

GSW Retiree Association
Minutes of the Mon 11 Feb 2008 organizing meeting
2:00 pm, President's Conference Room, GSW

The fourth organizing meeting for forming an organization for GSW retirees was called to order by Jay Cliett, chair.

The letter prepared to go out to retirees informing them of the organization will be mailed later, pending the date of a welcoming picnic. The letter will also include the constitution (which was approved later in today's meeting).

Hap Tietjen reported on his meeting with GSW President Kendall Blanchard regarding inquiries of the Association:

- a) KB will look for a meeting space with access to office equipment (perhaps in the library)
- b) KB will support the setup and maintenance of an Association website
- c) Since the GSW Golf and Conference Center is not yet officially managed by GSW, it is too early to comment on retiree usage of the facilities, but they should be available on a basic-cost basis.
- d) Use of the workout facilities in the Student Success Center should be available to retirees on the same basis as for current GSW employees (through membership in the Hurricane Club or the payment of monthly fees).
- e) KB support the idea of software updates for home computers to the extent permissible through GSW site licensing.

A discussion of the final wording of the constitution ensued. The document—immediately following—was approved as amended.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GSW RETIREE ASSOCIATION

PURPOSES

1. To serve Georgia Southwestern State University
2. To promote the welfare of higher education retirees
3. To provide opportunities for membership social interaction

MEMBERSHIP

Eligible for membership are faculty and staff retirees of Georgia Southwestern State University and their spouses. Membership is achieved by informing the Association Secretary of a desire to be a member and

providing contact information. There are no dues or meetings of the general membership. Communication will be conducted primarily by e-mail.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Eligible for associate membership are faculty and staff retirees of other institutions of higher learning, their spouses, and the surviving spouses of active faculty and staff. Associate membership is achieved by informing the Association Secretary of a desire to be an associate member and providing contact information.

STRUCTURE

The activities of the Association will be supervised by a self-perpetuating Board of Directors of six to twelve members who will meet at least twice a year. This minimum and maximum shall include both the elected officers and the standing committee Chairs mentioned below.

At the first meeting each calendar year, the Board will elect a Chair and a Vice Chair/Secretary for one-year terms. These officers are limited to five successive terms. After the lapse of a year, they may again be re-elected. Members of the Board will include the Chairs of the standing committees below appointed by the Board. Meetings will be conducted by the most current revision of Robert's Rules of Order.

COMMITTEES

1. University service committee
2. Retiree welfare and benefit committee
3. Social activities committee

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

By-laws and amendments to this constitution may be made by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

APPROVAL

This Constitution was approved by the organizing committee on February 11, 2008.

In keeping with the provisions of the constitution, six persons were selected to serve on the Board of Directors for one year (Class of 2008) and six were selected to serve for two years (Class of 2009):

Class of 2008:

Jay Cliett
Jo Ann Davis
Barbara DeStefano
David Ewing
June Ewing
Tom Wheeler

Class of 2009:

Richard Baringer
Dick Carroll
Rich Ehrler
Liz Kelly
Bill Kipp
Martha Maddox

The members of the board then elected Jay Cliett as Chair and Tom Wheeler as Vice Chair/Secretary.

As Chair, Jay will join Kendall Blanchard's monthly advisory group.

With the approval of the constitution and the election of the Board of Directors and officers, the GSW Retiree Association formally came into existence.

The three standing committees and their chairs are:

- 1) University services, Barbara DeStefano
- 2) Retiree welfare and benefits, Bill Kipp
- 3) Social activities, June Ewing

A tentative date of Thursday 24 April 2008 was selected for a Spring Fling picnic (late afternoon) to which all retirees and their spouses would be invited as a means of introducing the Association to all those eligible to belong. Jay and June will meet with Kendall 1) to see if the GSW Golf and Conference Center would be available on that date, and 2) to inquire about possibilities for underwriting this first social event.

Barbara DeStefano will invite Gaye Hayes to our next meeting to inform us of student recruitment plans and to tell us where the Association could be helpful in these efforts.

The next meeting (the first official meeting of the now constituted GSW Retiree Association) will be on Mon 10 Mar at 2:00 pm in the President's Conference Room at GSW.

Tom Wheeler
Vice Chair/Secretary