

# Silver Jackets Meeting

Tuesday March 14, 2017

Georgia Tech Student Center, Room 343

## Minutes

**Members Attending (22)** Kathy Tamajko (Library), Tom Morley (Math), Nannette Dooley (Library), Marge Boehme (ECE), Pat Davis ((COS), Jo McIver (Office of the Registrar), Len Parsons (Mgt.), Janis Goddard (OSP), Walter Allen (Purchasing), Jerry Thuesen (ISYE), Harriet Thuesen, Andy Smith (Psych), Ian Gatland (Phys), Earl Cagle (Purchasing), Elena Shaw Fash (Architecture), Sally Hammock (Student Center/CAE), John Balsam (GTRI/ELSYS).

## **Business Meeting**

**Kathy Tomajko, Vice President**, announced that Ron Bohlander could not attend today's meeting. She called the meeting to order and had members introduce themselves. She reported that the speaker, Dr. Benjamin Flowers, GT College of Design, had to cancel because of illness.

Kathy Tomajko presented a Certificate of Appreciation to **Len Parsons for his outstanding service as Vice President and President of the Silver Jackets**.

Notes from Ron Bohlander, SJ President:

GT retirees should have received the 1095-C forms concerning Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage from USG if they were supposed to receive them. We got a note from Raymond Chambers, a fellow member of the USG Retirees Council saying "A retiree will receive the form ONLY under one of three conditions: 1st year with Medicare part A, started this year and had Medicare part A for part of the year, you are under 65 years old and receiving Medicare part A. This means that if you have been on Medicare part A LONGER than one year the IRS ALREADY HAS YOUR INFORMATION. That means for many of us there will be no need for a 1095 form. " That said, I've been on part A longer than one year and I got one so I think the main thing is no panic is needed one way or the other. If a retiree with USG coverage did not receive this form or has questions, he/she should call the Shared Services Center at 1-855-214-2644. Please see additional information in the email below from Karin Elliot, Associate Vice

Chancellor Total Rewards, including the link to the USG benefits website at: [http://www.usg.edu/assets/hr/benefits\\_docs/USG\\_Form\\_1095\\_FAQs\\_01252017.pdf](http://www.usg.edu/assets/hr/benefits_docs/USG_Form_1095_FAQs_01252017.pdf)

The Silver Jackets have been invited to suggest a representative to Staff Council committees (similar to those that deal with Faculty Benefits). Either by announcement or by recruiting, you might try to find out if someone is interested. The person should not be considered a past member of the faculty – they should be retired from staff.

The Silver Jackets will be represented at the April 7 meeting of the USG Retiree Council and May 5 meeting of GA-HERO. Members with topics we should raise at these meetings should speak to or email one of us.

### **Program**

**Kathy Tomajko, Vice-President**, indicated that Ron had suggested that we use the “Program” time to address SJ retiree issues. Following are some of the matters discussed:

- We need to have an HR representative at every meeting. Andy Smith indicated that he planned to write to the Provost about OHR representation at each of our meetings. BeNedra Williams will speak briefly at the April 11 Silver Jackets meeting about benefits administration. There seems to be a breakdown in getting Silver Jacket information to new retirees.
- Kathy Tomajko reminded members that the SJ Officers had been talking about having a Silver Jacket representative at Staff Council meetings. All agreed we should do it. Sally Hammock volunteered after the meeting. This representation will be pursued further with Laura Pusateri, who heads the Staff Council.
- There was a question about the Library Ferst Room event space. Kathy explained that there will be a similar space in the “renewed” Libraries.
- Medical Insurance management (including payment of dental, vision premiums) will now be handled by Aon. All employees and retirees under 65 will be in the University System-wide insurance program. It was suggested that it would be helpful for OHR to research and provide more information about the insurance options available each year. We were reminded of the importance of looking at all the options each year during “open enrollment.”

- Parking is a problem for everyone. We should have someone from Parking speak to the Silver Jackets.
- Tom Morley announced a lecture series he will have beginning in April.
- Ian Gatland suggested a speaker from Admissions, particularly about how students can be admitted to GT after 2 years elsewhere.
- There was a question about the ability to work at Georgia Tech beyond 2 years after retirement. Andy indicated that they've changed the rules but waivers are possible; departments must justify. One member said that they may be clamping down.
- With the remaining time, members briefly talked about his or her favorite memory about Georgia Tech.

Upcoming Meetings: Kathy Tomajko announce that Dr. Charles Isbell, Senior Associate Dean, College of Computing, will speak about the OMSCS (Online Master of Science in Computer Science) at the next Silver Jacket meeting on April 11.

President Bud Peterson will speak at the September SJ meeting. There were suggestions that we might collect questions in advance (we will see how Dr. Peterson wants to handle this). Sally Hammock suggested a larger venue; Ron and Kathy have talked about this and will pursue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Goddard  
Secretary