

GA-HERO

Taking the First (and Next) Step

Hosted by Pat Wilkins, (rehired retiree), Georgia College and State University

After a short break following retirement, Pat returned to the USG at Georgia College and now at Darton State College where she serves part-time as Special Assistant to the Vice President for Fiscal Affairs. She represents both Georgia College and Darton State College on the USG Retiree Council.

Speakers

Anne Richards

Emerita Professor of Psychology, University of West Georgia.
Secretary of the University of West Georgia Association of Retired Faculty and Staff (ARFS).

Wanda McGukin

Retired Director of Career Services, University of West Georgia.
Representative to GA-HERO from the West Georgia Association of Retired Faculty and Staff (ARFS).

Dennis Marks

Professor and Department Head Emeritus; Department of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences; Valdosta State University. Past Chair of Valdosta State University Retirees Association (VSURA) and VSU's representative to the USG Retiree Council (USGRC) and also USGRC Chair-Elect.

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“The Birth and Development of Two Retiree Organizations: Learning from Our Experiences”

Schedule for the day

- Introduction of Attendees – school, your academic area, your name and briefly one issue for your retiree organization, current or prospective.
- Introduction – The Bigger Picture.
- Discussion Leaders: Anne Richards and Wanda McGukin, West Georgia; Dennis Marks, Valdosta State.
- Suggested specific topics plus what we found with the survey questions in our email announcing this meeting.
- Who leads creation of an RO? Name of person(s). Administrators? Retirees? Faculty? Senior Staff?
- How do these leaders form an RO?
- What is the mission?
- Who governs? Bylaws?
- Who is responsible for the RO? President/Provost, HR or Development.
- What are good first (and additional) activities? What does it take? Who will do it?
- How is RO funded? School? Donations/Contributions? Dues?
- Does RO have an administrative assistant? Who pays for it?
- Communication—Website? Newsletter? Email listserv?
- How specifically will you measure your RO's effectiveness?
- Who in GA-HERO will you call and email for help?
- Other?