

Candidates for WVURA Board of Directors

FACULTY

JIM HARNER, Professor Emeritus of Statistics & Adjunct Professor of Management Information Systems: WVU has been home to me, first as an undergraduate and then as a faculty member, for 44 years until my retirement in 2016. After graduating from Cornell, I came back to WVU in 1972 and served as a department chair of Statistics for 17 years, a Bioinformatics and Biostatistics Core Director in the MBR Cancer Center for nearly 15 years, and as a member of the Faculty Senate. As a retiree, I am still active in teaching (a course each fall for B&E and short courses for the National Institute of Statistical Sciences), in research related to machine learning and data technologies, and in service as the head of a professional society. West Virginia University has been very good to me and I have strong emotional ties to WVU. I believe it is now time for me to give back in other ways as represented by the educational, social, and service activities as embodied by the WVURA. I bring organizational skills and useful perspectives of the WVU community that will contribute to the mission of WVURA. Thank you for your consideration.

ADE NEIDERMEYER, Professor Emeritus of Accounting: I have been a member of the Retirees' Association since retiring from active faculty status in 2015 with forty-three years of service to WVU. I view the Retirees' Association as an important organization to enhance the retirement lives of WVU employees by offering continuing involvement activities. I have participated in the Backpack Program and Travel Planning groups since retiring and have enjoyed both activities. If elected to the WVURA Board, I would plan on working with other Board members to both continue and expand involvement activities for retirees. A varied offering of activities facilitates the participation of all individuals possessing diverse interests. I would also like to nurture expanded support from WVU Central Administration for the Retirees' Association.

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LEE BEAUMONT, Retired Assistant Director of Environmental Assessment: I retired approximately ten years ago from WVU's Division of Planning, where I held the position of Assistant Director of Environmental Assessment. During the course of my employment at WVU, I was also a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Sociology Department, a Research Assistant in the Extension Service's Office of Research and Development, and a Research Associate in the College of Arts and Science's Survey Research Center and the Division of Planning's Institutional Analysis and Planning. As a retiring non-classified employee, I have appreciated the University's launch of the Retirees Association in 2014. The Association has provided me with an avenue to keep in contact with many past work associates, to meet new WVU retirees, to take some interesting day trips, to keep abreast of new campus developments and retiree interests and benefits, in addition to providing some much-needed technology training in social media. As a board member for the organization, my goal would be to strive towards continuing the good works of previous and current members. I would also like to explore the addition of other interest groups and informational sessions based on the needs and involvement of present and future members.

BOB CAMPIONE, Retired Director of Student Organizations: I would consider it an honor to serve on the Board and help with the growth of this organization. It is so encouraging to see how successful this group has become in such a short time frame, and I would considerate it a privilege to serve with the other board members. I worked almost 15 years at the University in various capacities, starting first as an Associate Director of Housing and later as Interim Director of Housing. Several improvements were made during my time there, including making sure that all dormitories on our campus were protected with fire sprinklers. Housing was then incorporated into the Facilities Department, and I was moved to that department as an Associate Director over maintenance. During my tenure, zones were established to provide better maintenance service across the campus and an apprentice program was established to bring in and train new technicians for supporting the future growth of our campus. I finished my employment with the

University as Interim Director of Student Organizations, where I worked with a small staff involved with student organizations across campus. This position also oversaw the Greek Life community and all their programming. Many changes took place during the time I served in that capacity and most of it was positive.

BRENDA THOMPSON, Retired Sr. Advisor to the VP for Administration and Finance: I am a native West Virginian hailing from Princeton. Having earned my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Concord College (now University) and my Masters in Business Administration from the WV College of Graduate Studies which is now Marshall University, I began my career working in the Financial Aid Office at Concord as a student worker and was hired by the school upon graduation. I left Concord as Associate Director of Financial Aid to begin my career at WVU in 1984. I have held a variety of positions in the Financial Aid Office at WVU, including two stints as an Interim Director, Associate Director and Director of Financial Aid. During my time in Financial Aid, I was a member of the team that designed and implemented the WVU Scholarship Program, implemented the first fully-automated financial aid system, oversaw the school's transition to Direct Lending, and served as a member of the oversight team for implementation of the Banner Student Information System. In early 2001, I agreed to serve as the Interim Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and later assumed the position of AVP for Enrollment Management. I remained in that role until 2015 when I transitioned to Administration and Finance as a Sr. Advisor to the VP for Administration and Finance. In this position, I assisted with the implementation of WVU's first one stop shop - The Mountaineer Hub, launched a financial literacy program - Blue to Gold, and assisted in the development of student financial leveraging models. I retired from WVU in October 2017.

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LANA CANTONI, Retired Sr. Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Business and Economics: I retired in July of 2013 from the College of Business and

Economics after 36 years of service to West Virginia University. Upon retiring, I was asked to serve on a Steering Committee to help establish a WVU Employee Retiree Association. As members of the Steering Committee, we worked together to create a set of bylaws, build our retiree membership and assess the needs of our fellow retirees. In April of 2015, the Steering Committee's work was complete and the WVURA voted for members to serve on the Board with established term limits. I was elected and have served my term on the Board for the last three years helping to plan/organize/assist with events, travel, information sessions and service activities. I would like to continue to serve the WVURA by helping with these activities that help WVU retirees to re-connect, stay connected and informed.