Minutes
Northwestern Emeriti Organization
Executive Council Meeting
March 27, 1:00 p.m. CT

In attendance

Executive Council Members:
Steve Carr (President)
Kathy Rundell (Vice President and President-elect)
Jeff Garrett (Immediate Past-President)
Rick Cohn (NEO representative to Faculty Senate)
Charlotte Crane (Secretary)
Mary Dedinsky (Treasurer)
Holly Clayson
Emile Okal
Steve Sawyer
Joe Schofer
Robert Tanz
Victor Yampolsky

Ex-Officio and guests:
Celina Flowers, Assistant Provost for Faculty
Gina Prokopeak, Administrative Assistant
Babette Sanders (Guest, NEO liaison with AROHE and BTRA)

Called to order at 1:00 p.m. after a brief social gathering.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Faculty Senate
Rick Cohn reported on the March meeting of the Faculty Senate. There was substantial discussion of the problems resulting from the recent change in security practices. Most buildings are now locked at all times. Many faculty members find themselves with access to only a few buildings, and not to all of the buildings in which they regularly do business.

There was also discussion of the two surveys to be conducted by the Senate, one of its own members regarding the function of the senate itself, and one of the full faculty.

The possibility of renewing the longstanding practice of a lunch for members of both the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees was discussed.
Past NEO member events
March 14, 2024, Prof. Emer. Holly Clayson, *The Dark Side of the Eiffel Tower.*
Fifty-five attended in person, with 18 online. Five people have already requested the recording.

Future NEO Member Events
April 8, 2024. 11 a.m. CT, Music Presentation.
Snr. Lecturer Stephen Alltop, Bienen School of Music, presents from the organ in Alice Millar Chapel followed by buffet lunch in the adjacent Parkes Room.

There was some discussion of the location of the audience. Mr. Alltop believes that the acoustics will be substantially better in the balcony. Seats will remain available on the lower floor to ensure accessibility. The possibility of presenting some part of the program remotely is being explored. 46 have signed up for in person attendance.

May 8, 2024. 2 p.m. CT. Appetizers, beer and presentation. *Evanston and the History of the Automobile.*
Double Clutch, 2121 Ashland Avenue, Evanston.
The possibility of presenting some part of the program remotely is being explored.

June 4, 2024, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. CT. NEO Spring Business Meeting and New Member Welcome Lunch. Guild Lounge at Scot Hall and Zoom.

Community Mini-Courses
Thurs. April 18 and May 2, 6 p.m. CT. (This involved a date change for the second session.)
Prof. Emer. Peter Hayes, *Misconceptions about the Holocaust.* Evanston Public Library and Zoom.

Jeff Garrett reported that various security measures recommended by the Evanston Police Department will be taken, including limiting the in-person attendance to 80 and attendance of additional Evanston library security personnel. Jeff also reported that the publicity for the event has generated a considerable amount of positive publicity for NEO. Additional publicity outreach will be made to potentially interested groups.

Nominating Committee
Replacements for three Council members whose terms end this June have been identified. However, candidates for the offices about to be vacant, President-elect and Secretary, have not been identified.

There was a brief discussion of the merits of the short (one-year) term of the President. The Charter anticipates that an individual serving as President meet with the Council for three years (as President-elect, then as President, and finally as Immediate Past President). Although the Charter anticipates that other officers and council members can be elected to an additional
two-year term, there is no provision under which a President would not be replaced by the President-elect in the second year. It was suggested that more use of committees for planning program might reduce any perceived lack of continuity and make the job of President seem a bit less daunting to potential nominees.

**HR NEO Collaboration**

Kathy Rundell reported that she had exchanged correspondence with Joseph Park, the new Director of Benefits, and was pleased with his willingness to engage with her.

**Spring Newsletter**

The draft of the spring newsletter is ready for editorial review. The summer newsletter is likely to feature the criminal-law related projects of Leigh Bienen, recently retired Senior Lecturer at Pritzker School of Law.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 CDT.

There is no meeting of the NEO Executive Council in April.
The next meeting is May 1.
The remaining meetings will be held on June 4 (the Spring Business Meeting with the full NEO membership, at which new members will be welcomed, the Nominating Committee slate will be presented, and Provost Hagerty will briefly speak), and on June 26 (the last meeting of the Executive Council as currently constituted).

*Respectfully submitted by:*
*Charlotte Crane,*
*Secretary of Northwestern Emeriti Organization Executive Council*