

## **ULARP Report to Faculty Senate 7 May 2025**

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Members of the ULARP Board of Directors include the following retirees: Donna Bartman, Michael Cuyjet, Bev Daly, Brenda Gunn, Brenda Hart, Virginia Hosano, Sande Johnson-Byers, Patrick Murphy, Paula Radmacher, Mary Rising, John Smith, and Elaine Wise. Two positions remain to be filled. Nominations by current members have been requested and will be voted on at the annual meeting in June.

The Board convened on 15 April 2025 and agreed to send to members the changes to the constitution that were approved at the 15 March 2025 meeting of the Board. A vote will be held at the annual meeting in June. Meanwhile, the current constitution is available for comparison on the ULARP website on the Alumni page.

ULARP has been invited to follow Brian Buford's trek on the Pacific Coast Trail (individually or in teams). He will be away from the Employee Success Center for a few months. Meanwhile, ULARP awarded its first Presidential Retiree Award to Stanley Levinson at the Celebration of Excellence event on 17 April. This award as well as one specified for an alumnus/a retiree will be redefined so as to include contributions to the community as well as to the University.

Several Board members are working on an annual report that could be presented to the U of L Board of Trustees as an information item. It will include the history of ULARP as well as the activities of the prior year. ULARP has approximately 330 members.

The Board remains concerned by the changes that will reduce the options available for investments of funds for all retirees enrolled in either Fidelity or TIAA retirement plans managed by U of L and will continue to seek clarification.

Paula Radmacher has agreed to serve as the editor of the ULARP Newsletter when Brenda Gunn steps down in June. The Board thanks Brenda for her excellent work for and service to ULARP.

ULARP plans to schedule another travelog after the Friday coffee event in August. Members and guests will attend the Bats baseball game on 9 May 2025. The Annual Luncheon is scheduled for 17 June 2025, at noon, with President Bradley as the speaker.

Thank you!

Elaine