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IN RETIREMENT**
at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Summer Update 2020

Board of Directors' Meeting

The ILR Board of Directors has been in continuous contact by phone, email, and Zoom during this time of quarantine. These meetings have included current and potential new board members to assure a smooth transition in July when the new officers assume their positions.

During the last meeting, on Monday, May 18, 2020 by Zoom, the Board approved the 2020-2021 budget, which was based on the 2019-2020 budget due to these uncertain times.

The Board most sincerely thanks the members and non-members who donated their dues and fees from the Spring 2020 semester. The donation effort was a smashing success! We received \$9193 in donations. It is evident that our members care about the ILR. Even the non-members donated 57% of their dues!



ILR Officer Elections

Every two years, the ILR votes for new officers. The ILR board of directors solicited nominations several times over the last year. They want to thank all who have volunteered to keep this beloved institution up and running. Shortly, we will be emailing the biographies of the slate of candidates that the Board of Directors has approved. Please read this email carefully and vote, as per the instructions.



The Future of the ILR

The majority of the most recent board meeting concerned the future of the ILR in these uncertain times. Options were discussed in detail, including proceeding with an in-person semester, holding an online class semester, or canceling the semester. The pros of an online semester, including the ability to have unlimited course registrations per member;

and the cons of in-person classes, primarily being the difficulty with cleaning and sanitizing, were analyzed and noted.

The board felt that an online semester may be the best course of action and proceeded to poll the instructors as to whether they were willing to teach via an online platform like Zoom Meeting. Two-thirds of the instructors are willing. Therefore, the board will move forward with polling the membership with an online survey that will be forthcoming by email, also. If there is enough interest, the ILR will be holding practice class sessions through Zoom over the summer where members can learn the technology, have their questions answered, and work out the bugs. Written and video instructions would also be provided. Conversely, if there is not enough interest, then the semester will be canceled. Please keep your Spring 2020 catalog for now.

Regardless of the outcome, the ILR will continue its unique mission, and we all look forward to seeing one another face-to-face in the not-too-distant future - even if six feet apart.



ILR Board of Directors 2019-20

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