President’s Column
David A. Stumpf
Professor Emeritus of Neurology

My attendance at the biannual meeting of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) inspired consideration of programs implemented elsewhere. These opportunities are discussed in one of our Emeritus News articles.

The Nominating Committee was appointed early this year, providing ample time to identify candidates for officers and executive committee membership. We have also expanded their scope to enhance recruitment of your talents into other key roles supporting NEO. I am grateful to Jack Snarr for chairing this important committee. Doris Johnson and Bob Coen are other committee members. Please read Jack’s article and consider his request for expressions of interest in serving NEO.

We are reorganizing some roles in the NEO Executive Committee to accommodate an expanded scope of projects, align with emeriti priorities and give some respite for those who have provided excellent service over recent years. We are very grateful to Dan Garrison for his extended service as NEO Secretary-Treasurer. He is now very busy pursuing research on Early Modern Medicine and is turning over these responsibilities to Ed Wilson and Malcolm Vye. Dan will continue to represent us in the Faculty Senate. Ed and Malcolm will also tackle the expanded roles of the Secretary, which will include support for NEO Events. Jim Holland has done a terrific job managing these events over many years.

The Provost’s Office continues to offer generous support and benefits for emeriti. The free parking will continue next year; be sure to respond to the announcement if you wish to renew or start enjoying this benefit. Andrea Conklin Bueschel has joined the Provost’s staff and we’re already feeling her role in enhancing and accelerating our NEO program development. Her column will interest emeriti.
Provost’s Corner
Andrea Conklin Bueschel

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at the August NEO lunch, and I appreciate the opportunity to introduce myself to the rest of you here. I started in my position in mid-July, and already I have come to appreciate the contributions and potential of the NEO and its members. Provost Dan Linzer and the whole office feel strongly that our Emeritus and Emerita Faculty are an esteemed part of the scholarly and intellectual community of Northwestern, and we are pleased support the NEO to ensure that there are ways for you to remain as involved with the University as you’d like to.

There are examples of ways to be involved throughout this newsletter. You all are the lifeblood of the NEO and will determine how you can best engage. Our role is to help support your efforts. Some of the ways we try to do so:

- **Space:** You have made clear that dedicated space for NEO is a priority for you. While you all determine the best purposes and priorities for possible long-term space, I’m pleased to announce that the University has found some space for you to use in the interim. It is in the 1800 Sherman building. There will be a dedicated office, next to the Faculty Senate. In addition, NEO is welcome to use two nearby conference rooms as well. There are more details to be worked out, but our hope is that the space will be available for NEO use by early October. Stay tuned for more information.
- **Parking:** Once again you are eligible for free parking. You should have received an email with information about how to renew (or obtain for the first time) your parking pass. If you have questions, however, feel free to contact Director of Transportation and Parking Services Lance Hale at lance.hale@northwestern.edu or 847-467-5382.
- **President’s Reception:** This year President Morty Schapiro and Provost Dan Linzer have invited faculty who were made emeritus or emerita in the last five years to join the recently tenured faculty for an event at the President’s house on September 25th. If you are part of that group, and live in Chicagoland, but didn’t receive an invitation, please let me know (bueschel@northwestern.edu). We think it will be a nice opportunity for current and emeriti faculty to spend time with each other and hope those invited can make it.
- **Engagement beyond Northwestern:** We think it is wonderful that NEO is finding ways to connect with other emeriti faculty and organizations. AROHE seems like a good way to learn from others, and we are pleased to help support this activity.

I hope I have been able to convey our enthusiasm for NEO. There seems to be great momentum in the organization and in the emeriti community, and I look forward to learning more about all that you do. Thank you for your many contributions to Northwestern.
Editors Notes
David A. Stumpf
Editor in Chief
Professor Emeritus of Neurology

The Chief Editor has become your President. I will tweak you once again with a plea for your input on recruiting a new Chief Editor. We’ve tried persuading the other editors but they are already fully committed. So we need your help as volunteers for the role or suggestions for the Nominating Committee.

The Emeritus News would welcome your submissions about professional projects, hobbies, travels, and other activities. The Emeritus News will only be as good as our contributors … we are counting on tapping your talents!

Editorial Board:

- Robert Coen, Weinberg School. Bob is a macroeconomist, former Chair of the Department Economics and Associate Dean at Weinberg. He served as staff editor and later on editorial boards of economics publications. He had numerous roles in faculty governance including education policies, curriculum, promotion and tenure, the General Faculty Committee and the Provost’s Program Review Council.

- George Harmon, Medill School. George was Medill’s news department chair for 15 years. He was publisher/editor of the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and assistant managing editor of the Chicago Daily News. He is now a director of Paddock Publishing, publisher of suburban newspapers. He is a Vietnam veteran and chaired the NU faculty committee on Naval Science and the Committee on Athletics and Recreation. He is a member of the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame.

- Abe Peck, Medill School. Abe lives in Santa Barbara, CA, where he is a freelance author, contribution editor and consultant. He is a member of the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame and former reporter for two Chicago newspapers. He chaired the magazine department at Medill for more than 20 years and served as acting dean and in other administrative positions.

- Jon Ziomek, Medill School. Jon was Medill's assistant dean in charge of graduate editorial programs for 16 years. He also taught urban news reporting, business reporting and science reporting. Before joining Medill, Jon spent a decade in Chicago journalism. For most of that time, he was a business news reporter, features reporter and labor reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times. Jon continues to write and edit on a freelance basis.
Because Curiosity Never Retires

Kirsty Montgomery
Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Recent retirees of Northwestern University may not be aware of a program right in their own backyard. Northwestern’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a unique, membership–based learning environment designed for adults 50 and over who embrace the spirit of learning and personal growth. OLLI members nurture their passion for learning while enriching their lives and building their social networks.

At OLLI, there are no professors, exams or grades. Members learn from one another, exploring a wide range of subjects with their peers and finding intellectual inspiration and new, creative ways of expressing their wisdom. The experience is enhanced with special events, lectures, workshops, and cultural outings.

At the heart of the OLLI are study groups — proposed, designed and facilitated by members — covering topics within an evolving curriculum. Study groups are offered year round in small, two-hour seminar-style discussions held weekly on Northwestern’s Chicago and Evanston campuses.

Opportunities exist for members who wish to lead study groups. All members are encouraged to take on the role of coordinator or discussion leader, which many say is one of the most rewarding aspects of their OLLI experience. In addition, NEO members may be interested to know that OLLI is looking at further ways for individuals to share extensive professional or academic expertise in their fields through academic enrichment and lecture-style opportunities.

A range of OLLI membership options are available, including a flexible trial membership for new members. Membership includes access to Northwestern libraries and a host of discounts on and off campus.

Visit the Northwestern University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute website for more information.
AROHE Meeting Report
David A. Stumpf
Professor Emeritus of Neurology

The Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education held its biannual meeting in Seattle last month. Northwestern was in attendance for the first time, joining 60 other institutions. We were well received and encouraged to continue our involvement. My experiences there certainly justify our ongoing participation.

This meeting was very well run, informative and excellent for networking. I came away with contacts who might be quite helpful in NEO planning. Several items of focus at the meeting are on our radar and deserve special mention:

1. NEO Home. There are several models for this at other institutions, each with slightly different emphasis.
   a. Emeritus College is an academic entity designed to maintain engagement in scholarly pursuits and to provide an identity of some prestige. The latter is an encouragement to retire and open a new career chapter.
   b. Retiree Center is the closest to our current planning: A physical facility with staff and resources supports emeriti.

2. Transition program: There are several extant models for transitions to retirement, each of which involved the retirement organization and especially the retiree center, if present:
   a. Retirement agreement. These emerged in California. UC Berkeley employs a part time emeriti to work with faculty to formalize a detailed agreement on their transition. Key features are a date-certain for the retirement, the details of the transition and roles after the retirement.
   b. Retirement planning assistance. Less formal education and mentoring on steps to retirement. They may be based in HR, Provost or individual schools or some combination.

3. Emeriti value: Many retiree organizations have assessed the contributions of emeriti to their University. The University of California report (“A Virtual Eleventh Campus”) is illustrative and commendable. The NEO Executive Committee is considering how to document our value at Northwestern.

4. Interest groups: There were many examples of groups under the umbrella of a retiree organization. Emeriti involvement in OLLI was a common theme.
When David Stumpf took hold of the NEO reins last spring he soon realized that there were more reins than he had hands. Not an uncommon perception for a newly elected leader! But wait, he thought, there are more NEO hands out there eager to extend their life-long experiences in helping one-another to make things happen. An enjoyable and rewarding life need not end with those monthly NU paychecks!

But how does the new leader of a highly able and experienced group of NEO-phytes identify these individuals and recruit their assistance in moving NEO ahead with new ideas and programs? How about gathering together a Nominating Committee of members from different colleges, disciplines and backgrounds who in the course of their lifelong Northwestern careers have come to know well the interests and the potentials of a multitude of colleagues.

Not a novel concept, but one that requires a small handful of volunteers, in this case a committee of Bob Coen, Doris Johnson and Jack Snarr from Arts and Sciences, the School of Speech and the Feinberg School of Medicine, each of whom have preceded Dave in the NEO Presidency and can appreciate his need. So, just what lies ahead for this Nominating Committee?

1. Likely of greatest importance will be the identification by next Spring of a slate of 2017-18 officer candidates for election by NEO membership at the June meeting: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and six elected members of the Executive Council.
2. Replacement during the year of any current officers or council members who find need to relinquish their service early.
3. Recruiting an Editor or Co-Editors for the NEO Newsletter to assume responsibility for this publication.
4. Selecting a nominee to the Board of the Association of Retiree Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE).
5. Finding other individuals to assume responsibility for special efforts that may arise during the year, such as working with the Office of the Provost on the consideration of a NEO Home.

So, where in this list of needs might you be interested in helping to move NEO forward? To learn more about these and other opportunities please contact me or another Nominating Committee Member. We certainly appreciate your interest and willingness to join in the fun!

…. Jack Snarr, Chairman j-snarr@northwestern.edu
Passings

James E. Van Ness (MS ’51, PhD ’54), emeritus professor of electrical engineering and computer science at Northwestern University, passed away at age 90 on September 9 after a long illness. The McCormick School has published an obituary that summarizes his academic career.

While not emeriti, we call your attention to the recent passing of two other senior faculty:

Aaron Gellman, 85 years old and former director of NU Transportation Center.

J. Keith Murnighan, 67 years old, Harold H. Hines Jr. Distinguished Professor of Risk Management at the Kellogg School of Management.
Items of Interest

The Emeriti Calendar

Upcoming Events:

NEO Lunch Meeting: October 5, 2016; Prairie Moon Café; 1:30 pm. Our speaker will be Alan Sahakian, John A. Dever Professor and Chair of EECS, on the topic of “Recent Growth in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.”

NEO Dinner Meeting: November 17, 2016; 5:30 pm, Monastero’s restaurant. David H Zarefsky, Professor Emeritus, Department of Communication Studies, will speak about “What did we learn from the 2016 election?”

The Emeritus News home page has a link to the Emeriti Calendar. This link takes you to Planet Purple, the University’s master calendar, with the content filtered for the Emeriti Faculty group.

The Emeriti Calendar will include NEO meetings and other events of potential interest. Clicking on specific events will provide details and also a link for downloading the event directly into your calendar.

Ed Wilson is managing this calendar. Enthusiasts of particular events may help him get items into the calendar. Please communicate your suggestions and interest directly to Ed via this link.

You can also access other groups of interest at http://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/groups/.

Faculty Software Discounts

We have updated the NEO website to clarify that emeriti are eligible to purchase software at the faculty discount rates. The site provides information about where to go to purchase software to get the discount. (All you need is an active netID). Faculty discounts on software. Use Northwestern's software provider OnTheHub to purchase. (See the Northwestern IT website for additional information.)

What are you up to? We’d like to share your news with fellow emeriti. For more details, please use our “How to Contribute” link.