

MINUTES  
First General Meeting of the USI Retirees' Organization  
November 11, 2011

1. **Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Jones.

Present were: Ed Jones, John Deem, Mike and Zadie Whipple, Mary Alice Bertram, Larry Arp, Mary McGrew, Barry Hart, Jim Werner, Roberta Schweizer, Jan Coutts, Rolla Dyer, Marlene Shaw, Oscar Ozete, Helen Sands, Jeanne Barnett, Larry and Rena Goss, Jo-Ann Wilson, Marjorie Melvin, Joanie Jost, Barbara Marr, Sharon Morrow, Barbara Blevins, Phil Fisher, and Sherrienne Standley.

2. **Nominating Committee Report.**

Secretary Sherrienne Standley presented a slate of nominees for the Coordinating Committee: On a motion by Sherrienne Standley, seconded by John Deem, the following were elected to a two-year term expiring December 31, 2013:

Joyce M. Babillis  
Mary Alice Bertram  
Robert L. Reid  
Marlene V. Shaw

Standley also informed those present that the following Coordinating Committee members are currently serving a two-year term expiring December 2012:

Sherry B. Darrell  
M. Edward Jones  
Helen R. Sands  
Sherrienne M. Standley

Standley presented a slate of officers for 2012. On a motion by Standley, seconded by Joan Jost, the following officers were elected to a one-year term expiring December 31, 2012:

President – Sherry B. Darrell  
President-elect – Robert L. Reid  
Treasurer – Joyce M. Babillis  
Secretary – Sherrienne M. Standley  
University Liaison – Helen R. Sands

3. **Discussion of Organization Name, Permanent Dues Structure, Newsletter Name.**

President Ed Jones led a discussion of potential names. By consensus, the name "USI Retirees" was chosen for the organization. In discussion, it was noted that this organization will not seek 501(c) 3 status. On a motion by Robert Reid, seconded by Marlene Shaw, annual dues were set at \$20 per voting member (membership open to all USI retirees and spouses or surviving spouses). Various names for the newsletter were discussed. President Jones appointed a subcommittee of Helen Sands, Sharon Morrow, and Marlene Shaw to meet and recommend a name at the next meeting of the Coordinating Committee.

4. **Discussion and Approval of By-Laws.**

After much discussion, on a motion by Sherrienne Standley, seconded by Jeanne Barnett, the bylaws were approved with amendments, as noted in the attached file. The amended bylaws will be sent by email to all voting/active members.

5. **President's Report.**

President Ed Jones said many activities are underway and called on those heading committees for information:

- Joyce Babillis reported that the Bridge/Cards group is meeting and invited others to join.
- Mary Alice Bertram reported that the Day Trips group went to Shelbyville to visit Wakefield Searce Galleries and Science Hill Inn on November 9. She invited the members to forward ideas for other day trips or overnight excursions. She hopes to plan another trip in the spring.
- Larry Goss reported that there is interest in genealogy and he and Rena Goss will help those interested get started, but genealogy is so personal that there may not be regular meetings.
- Ed Jones reported that he has spoken with USI Vice President Mark Rozewski about retirees assisting in mentoring new faculty and staff and received an enthusiastic response; he expects the Human Resources Office to follow up so we can organize retirees who wish to help.
- Sherrienne Standley reported that she and Sherry Darrell are working on the January newsletter and invited news about retirees and their endeavors in retirement. They also want to know about topics of interest from retirees, such as changes in Social Security, health insurance, and other benefits programs.
- Bob Reid reported that about 17 retirees participated in the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Steamboats on the Ohio dinner and cruise on November 8. He also noted that celebratory exhibits continue at the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library (downtown) and the Evansville Museum of Arts, Science, and History.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Joyce Babillis reported that the USI Retirees now have 50 paid memberships, as of the day's receipts. She reported that the organization received a donation of \$500 and that expenses for mailing and postage have been deducted from the agency account.

7. There was no old business.

8. There was no new business.

**The members were reminded of the annual Retirees' Luncheon, open to all USI retirees, not just active members of the organization, on Saturday, February 11, from 11-2. Invitations will be mailed.**

Respectfully submitted  
Sherrienne Standley, secretary