Minutes

UGARA Meeting
April 9, 2019

In attendance: Tom Eaton, Hugh Ruppersburg, Jim Cobb, Henry Hibbs, Anne Sweeney, Brenda Keen, Travis Jackson, Ken Schroder, Patrice Masterson, and David Matthews-Morgan.

Henry Hibbs called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. in the conference room of UGA Human Resources. The minutes from the March 12, 2019 meeting were reviewed and a motion to accept the minutes as written was made. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Tom Eaton indicated that there were no changes in UGARA funds. The current balance is $11,884.61.

Benefits Report: Hugh Ruppersburg said that House Bill 109, which involved changes to the Teachers Retirement System, did not cross over from the state House to the Senate which means that the bill died. Also, a bill abolishing cost of living adjustments for TRS retirees did not pass. Hugh indicated that Aon is working on a better customer experience.

Communications Report: Jim Cobb indicated that updates will be made to the UGARA Facebook page as requested by the board which will include adding a link to the UGA calendar. He is passing the mantle for Facebook updates to Tom Jackson.

Reception Report: Attendees have been asked to RSVP (706-542-4983) for the event by April 16. A signup sheet was passed around for board members to help with greeting attendees and will also be emailed to those members not present.

HR Report: Travis indicated that consolidations in the Optional Retirement Plan as well as investment vehicle and fee changes to 403(b) and 457(b) retirement plans would be completed by May 1, and the new system to manage plans will go live on July 1. He also said that there was good attendance (50 people) regarding these changes at the March 27 meeting.

It was reminded that three UGARA board members will be rotating off and three new members (Brenda Keen, Jim Smith, and Griff Doyle) have agreed to serve in their place. Starting in August 2019, Henry Hibbs will serve as Chair. The board elected the three new members and Tom Jackson to serve as Vice Chair, and Anne Sweeney as Treasurer.

A motion, requesting that Juan Jarrett recommend to the new Provost that UGARA’s Past President serve on the USG Retirees Council, was seconded and approved.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. in the Human Resource conference room.
Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Matthews-Morgan, Recording Secretary