APSURA Board Meeting:

Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at the Pace Alumni Center

Members present were Aleeta Christian, Floyd Christian, Jim Clemmer, Joe Filippo, David Kanervo, Phil Kemmerly, Allene Phy-Olsen, Sharon Silva, and Eloise Weatherspoon. Associate Vice President for Finance Sherry Demaray was also present.

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

An AROHE grant is available for innovative ideas, and it was suggested that we apply for this award.

There was discussion about how worthwhile AROHE meetings are, and the fact that the next one is in Atlanta makes this one accessible for us. Aleeta urged board members to attend the next meeting which will be October 7-9. We are to let David know if we are interested in going. The meeting will be publicized in our next newsletter.

Jim Clemmer's February Connections program was well received. The March program will feature Malcolm Glass, who will give a multi-media presentation of his poetry. In April, John Butler will present a program on early car vacations. It was suggested that Dave Loos might give a Connections program, or perhaps another of the three Coaches of the Year from Austin Peay from this past year.

After some discussion, it was decided that we will not have a Connections program in May, June, or July.

In June, we will have the meeting where voting for the next board members and officers takes place, so the committee needs to be in place this month. A minimum of three members of the board should be on the nominating committee. Jim and Sharon volunteered, and David will contact Carl about being the third member and possibly the chair.

Other members of the nominating committee should be members at large, with one staff member and one faculty member. Hazel Irwin, Anna Murray, and Cheryl Holt were mentioned as possibilities.

There are four board and officer positions to fill: president, vice president, and two board members. Phil and Joe will rotate off the board, but can run again.

The deadline for submitting articles for our May newsletter is April 15. Aleeta volunteered to write a story about her trip to India. Jim would like someone else to handle the publicity for the group, but he is willing to continue the newsletter. It was recommended that Susan Wallace be approached about being our publicity chair.

Our spring luncheon is tentatively scheduled for early May, and we want to ask Katie Gambill to speak to us about the Charter Commission.

We still have not received the check from the Rotary Bike Ride. Sherry Demaray volunteered to find out about it since she is a member of the Rotary Club.

Aleeta reminded us that October will mark the tenth anniversary of APSURA. She noted that we should be proud that we have a group which consists of both retired faculty and staff and that it works well. She also recommended that we make more of an effort to publicize our Connections programs to the community at large.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by secretary Eloise Weatherspoon.