JOHN WHITTENBERGER SOCIETY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF 28TH MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1994 - INDIANA MEMORIAL UNION

Present: David Gibson
Carol Kurimsky
James Pauloski
Rosemary Tanner
Mark Guthier - Ex-Officio
Trena Depel - Ex-Officio
Winston Shindell - Ex-Officio
Thom Simmons - Guest

1. The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Tanner, Vice President. The President, Jim Hetherington, had a conflict and since he had a perfect attendance at the previous 17 meetings, the absence was noted and excused. Gene Fletchall and Josh Fineberg were also unable to attend the meeting because of sickness. This was the first meeting which Gene has missed.

2. The minutes of the May 20, 1994, meeting were approved as distributed.


With Gene Fletchall’s absence, Winston Shindell gave the financial report as of July 31, 1994. There has not been a lot of activity in the accounts since the last report (3-31-94). The most significant change was Shindell’s announcement that pledges and gifts to the IMU Art Guild have now exceeded $100,000. He also noted that the dividends and market value of the various accounts were reflecting the "Bear Market" of late Spring and Summer. We should still be in a good position to fund the additional scholarships approved at the last meeting (1-$500 scholarship for committee members and 1-$500 scholarship for the Robert Shaffer Award winner).

4. Union Board Report - Trena Depel

Trena reviewed the calendar of Fall activities for Union Board. She noted that approximately 250 new students have signed up for Union Board committees and Union Board is the only student organization fully operational with immediate programs at the beginning of the Fall term. She also commented on the diversity in thought, race, and gender on the present board and the interesting group dynamics it presents. Trena shared her thoughts and observations concerning the new president, Myles Brand, and his interaction with students.

5. Programming Staff Report - Mark Guthier

Mark announced that one of the professional staff program advisors, Debra Foster, has accepted the position of Director of Student Activities at the University of Southern Indiana. The position is being advertised with a November 1 target date for having a replacement on board. Mark also briefed the Board members about an incident which occurred on an Outfitters' trip at the end of July which involved alcohol, under-age drinking, and totally unacceptable behavior on the part of the trip leader.
Although the trip leader’s employment has been terminated with the IMU, additional legal action may be forthcoming from the parent of one of the minors.

6. Update on IMU Renovation - Thom Simmons

Winston Shindell invited Thom Simmons, Associate Director, to the meeting to give an update on the status of the IMU Renovation Project.

Simmons reported that the final phase of the project was bid earlier this year and came in at $3,300,000. The budget was $2,600,000. Included in the bid package were fire safety issues for the remainder of the building (sprinkling, smoke detection); central heating, ventilating, and air conditioning for the West Tower; handicapped accessible entrance on south side at Whittenberger; new handicapped elevator in central core of building serving the Bookstore and public hallways; total renovation of office space on 3rd & 4th floors of West Tower; and replacement of ceiling and installation of new lighting in public corridors.

Since the bid package did not meet all of the IMU critical needs and since some funds are available to issue additional bonds, the University Architect will seek approval at the September Board of Trustees Meeting to add the following to the previous bid package: Replace all branch wiring in the original 1932 building - $600,000; refurbish the Hotel Lobby, East Lounge, Georgian Room, Tudor Room, and Federal Room - $550,000; refurbish the existing air handling units servicing Alumni Hall/Solarium, Commons, etc. - $500,000; tuck point exterior of building - $500,000; and landscape outside West end of building - $50,000.

7. Report from the Indiana Memorial Union - Winston Shindell

Shindell distributed copies of the 1993-94 Annual Report from the Indiana Memorial Union. He indicated that overall, the IMU had an excellent year considering the continued disruption and delay from the renovation. Emphasis during the past year has been placed on application of technology, training and development, and employee morale. In addition, a completely new pricing strategy for the Parking Lots based on supply and demand has been developed. The over-all objective of the new strategy is to increase the availability of parking during peak demand and reduce student auto traffic near the Union. At this point, the new policy seems to be accomplishing both objectives.

Shindell then responded to questions concerning the new parking policy, employee morale, unionization, and marketing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Winston Shindell

The next meeting will be scheduled on a Monday or Friday in May, 1995, in Indianapolis.

An updated membership list has also been attached. Please note new addresses for Carol Kurimsky.