

NMSU Pioneers Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Alumni Center

- I. Call to Order
President Gregg Throneberry called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was achieved with 10 members present. The agenda was amended to add discussion of new board members.

- II. Review and Approval of July 25, 2018 Minutes
Charles Pfeifer moved to accept the minutes, and Debbie Widger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- III. Benefits Update
There will be no change in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Retiree Plan. Angela Throneberry mentioned possible legislation regarding the cost-of-living increase in the Educational Retirement Plan and urged members to watch for that.

- IV. Archival of Records
Martha Andrews of the University Library discussed the storage of professional papers of NMSU faculty and staff. The oral histories present the most interesting possibilities. In the past, the project included history students. Staffing is the limitation for the Library. Gregg Throneberry asked how to capture the rich stories that should be recorded. They could be digitized and available to the public. He asked if there are standard question that should be asked. Martha stated the Library could provide broad general questions to prompt the discussion with the retiree. Gregg asked if generalized questions could be given to all new retirees in the retirement packet, inviting them to participate in the project. The second stage would be to obtain more detail from those who are interested in participating. Andrews noted that permission forms are needed. A subcommittee was established to work on this project consisting of Emmitt Brooks, Debbie Widger, and Gregg.

- V. Membership Committee Update
Dianna Gibson shared that the committee has contacted 46 additional Pioneers since the initial round of 66 persons. Many of phone numbers are incorrect. There was little response to emails, perhaps because many Pioneers don't use the NMSU email address. A form will be used at the next luncheon to ask for updated mailing and phone information. An annual appeal is made to all active and inactive retirees.

All new retirees are given information about the Pioneers membership. It appears that active employees who reach 20 years of service have not been included in this list. Leslie Cervantes will investigate the situation.

A key to high luncheon attendance is the speaker so an outline of possible speakers was distributed. Leslie will contact Barbara Hubbard to determine if she might be available for the Spring Luncheon.

- A. Board Members.
There are five open seats. Dianna Gibson can serve a second term. Angela Throneberry is serving a one-year term due to a resignation and is eligible for another term. Three Board members have served two terms and are not eligible to continue (Helen Molina, Charles Pfeiffer, and Irvin Skelton). Dianna and Angela are willing to continue. Denise Welsh moved that Dianna and Angela continue on the board, Emmitt Brooks seconded the motion. The Board voted for the motion.

Three more Board members are needed. It was decided to ask Pioneers at the November luncheon. Danielle Gibbs should be notified of anyone willing to serve. The Board will then vote via email so that the new members can be present for the January 2019 Board Meeting.

VI. Financial Report

A. Operating Budget

Anna Price reported that the operating budget began the fiscal year with \$2,138.92. The food costs have not yet been recorded but are known to be \$842.50, leaving an actual balance of \$2,312.02. The net revenue for the luncheon was approximately \$250. The Advancement Office pays for guests and students. Leslie Cervantes suggested that perhaps the Pioneers could pay for the students' meals from the operating fund if positive balances continue.

B. Book Scholarships

There is a balance of \$5,002.25. Two donors gave \$1,300, leaving only \$630 in regular donations. Half of the awarded scholarships have been paid in the Fall semester. The remaining \$2,000 will be paid next semester. Therefore, more donations will be needed to be able to award four scholarships next year. The Alumni Office will be mailing out an appeal for donations to include postage paid envelopes. Leslie discussed Giving Tuesday to be held on November 27, including the amounts being matched.

VII. Summer Luncheon Review

There was positive feedback for the Summer luncheon with 51 Pioneers attending. Board members were encouraged to promote the luncheons. The next luncheon will be held on November 25, 2018, at the NMSU Golf Course. The Spring luncheon date needs to be changed to March 12. Danielle will check for availability.

VIII. Advancement Update

Leslie reported that Andrea Tawney has left NMSU. Tyna Byford is the interim vice president. Leslie stated that 81 percent of the goal for December 2019 has been reached. Efforts will continue to finish this campaign.

IX. Service Projects

Many projects were discussed. It was decided to focus the effort and participate in two events. One suggestion is the KRWG fund raiser in the spring. Another possibility is assisting Auxillary Services in feeding students during Finals Week. Angela Throneberry and Debbie Widger will coordinate with the relevant organizations.

X. Adjournment

Angela Throneberry made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Anna Price. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ADDENDUM

New Board Members: Three new board members were approved via email vote. They are Lydia Quintana, Olga Conter, and Alice Granado. They will be invited to the January Board meeting.