



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Kim Trupp, AURA President, 2019-20

I hope all is well with you and yours as we all deal with the new reality that COVID-19 has thrust upon us. The 25th annual meeting of the Auburn University Retiree Association was scheduled for Thursday, May 21. However, your AURA Board of Directors feels it is prudent to cancel the meeting for this year. We decided to not just postpone it because of the uncertainty as to how long this virus is going to be around.

We also suspect that, given the “senior” nature of our group, there may be some hesitancy on the part of many of our members to gather in a large group for quite some time. Hopefully we will be able to gather as usual for our Fall Dinner meeting in October.

Also due to these uncertain times, the board has decided not to bestow the Wilford S. Bailey Award this year. No nominations for a recipient were received from the AURA membership and the board was in the process of identifying one when stricter governmental mandates related to the virus were being announced. Since a recipient is always honored at the annual Spring Luncheon, we did not want to deny a recipient that recognition in the presence of our members.

Three members will be rotating off the AURA Board of Directors at the end of next month. They are: Mike Fitzsimmons (Secretary), Marcie Smith (Treasurer/Membership), and Kevin Loden (Newsletter). It has been my pleasure to work with these individuals: they served you well as board members. Please thank them for their service to our organization, as do I, when you see them.

In addition to the three members nominated for the board (read about them later in this newsletter) to replace the outgoing board members, the current board has elected the following officers for the AURA 2020-21 year: Nancy Bernard, vice-president (she will be president for 2021-22), Ralph Zee, treasurer/membership, and Kale Hill, secretary. Thanks to Nancy, Ralph, and Kale for their willingness to take on these responsibilities. Lynne Hammond served as vice-president this year and will succeed me as president for 2020-21.

Finally, a friendly reminder that if you have not paid your membership dues for 2020, please do so if you wish to maintain your AURA membership (and we hope you do!). See the back of this newsletter for more information

It has been my pleasure serving as your AURA president. Stay safe and be well.

Kim

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE AUBURN RETIREE ASSOCIATION (AURA) CONSTITUTION

Typically, a vote on an amendment is taken at the annual Spring Luncheon but the AURA Board of Directors elected to solicit an e-mail/surface mail vote rather than postpone it until next year's annual meeting. The board proposes the following amendment to Article II of the AURA Constitution. The rationale for the proposed amendment is that it is more in line with what AURA is actually doing.

Current purpose statement in Article II in the AURA Constitution:

AURA is organized for the following purposes:

- To promote continuing contributions and other support by members, alumni, and friends of the universities to help enhance the scholarly and other professional objectives of the institution so that it is able to serve more effectively the students and citizens of the state and nation in the years ahead;
- To communicate on behalf of retired Auburn University and Auburn University Montgomery personnel with representatives of the universities, government, and other groups relative to the welfare of retired persons;
- To cooperate with lifelong learning institutes in sponsoring and promoting educational programs relating to the needs and opportunities for retired persons; and
- To educate the public about the problems and needs of retired persons.

Proposed Amendment to Article II of the AURA Constitution:

The purpose of AURA is to represent the interests of Auburn University and Auburn University Montgomery retirees by communicating with representatives of the universities, the Alabama legislature, the Retirement Systems of Alabama, and other groups to promote the welfare of the membership by:

- Advocating for protecting and enhancing the funding (e.g. cost-of-living adjustments, bonus checks) for the pensions of the membership, provided that funding is available;
- Advocating for maintaining quality health insurance at the lowest possible cost to the membership;
- Keeping the membership informed of relevant issues; and
- Sponsoring educational and social programs of interest to the membership.

Your membership dues must be current for 2020 If you wish to vote on this amendment. Please vote by e-mailing Kim Trupp at trupski@auburn.edu and state either:

“I vote YES to the proposed Amendment to Article II of the Auburn University Retiree Association (AURA) Constitution as stated in the Spring 2020 AURA newsletter.”

Or: “I vote NO to the proposed Amendment to Article II of the Auburn University Retiree Association (AURA) Constitution as stated in the Spring 2020 AURA newsletter.”

Or: “I vote to POSTPONE the proposed Amendment to Article II of the Auburn University Retiree Association (AURA) Constitution as stated in the Spring 2020 AURA newsletter until the 2021 AURA annual Spring Luncheon.”

If you do not have access to e-mail or prefer to surface mail your vote, please vote using the statement of your choice and return to:

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Nominees for Board of Directors



Anne Mims Adrian

In 1987, Anne Mims Adrian began her career in Cooperative Extension as a computer specialist. Eleven years later she co-led the Cooperative Extension and College of Agriculture Information Technology Unit. In 2010, she helped start the Military Families Learning Network, which was established through a USDA and DOD partnership. She also worked with national partners to build Cooperative Extension and land-grant knowledge networks. In 2016, she began work with the Presidents United to Solve Hunger (PUSH) in the College of Human Sciences as the open data project manager. Throughout her career, Anne has challenged professionals and organizations to understand and address technology and online trends. She received the International Agriculture Extension Leadership Award in Varanasi India in 2016, and in 2010, she was awarded the Pioneer Award for Southern Region Association of Communicators for Excellence. Anne retired in 2018.

Joe Albree

anson Albree (known to everyone as Joe) was raised in Connecticut and Tennessee. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering in 1961 from Vanderbilt University, an MA in 1969, and an ABD in mathematics from the University of Tennessee. He taught mathematics at the University of New Orleans from 1972 to 1976, where his interests transitioned to the history of mathematics. He joined the AUM mathematics and pre-engineering faculty in 1976, where he has published more than 15 papers, six book chapters, and one book. He retired on December 31, 2009. He has been happily married to the former Kathy Hyde for more than 39 years.



Larry Teeter

Larry Teeter is an emeritus professor in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1985 and retired in 2019. While at Auburn, he conducted research/teaching activities in forest management and geographic information systems and served as director of the Forest Policy Center. On campus, he had a career-length record of service to university governance and served as chair of the Faculty Senate in 2015-16. He enjoys retirement in Auburn with his wife, Margie (an AU Theater Department retiree), socializing with good friends and walking the links at Indian Pines. He is the proud father of Adam (owner of Vinepair.com in NYC) and Ben (assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice at UAMS in Little Rock, Ark.).

Nominees for the AURA Board of Directors Three-year Terms Beginning June 1, 2020

- Anne Adrian
- Joe Albree
- Larry Teeter

I support the nomination of the individuals named above to serve on the AURA Board of Directors.

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Signature _____

Date _____

For your membership dues status, check your newsletter address label.

After your name, there will be a "P" followed by a year. This means your dues are paid through December of that year. *Dues for 2020 are due and payable now (they became due on January 1 of this year).*

AU-AUM Retiree AURA Membership Form

Name _____ AU _____ AUM _____

Check One: Dr. Mrs. Ms. Mr. Other (please list): _____

Spouse's Name (if applicable) _____

Check One: Dr. Mrs. Ms. Mr. Other (please list): _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Retiree..... \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse\$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree and Spouse..... \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree & Retiree Spouse \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Contribution \$_____ |

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