

# Indiana University Retirees Association

## Annual Report

### 2023 – 2024

#### Officers

President	Joyce Krothe	Term Years: 2019 – 2025
VP & United Way Liaison	Perry Maull	2020 – 2026
Secretary	Beau (Elizabeth) Vallance	2022 – 2025
Treasurer	Anita Douglas	2019 – 2025

#### Board Members

Charlie Matson (Historian)	2018 – 2024
Tony Mescher (Program Chair)	2021 – 2024
Audrey Morgan (Benefits Liaison)	2021 – 2026
Beckie Owens (Assistant Treasurer)	2023 – 2026
John Schilb (Hospitality Chair)	2023 - 2026
Allan Edmonds (Webmaster & Zoom Host)	ex officio
Judy Schroeder ( <i>Newswatch</i> Editor)	ex officio
Doris Wittenburg (Database Manager)	ex officio

#### Members' Meetings

September 12 – “Updates on the IU School of Music” by Abra K. Bush, David Henry Jacobs Bicentennial Dean of the IU Jacobs School of Music.

October 11 – “Tour of the IU Collections at McCalla” by Alisha Beard, Engagement Coordinator for the galleries at the IU Collections at McCalla.

November 8 – “Revisiting Herman B Wells” by Jim Capshew, Indiana University Historian, filling in for IU Archivist Brad Cook, who had an unforeseen scheduling conflict.

December 12 – Members' Holiday Lunch at the Bloomington Country Club.

January 10 – “The Upcoming Total Eclipse” by Catherine Pilachowski, Daniel Kirkwood Chair of the IU Astronomy Dept.

February 14 – “Preparing for Climate Disasters” by Chad Priest, Vice President of the American Red Cross as well as IU graduate & parent.

March 13 – “Latest Rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court” by Beth Cate, Associate Professor of Law & Public Affairs in the O'Neill School of SPEA.

April 10 – “Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beatles' U.S. Tour” by Glenn Gass, Provost Professor & Rudy Professor Emeritus of the IU Jacobs School of Music. Followed by the Annual Meeting of the IURA members.

May 9 – End of Year Lunch at Meadowood’s Terrace Room. With background piano music generously provided by IURA member Wendy Elliot.

### **Board Meetings & Major Actions**

The Board held its monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month beginning in September in the Showalter Building of the IU Foundation, which continued to give strong support to the IURA. Remote Zoom connection was frequently used by a few Board members. Minutes of the meetings will be added to the archive records of the IURA as part of the University Archives, which are maintained by the IU Libraries.

At its September meeting the Board approved a recommendation from Perry Maull and the Program Committee to hold the October Members’ Meeting at the recently renovated galleries in the old McCall School building.

In November the Board reviewed the new Memorandum of Understanding between the IU Trustees and the University Club, which had been moved out of its meeting facilities in the IU Memorial Union. The Memorandum allowed the UClub to reserve available meeting rooms on campus for no fee, but it did require the UClub to obtain liability insurance.

At the February meeting Perry Maul reported that IU Retirees had provided almost half of the total donations made to the United Way by IU, which finished at about 85% of its goal.

The April meeting addressed the three upcoming Board vacancies. Perry Maull reported for the Nominations Committee that Audrey Morgan had agreed to serve another three-year term on the Board, but the Committee had not been successful in recruiting two more candidates. Judy Schroeder proposed that current ex officio board members be nominated to become voting members. Both Doris Wittenburg and Allan Edmonds agreed to serve, barring any future volunteers or nominations from the floor at the Annual Members’ Meeting. (Subsequent to this meeting Perry Metz, retired Director of IU Radio & TV, agreed to be nominated. Allan asked that his nomination be dropped to make room for Perry Metz.)

At the May meeting the Board elected the following members as officers for 2024 – 2025:

President	Perry Maull
Vice President	John Schilb
Secretary	Beau Vallance
Treasurer	Beckie Owens

Joyce Krothe, outgoing President for the last two years, presented words of thanks and potted plants to the following board members who are completing their terms:

Charlie Matson	After two terms including one year as Secretary & two as President
Tony Mescher	After one term serving as Program Chair

Also at the May meeting, the Board gratefully accepted Judy Schroeder's generous offer to continue as editor of the monthly *Newswatch*, since the efforts to recruit a replacement team produced no volunteers. The Board also approved a recommendation to procure liability insurance to protect the IURA from potential personal injuries that might occur when the IURA holds meetings off the IU campus or away from the IU Foundation facility. The low bidder for the \$1M per incident / \$2M per year coverage was the local May/Acrisure agency. The cost will be \$400 for 2024 – 2025. Also, at the meeting John Schilb was approved to be one of the IURA delegates to the next Annual Conference of the Big Ten Retirees Associations, to be held at the Ohio State University on July 24 – 26. (Subsequent to the meeting, Doris Wittenburg and Wendy Elliot agreed to also attend the Conference.)

### **Database Manager's Report**

After the End of Year Lunch Party in May we reached the following breakdown of our memberships:

Singles	167	
Couples	109	
Total individuals	385	9% below May last year

Members of the Board speculated that the decline in membership is primarily due to a continuing trend of IU to hire less faculty and staff while relying more on adjunct instructors and contractors.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The IURA began the 2023 -2024 year on September 1 with a total balance of its three accounts at \$17,906.38. As of the May 1, 2024, Board meeting the balance had increased to \$22,083.30, but the food & service charges for the upcoming lunch party on May 8<sup>th</sup> had not yet been invoiced.