As the 2012-13 year began our committee lost a long-standing member, added two new ones and, later in 2012, had a member go on leave. Then in April 2013, we added two more members. For most of the year we had 18 active members.

Individuals who served on the committee for all or part of 2012-13 included Bill Craig, Bob Dye, Karen Goebel, Jim Hamre, Ernie Hanson, Don Harkness, Kathy Irwin, Faisal Kaud, Don Klippen (past chair), Carole McGuire, Don Miner (co-seminar audio-visual specialist), Peter Monkmeyer, Kathy Poi (facilities coordinator), Bob Ragotzkie, Paul Reichel (chair), Bill Richner (secretary), Paula Romeo (co-seminar audio-visual specialist), Jim Skiles, Millard Susman, Jon Udell, and Ann Wallace (ex-officio).

The committee met a total of 9 times during the year, on the first Friday of every month beginning on September 7, 2012. All our meetings were held at the UW Credit Union, 3500 University Avenue. Attendance at the meetings ranged from 12 to 16 with the average attendance of 13.9 or over 77% of our 18 active members.

The primary contribution of our committee to the UWRA during this past year was to produce seminars on financial matters for the Association’s membership. We produced 10 seminars from September 2012 through May 2013 including a special seminar on the study of the Wisconsin Retirement System that was completed in June 2012 by state government. Total attendance at all 10 seminars was 770 for an average attendance of 77. Attendance ranged from 33 to 115. The seminar with the lowest attendance was “Saving for College and the State’s Edvest Plan: Putting the Pieces Together”. The seminar with the largest attendance at 115 was the annual updates from the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds and the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. The second most popular seminar, with 100 attendees, was “You’re Only Old Once” which focused on aging-in-place at home. Seminars were held at the MGE Innovation Center in University Research Park, at CUNA and at the Capitol Lakes Retirement Community.

The other significant contribution of our committee to the UWRA was providing articles to *The Sifter*. Excluding the two special *Sifter* issues sent to both the Association’s membership and all campus employees, members of our committee contributed 20 articles to the 10 *Sifter* issues sent exclusively to the UWRA.
membership. Additionally, the “UWRA calendar” section of each *Sifter* included the listing of at least one and up to four future financial seminars for a total of 24 listings.

The primary challenge for the committee is what to do with the innumerable suggestions we receive for topics for our seminars. On the evaluation form for each seminar, we ask attendees for topic suggestions or for issues for us to cover; and we review summaries of these completed evaluation forms at our meetings. Also, Ann Wallace provided us with a list of suggested topics (not exclusive to the CFMR) from individuals on their membership application forms. Committee members also suggest their own topics, and we are watchful for “hot” financial topics reported in the media that we discuss at meetings. We struggle to absorb, harness and channel this continual stream of suggestions. Are there similar specific suggestions such that they could be combined into a single overarching topic? Does a specific suggestion, which the committee believes we should accept and act on, warrant a full two-hour seminar, split a two-hour seminar with a similar topic, be best addressed in a *Sifter* article, or perhaps be covered in an abbreviated one-hour mini-seminar?