

MURA Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2011

Attendees: Jo Behymer, Barton Boyle, Nan Erickson, Valerie Goodin, Al Hahn, Veralee Hardin, Ken Hutchison, Libby Miederhoff, Darlene Miles, Jack Miles, John Parker, Bob Stewart, G. B. Thompson, Gary Zwonitzer

Guest Speakers: Armon Yanders

President Jack Miles called the MURA Board meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and distributed the meeting agenda. Nan Erickson was asked to be the Recording Secretary for today's meeting in the absence of Mary Ellen Kanak.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 26, 2011, MURA Board meeting were reviewed. Nan Erickson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; motion was seconded, and motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Zwonitzer distributed a summary of MURA Income and Expenses for the period July 1, 2010-March 31, 2011. He moved that the Board approve his visiting with the Finance Committee to consider moving the short-term bonds to a 500 index fund. Motion was seconded, and motion was approved.

Barton Boyle moved to approve payment of the bill for flowers for the Larry Morehouse memorial service. Motion was seconded, and motion was approved.

G. B. Thompson moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion was seconded, and motion was approved.

Update on MURA Partnering with the MU Alumni Association

Ernest Hildebrand has transferred the MURA database to MAA. President Miles appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to work with the MAA staff on the details needed to make this partnership a reality. Committee members are: Valerie Goodin, Chair; Barton Boyle; Al

Hahn; Ernest Hildebrand; and Gary Zwonitzer. This committee is to present the proposed partnership details to the MURA Board at the July 2011 meeting.

AROHE Report

Nan Erickson announced that AROHE is changing its fiscal year from the calendar year to a traditional fiscal year, July 1-June 30. All current members will receive six months of free AROHE membership.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership—Ken Hutchinson reported that work continues on the possibility of payroll deductions of MURA dues. He asked for clarification of MURA's one year of free membership for new retirees. Jo Behymer moved that free membership begins for a retiree at the time of retirement and remains in effect until the end of that calendar year. Motion was seconded, and motion was approved.

Also, President Miles reminded Board members that MURA's Constitution requires any dues change to be voted on at the annual business meeting held in March.

Program—Nan Erickson reported that the Program Committee reviewed the plans for the May 18 Spring Picnic and the May 26 Chancellor's Retirees Luncheon. A Mid-Summer Social is being planned for July. The Fall Information Meeting is scheduled for November 5. Plans are to involve Kelley Stuck to provide an update of all benefits, and representatives from audiology, ophthalmology, exercise, nutrition, insurance providers Coventry and Delta, and pharmaceuticals to discuss their services available to retirees.

The Program Committee is arranging for Joy Rissmiller of Adventures in Travel to plan a trip for MURA members in May or June to Warm Springs Ranch to see the Budweiser Clydesdales.

John Parker is planning two MURA events in conjunction with the MU Department of Music: (1) Bill Bondeson Roast on September 27; and (2) An Evening with Cole Porter on October 27.

Because of the cancellation of the Winter Social, the committee discussed the idea of establishing a calling tree for members to handle future cancellations and/or change of events' time and place. The Board was asked to consider this idea.

Barton Boyle moved to accept this report. Motion was seconded, and motion was approved.

Consensus was given by members present allowing President Miles to appoint John Parker as Chair of the newly formed Entertainment and Education Committee.

Communications—Valerie Goodin, Communications Chair and Editor of the MURA Newsletter, reported that the first newsletter under her leadership was mailed to MURA members in February. She noted the design changes, especially the reconfigured masthead using the Mizzou logo. The next newsletter issue is planned for July.

Valerie asked the Board to appoint two members to assist with the Communications Committee's work. She also moved that she be approved to do a survey among the MURA members to see how many are willing to receive electronic communications, rather than printed ones. She proposed that the survey be mailed as a post card, and data would be reviewed and available to use for consideration in mailing the July issue of the newsletter. Motion was seconded, and motion was approved.

Al Hahn moved that the yearly financial report by the MURA Treasurer be printed in the October newsletter instead of the July newsletter. Doing this would reflect the results of the annual audit in July. Motion was seconded, and motion was approved.

Retirement, Health and Other Benefits—Al Hahn reported that Kelley Stuck made a presentation in March focusing on the MU benefits plan. The April meeting focused on the proposed plans for the benefits for future employees.

University Liaison—Jo Behymer announced that Gary Smith is the retiree representative on the UM presidential search committee. She also reported on the (1) UM retiree groups' meeting on April 20 with Interim UM President Steve Owen and UM Vice President for Human Resources Betsy Rodriguez; and (2) the MURA officers' meeting on April 14 with Chancellor Brady Deaton.

Jo moved to accept this report. The motion was seconded, and the motion was approved.

Awards Committee—Darlene Miles announced that this year's Chancellor's Staff Award will be given to Judy Cunningham, and the Chancellor's Faculty Award will be given to John Parker.

Ex-Officio, Ad-Hoc and Other Committees:

Historian—G. B. Thompson reported on his visit to the MU Archives. Because the archival staff will review documents in campus offices, Gary Smith volunteered his campus office for the archival staff to review MURA documents.

G. B. Thompson moved that MURA adopt a policy of yearly contributions to the archives. Motion was amended to include that these contributions be made by each past president following his/her term of office. Motion was seconded, and motion was approved.

University Retiree Benefits—Bob Stewart reported on the proposed hybrid plan (one half defined and one half contribution) for future employees. The current plan is solvent for all retirees and employees presently involved in the plan.

Staff Council—Libby Miederhoff announced that Kelley Stuck is meeting with the Staff Council on April 14.

Breakfast Program—John Parker announced that May 3 is the last breakfast for this year; plans are being made for the next year beginning in September.

New Business

Board members were reminded to submit their annual reports to President Miles.

President Miles adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m

Minutes submitted by:

Nan B. Erickson