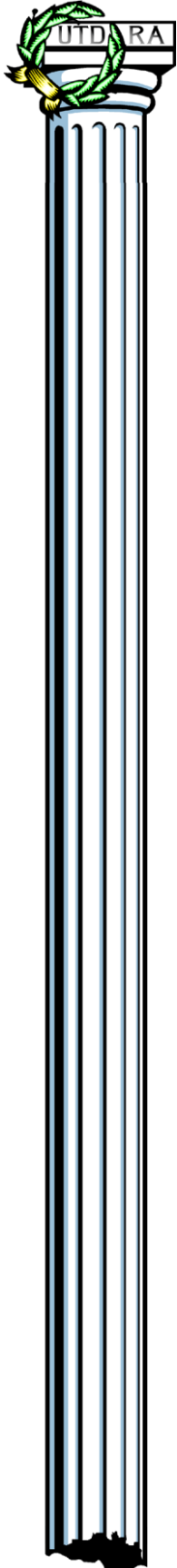


U.T. DALLAS RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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From the President

February 2023

Greetings Retirees,

It was fantastic to see so many Retirees at our February (First Monday) luncheon, the food was excellent but the fellowship was even better!

I also want to remind everyone about our upcoming General Meeting on February 24th at 1:30 in the Amistad Conference Room. The Amistad Conference Room is located in SPN Building, second floor room 12.216. Our speaker will be Serenity King, Associate Provost for Policy and Program Coordination. Serenity will talk about SACSCOC and her new unit as it relates to accreditation and university-wide initiatives. We will have a business meeting after Serenity's presentation.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Also, mark your calendars for our March (First Monday) luncheon which will be March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) at BJ's at 11:30 in Plano off 75 and 15th St.

Hope to see you all at our General Meeting,
Kind Regards,
Lynn Butler

Membership Report

As of January 31, 2023, our membership is as follows:

Retirees	137
Spouses	<u>12</u>
Total	149

Of the 149, forty-two are lifetime members, sixteen are new and four returned after having lapsed memberships.

You can see the effect of Covid over the past three years, our membership was as follows;

	January 2020	January 2021`	January 2022
Retirees	154	139	123
Spouses	<u>34</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>
Total	188	149	139

Jean Stuart
Membership Chair

Board Officers

President
Lynn Butler

Vice President
Pete Bond

Treasurer
Rochelle Pena

Secretary
Santee Goertzen

Members at-Large
Gwen Bowen
Teresa Hollon
Teresa Johnston

Newsletter Editor
Ekkehard Kuner

Membership
Jean Stuart

Social Committee
Kathy White

Program Chair
Lynn Butler

Webmaster
Chris Parr

Assistant Webmaster
Su Wadlow

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Paul A. Oelkrug
Susie Kutchi
Rochelle Pena
David Holmes
David Routzahn
Mary Chaffin
Rickie Brown
Barbara Geiger
Marlys Damman
Mike Durbin
Betty Garrett
Santee Goertzen
Chris Parr
Jo Ellen Roach
Linda Williamson
Jean Stuart

February 2023 GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting of the General Membership will be on UTD campus on Friday, February 24th, at 1:30 p.m. It will be in the SPN Building, second floor, Amistad Conference Room, 12.216. The address is 3000 Synergy Park North. It is in the center of this building. Parking is available in the front (south side) or you can go around the building and park in back.

There will be signs on the doors when you enter that will direct you to the elevators to go to the second floor.

If you want to see where it is on campus, you can go to UTDallas.edu/maps and search for the SPN building.

Our speaker for the General Meeting will be Serenity King, Associate Provost for Policy and Program Coordination. Serenity will talk about SACSCOC and her new unit as it relates to accreditation and university-wide initiatives.

We will have a business meeting after Serenity's presentation.

The minutes of the November meeting are attached for your review. Also attached are the Bylaws and Guidelines of the UTD RA. A few revisions need to be approved. These two documents were on the agenda for the November meeting but were tabled to this meeting. Please review and come prepared to discuss and/or approve these two documents.

First Monday Lunches

Hello Retirees!

Our luncheon schedule had a slow start for 2023. But, we will forge ahead for March. The next lunch is not on the normal schedule, **so please note the dates**. The times are all at 11:30 am.

For our luncheon in **March**, we are back at BJ's Brewhouse and Restaurant. This time is a bit different as well. Please note the date is NOT the first Monday. We are meeting on **Friday, March 17th**. Everyone grab your shillelaghs and leprechauns and join us to celebrate St Patrick's Day. We will meet at 11:30 am. Their address is 1101 N Central Expy, Plano. Be sure to wear your green!!! RSVP to me Kathy White at kjw021000@utdallas.edu by Mar 15th.

We are back on schedule now! First Monday Lunch for April is on Monday April 3rd! We will be at Abuelo's at 3420 N Central Expy, Plano. Our meeting time will be 11:30 am. Their menu can be found at <https://www.abuelos.com/menu/main-menu/>

Please RSVP to me Kathy White at kjw021000@utdallas.edu by April 1st.

Hope the adjusted schedule doesn't throw anyone off. But, we are back to the schedule in April. And, I will be looking for a fabulous patio location for our luncheon in May!

See you all soon!

Kathy White

First Monday Lunch Novmeber 7, 2022



First Monday Lunch December 5, 2022



First Monday Lunch February 7, 2023



November 18th GENERAL MEETING



UTD-RA Executive Board Members at Work: January 27, 2023



UTD RETIREE ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2022

PRESENT: Tarun Basu, Pete Bond, Lynn Butler, Lynda Gary, Sue Heiler, Teresa Hollon, Teresa Johnston, Ekkehard Kuner, Kay Kuner, Mike Leaf, Paul Oelkrug, Rochelle Pena, Howard Roach, Jo Ellen Roach, Charles Shihelds, Jean Stuart, Su Wadlow, Kathy White, Marjorie Wu

President Lynn Butler brought refreshments of cookies, milk and eggnog for everyone to celebrate the members who had birthdays November. They were enjoyed by all.

Guest Speakers: President Lynn Butler introduced the guest speakers who gave financial information on the cost of living, inflation, etc.

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Butler called the meeting to order.
2. MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 30th, 2022. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.
3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Jean Stuart gave a report on the membership numbers. The total retirees is 136 which includes 12 spouses. 42 are lifetime members and 12 are new and 4 are returning.
 - B. TREASURER REPORT: Rochelle Pena reported that the balance in the checking account was \$13,886.02. Two deposits for membership of \$26 and \$41. One check was for five permit (\$10.00) with an ending balance of \$13,947.00. Scholarship donations to date are \$499.00.
 - C. SOCIAL COMMITTEE DIRECTOR: Kathy reported that the 1st Monday luncheon for Christmas will be on 12/5/22 at B.J.'s in Plano at 11:30.
 - D. NEWSLETTER: Ekkehard did not have a report but asked people to turn in holiday pictures.
 - E. PROGRAM CHAIR: This position is vacant, but Lynn reported that she already has a speaker for the February meeting.
 - F. MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: They have completed the audit of the UTD RA funds and all is in order.
 - G. WEB MASTER: Chris Parr has resigned and Su is acting web master. She needs a back up.

H. STAFF COUNCIL REPORT: Since Sandee could not be present, Jean Presented Sandee's report of the President's remarks at the State of the University address. There is a new organization called the Graduate Student Assembly – sounds like the current Student Government is just for undergraduates and the GSA is for upper level students. Student Enrollment increased 60% from 2013 to 2023. The fall enrollment was 31,570 students which included 4,220 freshmen and 227 National Merit Scholarships. Athletics: We are in the American SW Conference and we had three championships, volleyball, baseball and women's tennis. TEMOC was ranked 4th in the nation for best mascot. Power dancers took second place. The tenure faculty projection for AY 25 is 625; FY23 we have 580. UTD is among the top three public universities in Texas for graduation rates. The 88th Legislature begins in January. We are submitting requests for a new student union. The pub is being remodeled. The DART Silver Line will open by 2025. The work has begun for the 2.6 mile commuter rail line from Shiloh in Plano and goes to UTD, South of Northside and ends at DFW, terminating at Terminal B. The new Dimensions campaign has \$317 million with the goal of \$750 million. There are two or three years left in this campaign.

The mobile mammogram van will be on campus Friday 12/9 from 8 am – 3 pm.

4. OLD BUSINESS: Lynn asked the two faculty present if they would consider attending the Academic Senate and reporting to the UTD RA. Neither one of them volunteered.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

REVIEW OF BYLAWS AND GUIDELINES: A motion was made and seconded to postpone discussion of the revisions to these two documents until the February meeting. The motion passed.

6. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Goertzen, Secretary

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Revised 8/2/10

Revised 4/19/13

Revised 9/23/15

Revised 9/30/15

Revised 11/17/15

Revised 2/11/16

Revised 9/27/19

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
RETIREE ASSOCIATION

OPERATING GUIDELINES

ARTICLE I: NAME

The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association (UTD RA) currently operates under the Office of The Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations (VPDAR).

ARTICLE II: MISSION

MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association's mission is to promote continued collegiality and communication among retired faculty and staff and provide a vehicle for them to remain in contact with each other and support the goals and endeavors of their university.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

RETIREE RECEPTION

This reception, which takes place at the Spring/Summer meeting, is planned by the Retiree Association President, Vice-President and Secretary, working with the Office of the VPDAR and the office of the President of the University. The President of the University, or his/her designee, will be invited to speak at the reception.

The Secretary, working with the VPDAR liaison, will prepare and mail invitations to the new retirees, who shall include anyone retiring since the previous reception. The existing membership shall be invited by email or by the Retiree Association Newsletter.

The UTD Retiree Association's President or his/her designee, shall be responsible for the gift(s) for the new retirees attending the reception, plus the Retirees' Association information, including applications for membership and parking decals.

ARTICLE IV: ~~BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE~~

PRESIDENT

The position of President will be filled alternately by a retired staff member and a retired faculty member, if at all possible.

PAST PRESIDENT

The Past President shall serve as a nonvoting advisor to the ~~Board~~ Executive Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

The Vice President/President Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the event the President is absent, disabled or has resigned.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the meetings of the Association, and the Executive Committee and shall handle the personal correspondence for the Retiree Association and shall serve as Historian. One of the Secretary's responsibilities will be to prepare and send a card to a retiree who is ill, or a sympathy card or letter of condolence to the family of a deceased member, if at all possible.

TREASURER

Yearly audits will be performed by the UTD RA Financial Audit Committee. An external audit of Association funds shall be made at the discretion of the Executive Committee but no less than every five years by the Office of Internal Audit. The first external audit was completed in FY 2009.

The Treasurer maintains communication with the Membership Chair regarding member's dues, -and reconciliation of dues and memberships. The Treasurer is the primary signatory of the UTD RA bank funds. The secondary signatory for the UTD RA bank funds is the President of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The Membership Chair maintains membership lists, informs the membership that annual dues are payable in August of each year if a member wishes a parking decal. This Chair revises membership applications and the membership forms as needed, in consultation with the Executive. Provides Human Resources with the membership information for new retirees, and maintains communication with the Treasurer regarding memberships.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

This standing committee consists of the three Members-at-Large. It will examine the Association books after the first fall meeting at which the new officers are installed, except during those years when an external audit is performed by the UTD Office of Internal Audit. In conjunction with the annual internal audit, an additional duty will be to reconcile the receipt of membership dues with the list of members.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

This standing committee shall work with the Executive Committee, the Webmaster, the Membership Chair and the Editor of the Newsletter to put out monthly post card mailings to keep the members of the Association, who do not have email, up to date with what is going on. For those members who use email, the Communications Committee Chair shall send out appropriate emails informing the members of events/announcements of interest.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Newsletter Editor shall allow sufficient time after the completion of the Newsletter for the Executive Committee to proofread the Newsletter for content and accuracy or any editorial comments. Printed copies of the Newsletter shall be sent out via the U.S. Postal Service to the members who do not have access to email or the web page.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This standing committee will consist of the three Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee who will choose their own chair. This committee will announce the slate of candidates at the February business meeting for elections to be held in Spring.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This standing committee will plan social events for the Retiree Association.

WEBMASTER

The Webmaster will maintain the Association's official website (hosted on the UTD web site), to include information on all planned Association events and a copy of the most recent Association Newsletter.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Chair will, in conjunction with the President and Secretary, plan the special programs for the three business meetings in September, November and February.

ARTICLE VI LIAISONS

To promote communication between the Retiree Association and Staff Council and Academic Senate, a staff member, appointed by the ~~Board~~ Executive Committee, may attend meetings of the Staff Council and a faculty retiree, appointed by the ~~Board~~ Executive Committee, may attend meetings of the Academic Senate. Items of interest may be reported to the Association membership

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Announcements of general membership meetings will be determined by the President in consultation with the Board Executive Committee and shall include the major topics for the meetings. (See Bylaws, Article V, VI Section 1.)

ARTICLE VIII INTEREST GROUPS

This section was intentionally left blank.

ARTICLE IX DUES

The annual dues will be set by the Board Executive Committee of the Retiree Association with the approval of the voting membership. Dues are \$10 /person per fiscal year and are due by August. Lifetime memberships are available for \$150.

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
RETIREE ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS**

**Article I
Name**

The name of this organization, which was founded in 2004 as a 501-(c) 4 organization, is The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association (UTD-RA). (See Operating Guidelines, Article I.)

**Article II
Purpose**

The Retiree Association has the following purposes:

1. To enrich the retirement experience of members through activities and events that encourage continuing social and professional contact with fellow retirees, university faculty, and staff.
2. To serve as a conduit for communication between the University and its retirees.
3. To represent retired faculty and staff regarding University benefits and other issues directly relevant to retirees.
4. To promote the participation of retirees in University activities and service. (See Operating Guidelines, Article II.)

**Article III
Membership**

Section 1. Any faculty or staff member who has retired from a position with The University of Texas at Dallas may become a member of the Association by contacting the Treasurer of the Association and paying the designated dues. Those individuals who are receiving retirement benefits from The University of Texas at Dallas, but who have returned to employment with the University, may also be members of the Association.

Section 2. Spouses of retirees may be non-voting members of the Association with payment of dues.

Section 3. Any faculty or staff member who has been employed by The University of Texas at Dallas for at least ten years, but who has left the University prior to retirement, may become a (non-voting) member by contacting the Treasurer of the Association and paying the designated dues.

Section 4. A retiree from another university may become a non-voting member by paying the designated dues and completing the appropriate forms.

Section 5. A non-voting member has no UTD benefits.

Article IV Executive Committee

Section 1. The officers of the Association, hereinafter called the Executive Committee are the President, immediate Past President, **Vice-President (President-Elect), Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair**, The Executive Committee will transact business in the name of the Association. The chairs of ad hoc committees established by the Association will be ex-officio, non-voting, members of the Executive Committee. (See Operating Guidelines, Article VI.)

Section 2. Officers will be elected each year at the Spring meeting. Each officer will take office at the beginning of the fiscal year. The Fiscal year is September 1 through August 31 with the term of office being twelve months. (See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)

Section 3. In the event an officer is unable to serve or to complete his or her term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a substitute to serve until the next general election.

Section 4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee. See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)

Section 5. The Past President shall serve as a non-voting advisor to the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Vice-President (President-Elect) shall perform the duties of the President in the event the President is absent, disabled or has resigned.

Section 7. The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of meetings of the Association, and the Executive Committee, shall handle the personal correspondence for the Retirees' Association, and shall serve as Historian. (See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)

Section 8. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the financial transactions of the Association and shall keep the records thereof. (See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)

Section 9. The Membership Chair shall maintain the list of the Association Members in cooperation with the Human Resources office. (See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)

Section 11. Members-at-Large bring the concerns and interests of the general membership to the Executive Committee and serve as the Financial Audit Committee.

Section 12. The Editor of the Newsletter shall collect appropriate and timely articles and issue a quarterly newsletter. (See Operating Guidelines, Article IV.)

Section 13. The Social Committee Chair will schedule, plan and coordinate various luncheons, entertainment and excursion events for Association members, as determined by the Social Committee. Such events will be publicized through the Association Newsletter and posted on the Association's website. (See Operating Guidelines.

Section 14. The Webmaster will maintain the Association's official website (hosted on the UTD website), to include information on all planned Association events and a copy of the most recent Association Newsletter.

Section 15. The Program Chair will, in conjunction with the President and Secretary, plan the special programs for the business meetings.

Article V Meetings

Section 1. The Association shall hold four business meetings a year, September, November, February, and Spring. Times and places for the meetings will be determined by the Association President in consultation with the Executive Committee. Agendas will be established by the President and the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee may use electronic discussions and tallies to take actions without in-person meetings. These discussions and tallies will be filed with the minutes of the Association.

Section 3. General membership meetings will be announced in The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association Newsletter, by personal letter or by electronic mail at least two weeks before the meeting.

Section 4. Actions of the general membership shall be governed by a majority of the members present and voting.

Article ~~IX~~ VI Executive Committees Ad Hoc Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee, as defined in Article IV, Officers, Section 1, shall appoint persons to such standing or ad hoc committees and positions as may be necessary to conduct the business of the Association.

Article X VII Interest Groups

Section 1. Interest groups may be constituted upon the petition of a member(s) of the Association subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The organization, activities, and meetings of each interest group shall be determined by the chairperson(s) of the group in consultation with the members of the group.

Article XI-VIII
Dues

Members shall pay annual dues as set by the Association. (See Operating Guidelines, Article VIII.)

Article XII-IX
Amendments

Section 1. Proposed amendments to these bylaws must be submitted to the members at least seven (7) days before the meeting at which they are to be considered.

Section 2. Adoption of an amendment shall require a majority vote of the members present and voting.

Article XII-X
Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Association, any remaining funds will be designated for a University of Texas at Dallas scholarship fund.