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**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 9, at 2 p.m.
on Zoom**

It's time to renew your membership

Welcome back to returning members of the IU Retirees Association! And welcome to some prospective members who haven't yet joined – but, we're sure, always meant to! As another academic year begins, we look forward to your "re-upping." Dues (\$20 for individuals, \$30 for couples) cover the period September 2020 through May 2021.

The Retirees Association provides a voice for retirees in their continuing relationship with Indiana University. The organization is entirely self-funded and receives no university support. Our meetings offer an opportunity to exchange ideas, information, and friendship. Please return the form on the back of the letter from IURA President **Doug Porter**, together with your membership check.

It's all new: IURA's first meeting on Zoom to feature new AD Scott Dolson



His involvement with IU athletics goes back to the 1980s, when he was student manager for the men's basketball team. He spent 11 years as deputy director under Fred Glass. Still, **Scott Dolson** faced unique challenges when he became IU director of intercollegiate athletics on July 1.

Scott will be featured when the IU Retirees Association begins its experiment in operating remotely on September 9. At 2 p.m. members will be able to log in to a Zoom session featuring Scott's thoughts on the rapid and myriad changes in intercollegiate athletics in the time of COVID-19.

Although details are still being worked out, Scott's talk is likely to be pre-recorded, with questions coming from some IURA members. A Zoom link will be emailed to people who have returned their membership forms. More information will be available on the IURA website, iura.indiana.edu

A native of Michigan City, Scott earned a bachelor's degree in public affairs from SPEA in 1988. He was a student manager for IU men's basketball team and served as head manager in 1988. He joined the Varsity Club staff in December 1989.

Scott helped oversee the planning of recent projects and renovations to the athletics facilities. He was also part of the renegotiation of a 10-year multimedia rights agreement with Learfield Sports. While serving as deputy director, he continued to serve as the fourth director of the Varsity Club, managing the department's overall fundraising.

Annual meeting to take place by mail

The business of the IURA, traditionally conducted at the annual meeting in April, is being held this year by way of mail and through this newsletter. When members return their dues, they are being asked to vote for new directors. They also are being asked to vote on amendments to the bylaws.

Meeting remotely, the nominating committee has nominated three candidates for three-year terms on the board of directors. The terms of **Sally Jones** and **Gail Londergan** expire this year, and they have chosen not to seek re-election. **Joe Miller**, whose term also expires, is a candidate for a second term. Joining him on the slate are **Perry Maull** and **Martha Smiley**.

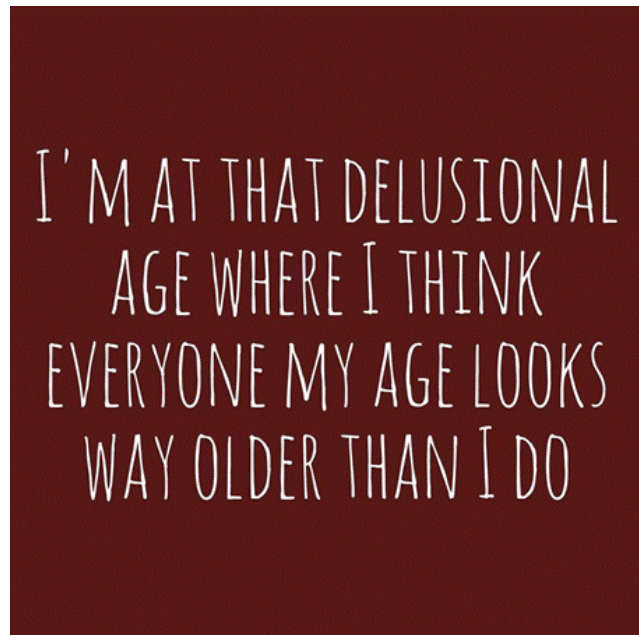
Perry Maull earned both his bachelor's and his

MBA from IU. He began working for IU in 1975 at the Institute for Urban Transportation. He left in 1980 to pursue a career in public transportation management, mostly in Florida. He returned to IU in 2006 as director of the Campus Bus Service. He retired in December 2018.

Joe Miller is an emeritus professor in the Kelley School of Business, retiring in 2002. He and his wife, Ruth, came to Bloomington in 1959 and raised two daughters here. He is a member of the advisory board of the Emeriti House and has been IURA treasurer since 2018. He plays the tuba with the Bloomington Community Band and the Bloomington Brass Band.

Martha Smiley first came to IU in 1955 as a production manager at what was then the Men's Quad. After her five children were grown, she returned to IU Halls of Residence in 1981. She retired as manager of Halls Food Storage in 1998. Martha has been active in the University Club and volunteers at Opportunity House and WonderLab.

Members of the nominating committee were **Anita Douglas, Dick McKaig, Doug Porter, and Ralf Shaw.**



Bylaws amendments proposed

After IURA historian **Gail Londergan** noted some discrepancies in the IURA articles and bylaws, the board is proposing several amendments. Originally these were announced as business for the annual

meeting in April. Now members can vote for these amendments when they return their dues. Here is a brief description of the proposed amendments.

- The existing bylaws state that a director can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. The revision allows a director to return to the board after a year's absence. This change preserves institutional memory while still encouraging board turnover.
- The existing bylaws specify that the board appoint from its members chairs of only three committees: program, membership, and nominating. The proposed revision is more general: "chairs for standing committees such as programming, hospitality, nominations, and United Way."
- The proposed revision permits positions previously defined as non-voting *ex officio* appointees to be filled by elected board members.
- A proposed amendment allows email and mail voting, a particularly attractive alternative given the current pandemic. Even though this amendment has not been formally approved, because no other recourse is available, the board is conducting a mail-in vote, begging the understanding of the membership.

To view the bylaws and the proposed changes, see <https://iura.indiana.edu/bylaws>.

Our partners: Emeriti House, University Club

For information on the programs of the Emeriti House and the University Club, see www.emeritihouse.indiana.edu uclub.indiana.edu

Remembering our friends

Twice a year since 2008, in the April and August issues, Newswatch memorializes members who have died since the last listing. Because of space limitations, only IURA members can be included. A complete list of obituaries is on the IURA website. Please notify me (jschroed@indiana.edu, 812-332-5057) of any omissions.

Norma Beversdorf-Rezits died in Bloomington on May 9. She was 95. Born in San Antonio, Texas, Norma received her degree in music from the

University of Texas, Austin. She moved to Bloomington in 1949, when her husband, Tom Beversdorf, joined IU's music faculty. A classical pianist, she taught piano for many years. Later she earned a master's in special education and taught for several years. Long after Tom's death, she married Joe Rezits in 2012; he died last November. Norma was a poet, keeping her work secret. *Don't Be Unnerved*, a posthumously published collection of poems and aphorisms, is available on Amazon.

Rosanna Lieurance Blakely died June 10 in Baton Rouge, La. She was 98. She was born in Wilmington, Ohio. After earning a bachelor's degree in English from Miami University of Ohio, she moved to Bloomington in 1949 with her husband, Robert. Once her children were in high school, she began working for an MA in library science. She worked at the IU Library for 26 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Argonaut Club, and First Presbyterian Church. Rosanna enjoyed photography, gardening, and travels with Bob, who died in 2017. She was never without a book.

Dale J. Hall died April 13 in Everett, Wash. He was 94. Raised in Anderson, Ind., Dale served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and then graduated from Ball State University. He went to work for IBM in 1952 in research computing before joining the IU staff in 1956. He earned an MA and an Ed.D. at IU, becoming a professor of education. He ultimately became director of the Research Computing Center, retiring in 1991. From 1994 to 1997 Dale was secretary of the IU Annuitants Association, the predecessor of the IURA, and published its directory from 1998 to 2007. In 1997 the Indiana governor gave Dale the Older Hoosier of the Year Award. He was chairman of the Area 10 Agency on Aging and treasurer of the Area 10 Development Corp. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Gerald "Jerry" Lynn Spore died May 5 in Bloomington. He was 92. Born in Owensville, Ind., he enrolled at IU after serving in the Army. He played the glockenspiel in the Marching Hundred and joined Pi Kappa Alpha. After graduating in three years, he was an accountant at the Rogers Group and Sarkes Tarzian Inc. Jerry joined the IU staff in 1971 and was assistant director of financial aid in the Bursar's Office, retiring in 1991. Over the years he was treasurer, pianist, organist, and choir director at Mount Gilead Christian Church. He had a passion for genealogy and the piano.

Michael L. Tracy died July 10 in Spencer, Ind. He was 82. Born in Chicago, Mike served two years in the U.S. Coast Guard before earning a bachelor's degree at John Carroll University, a master's degree in special education from Northeastern Illinois University, and a Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Michigan. After six years teaching special education in the Chicago school system, Mike co-directed the Conceptual Project in Emotional Disturbance at the University of Michigan. He came to IU in 1972 as a faculty member at the Developmental Training Center. He helped plan the 1973 White House Conference on the Status of Children and co-edited its final report. Working within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, he helped develop a model data structure to identify the prevalence of developmental disabilities. He helped develop training materials to assure that Indiana school districts complied with the standards of the 1975 Education for All Handicapped Children Act. In 1990 he joined the counseling psychology faculty and directed the Center for Human Growth from 1993 to 2000. He retired in 2016.

Editorial: One solution to ethical dilemma

No one knows. That is the answer to almost every question nowadays. Will my family be able to come for Thanksgiving? Will there be an IU basketball season? When will I be able to travel abroad? When will Broadway reopen? Questions heard lately around Bloomington are: With the return of IU students, will Monroe County health resources be overrun? Will Bloomington face the crises of New York City, Miami, or the Rio Grande Valley? No one knows.

But should there be a health care emergency when hospital beds, ventilators, and other health care resources are in short supply, who should have priority? Some states and hospitals have adopted policies that make age or life expectancy a factor, opening them to the charge of throwing Grandma under the bus. Organizations and societies have weighed in against any such considerations.

Meanwhile, some of us who are leading rich, full, and healthy lives have a philosophy that leads us to a different conclusion. Larry Churchill, a 75-year-old bioethicist, subscribes to a "life span" or "fair innings" approach. He has had his turns at bat, he says, and he is willing to cede his place in line to younger people.

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An organization called Save Other Souls has come up with an advanced directive, vetted by attorneys. It allows people to make their wishes known should there be a declared state of emergency for COVID-19. My husband and I have filled out the directive, expressing our desire to go to the back of the line should there be shortages. We have given copies to our physician and those who hold our health care powers of attorney. To learn more, go to <https://www.saveothersouls.org>. Will such a dire situation arise? No one knows. But we know we're happy with our very personal decision.

– *Judy Schroeder*

Retirees volunteer community service

Retirees are consummate volunteers throughout the community. Right now there is an urgent need for poll workers for the Nov. 3 general election. More information is available at <http://monroecountyvoters.us/pollworkerportal.html>.

Workers are paid, but people don't do it for the money. An IURA member who worked at the polls during the June 2 primary put it this way: "It's a perverse joy, I know, getting up at 4:15 a.m. and dealing with a steady stream of people for 12 hours. But I feel a part of something far greater than myself, connected to the viscera of democracy. I enjoy the bipartisanship of it, people pulling together toward a common goal. Never do I feel more civic-minded."

A new program from the City of Bloomington Utilities Departments invites residents to Adopt-a-Drain. Volunteers commit to inspecting a certain

storm drain (or drains) at least once a month – especially before heavy rains – to keep them from becoming clogged with grass clippings, leaves, trash, and other debris. Almost always this drain can be one that is convenient to the volunteer. The city has more than 12,000 storm drains. To learn more about the program or apply, go to <https://bloomington.in.gov/utilities/stormwater/adopt-a-drain>

Why am I getting this newsletter?

You are getting this newsletter for one of two reasons: *either* you have been a member of the IU Retirees Association in at least one of the last four years, *or* you retired from the Bloomington campus in 2016 or later and are being encouraged to join.

Founded in 1975 as the IU Annuitants Association, the IURA welcomes all retired faculty and staff and their spouses or partners. It is supported entirely by membership dues and receives no university funding. It serves as an advocate for retirees. For example, with urging and encouragement from the IURA, HR developed a list of benefits available to IU Bloomington retirees. "Retiree Status Perks" is available on the IURA website.

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