

Silver Jackets Meeting

May 5, 2016

Georgia Tech Student Center, Room 343

Minutes

Members Attending:

[Not Available]

Business Meeting

President Len Parsons opened the meeting by welcoming the members and having each member introduce himself/herself.

President Parsons made the following general announcements:

Aon reimbursement of medical expenses seems to be working well.

The next regular meeting will be on September 13. Our October 11th meeting will be a regular meeting, not a healthcare insurance meeting. GT/USG may sponsor a separate healthcare insurance meeting, but none has been scheduled to our knowledge.

Election of officers will occur at the October Meeting as per our revised Bylaws.

The Silver Jackets do not nominate members of relevant external bodies. Fortunately SJ members currently hold such positions:

Wayne Book— Representative to the Faculty Benefits Committee

Andy Smith—Representative to University System of Georgia Retirement Council

The Silver Jackets have no formal relations with the Georgia Higher Education Retired Organization (HERO). HERO usually keeps us informed. After attending the spring meeting of HERO, **Ron Bohlander** believes that the Silver Jackets should have a more formal connection to HERO.

The Silver Jackets should work to be recognized as the organization that nominates representatives to these external bodies.

Obituaries are not provided to the Silver Jackets by Georgia Tech. If someone calls an obituary of a long-serving Georgia Tech employee or a Georgia Tech retiree to the attention of a Silver Jacket officer, that obituary will be sent out to the Silver Jacket membership. If the deceased retiree was a member of the Silver Jackets, the obituary will also be posted on the Silver Jackets web site.

Ron Bohlander is trying to get us a Georgia Tech e-mail address to use with Mail Chimp.

Program

Vice President for Programs Ron Bohlander introduced **Professor Flavio Fenton** from the School of Physics. **Professor Fenton** spoke to the group on the topic “**The Heart: From Chaos to Cures.**” Topics included:

Complex Systems

Chemical Oscillations

Spiral Waves

Application to controlling the complex spatiotemporal dynamics of cardiac arrhythmias

Development of a novel low energy control algorithm that could be used clinically and requires only 10% of the energy currently used by standard methods to defibrillate the heart

His research has been supported by grants from: NSF (4), NIH (1), NRSA (1)

His web site is <http://TheVirtualHeart.org>.

The next meeting of the Silver Jackets will be Tuesday September 13, 2016 at 11:00 AM in Student Center 343. The speaker will be **Professor Doug Flammig of the School of History and Sociology** speaking about “**How Georgia Became Carpet Capital of World.**”

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Earl Green, Secretary