

NMSU Pioneers Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 22,2020
10:00 a.m.
Alumni and Visitors Center

Agenda

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| I. | Call to Order | Mel Ortiz |
| II. | Review and Approval of October 30, 2019 minutes | Mel Ortiz |
| III. | Introduction of New Board Members | Dianna Gibson |
| IV. | Officer/Election Retention Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current and Future Officers• President-Elect for CY 2020 | Mel Ortiz |
| V. | Membership Committee | Dianna Gibson |
| VI. | Financial Report | Anna Price |
| VII. | Advancement Update | Leslie Cervantes |
| VIII. | Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pioneers Book Scholarship – naming• Gift Agreement Criteria• Proposed 2020 calendar• Proposed 2020 luncheon update• Proposed luncheon programs | Mel Ortiz |
| IX. | Adjourn | Mel Ortiz |

NMSU Pioneers Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Alumni Center

- I. Call to Order
President Mel Ortiz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was achieved with 12 members present.
- II. Review and Approval of October 30, 2019, Minutes
Gregg Throneberry moved to accept the minutes, and Rose Marie Sanchez seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
- III. Introduction of New Board Members
Board members gave information about themselves. Mel Ortiz requested that each person, if willing, send this summary to Danielle Gibbs to be placed on the Pioneers website.
- IV. Officer Election/Retention Discussion
Anna Price and Dianna Gibson were elected to continue as Treasurer and Secretary. Anna Chieffo moved to elect Angela Throneberry as President Elect. Anna Price seconded the motion. The proposal was approved by the Board.
- V. Membership Committee Update
Dianna has submitted corrections to the retiree information obtained in 2019 to Danielle Gibbs. Danielle will prepare a list of those who have retired since 2015. The membership committee will then undertake activities to make contacts in an effort to attract members to become active Pioneers.
- VI. Financial Report
Anna Price presented the financial report.
 - A. Operating Budget

The beginning balance as of July 1, 2019, was \$2,817.02. Total income from luncheon tickets was \$2,530. Total expenses were \$2,352.85 for a balance of \$2,994.17 as of December 31, 2019. The fall luncheon ended with a positive balance of \$130, resulting in a positive balance for both luncheons. There was a discussion of the price of the food and the difficulty in pleasing all attendees' tastes. It was concluded that the overall purpose of the luncheon is talking with other retirees and hearing the presentations so the food should be secondary.
 - B. Book Scholarships

The beginning balance was \$6,817.25 on July 1, 2019. The gift income totaled \$4,4144 after \$100 for the stewardship allocation fee was taken. Four scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$4,000, with \$2,000 expended for the Fall Semester. The balance as of December 31, 2019, is \$8,961.25. Another \$2,000 has been expended in January 2020 but does not show on the report yet, leaving an actual net balance of \$6,961.25.

Craig Ricketts moved to accept the financial report with Rose Marie Sanchez seconding the motion. The motion passed.

VII. Advancement Update

- A. Giving Tuesday resulted in \$3.5 million of donations, allowing 42 new scholarships. Leslie Cervantes shared that the \$125 million goal set in 2013 has been met with a total of \$128 million. Over the 5 years, 239 new scholarships were created.

- B. A new Vice President of Advancement has been chosen, Derek Dictson. Mr. Dictson is an alumnus of NMSU, and his parents are NMSU retirees. He will begin on April 1, 2020. Leslie will serve as Interim Vice President until then.

VIII. Other Business

A. Pioneers Book Scholarship

1. Naming

Mel Ortiz discussed the earlier practice of naming the book scholarships in honor of previous Board members who have passed away. Debbie Widger and Dianna Gibson will review old rosters to find names for presentation at the next Board meeting.

2. Gift Agreement Criteria

The criteria for the book scholarship was given to Board members. Mel Ortiz asked the Board members to be ready for a discussion of the criteria at the next Board meeting. The term “junior” is used instead of a number of hours because the Board of Regents can change the actual number of hours. This designation includes those who transfer in with enough credits. The original reason for specifying juniors was because many students transfer in from the branch campuses. Craig Ricketts asked for clarification of the family connection. It was explained that the Pioneers want to sustain the legacy of the NMSU connections. Gregg Throneberry suggested that the students be asked to describe their family connections when they are introduced at a luncheon. It was also decided to make an effort to ensure that the scholarship recipients be seated with other retirees rather than sitting with each other. The officers will be charged with arranging this.

B. Proposed 2020 Calendar

A calendar with proposed dates was distributed. The next luncheon will be on March 24. The next Board meeting will be June 9. It was decided to hold the summer luncheon on August 25 since school would have started and the scholarship recipients will be on campus. A Board meeting will be held on September 23. The date for the fall luncheon was not decided but will be scheduled around Homecoming Week on October 19 through 24.

C. Proposed Luncheon Programs

Several ideas were discussed.

- 1. Mel Ortiz will contact Larry Ceranski regarding a presentation on hemp processing. Leslie Cervantes will contact Jeff Witte of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture for presentation about the general political and legal status.
- 2. The second subject is space and astronomy. Dianna Gibson has contacted Jon Holtzman, Astronomy Department Head, who has several possibilities from his faculty members.
- 3. The third idea is cancer research by Jeffrey Arterburn.

4. Also the Creative Media Institute could be a possibility later. There is a film currently in production about the Cricket Coogler murder in Las Cruces based on a book written by NMSU Retiree Paula Moore.

D. Senior Olympics

Rose Marie Sanchez suggested that Pioneers participate in the New Mexico Senior Olympics being held in Las Cruces June 10-13. The type of activities could be welcoming participants or other public relations activities. Angela Throneberry and Deb Widger, as the Pioneers activity committee, will work on obtaining information.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.