

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

RETIREES ASSOCIATION

May 2010 Newsletter

June 21, Spring Membership Meeting

The UABRA Board of Directors has announced that the next membership meeting will be held on June 21, 2010 at the Homewood Public Library Auditorium. The Homewood Public Library is located at 1721 Oxmoor Road, in Homewood, Alabama 35209. Parking is available without cost at the rear of the Library. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. sharp. Refreshments will be served. UABRA Membership Secretary Erma Wesley reports that

since our fall meeting last September, UABRA is pleased to announce that we have 1,099 members (791 retirees and 308 spouses). It is now time to renew your membership for 2010-2011. Please complete the membership application included with this newsletter and submit preferably before August 15, 2010. Be sure to include your email address so that we can communicate quickly and at no cost to the association.

Keynote Speaker

The keynote speaker will be I. William Ferniany, Ph.D. In September of 2008, he joined the UAB Health System as Chief Executive Officer. Prior to that, he served as Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer for the University of Mississippi Health Care. Dr. Ferniany spent 14 years at the University of Pennsylvania where he held several positions including Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. He has also served in several administrative capacities at UAB.

Dr. Ferniany holds a Ph.D. in Administration-Health Services and a Master's Degree in Health Service Administration from UAB. He currently teaches in the UAB Executive MSHA program.



Dr. Ferniany has chosen to speak on the topic, "*Making UAB the Preferred Academic Health Center for the 21st Century.*" This should be a most engaging and informative session.

Installation of Officers

The Board of Directors has put out a call for nominations for incoming board members. Fifteen board members, who are elected for a three-year term of office, represent UABRA. Each year one-third (five) of the members rotate off the board and five new members are elected. The outgoing as well as the incoming board members will be introduced to the membership.

On the 22nd of April, the Board of Directors met and among other agenda items was the

introduction of new members to the board. Additionally, the Board Officers for the upcoming year were elected. Those officers will be introduced at the Membership Meeting, and they will also be installed. The installing officer will be Mrs. Janice Charlesworth, the Executive Secretary of the Alabama Education Retirees Association (AERA).

Mrs. Charlesworth will present a brief message about the importance of membership in AERA and the role it plays in protecting our benefits.