

MURA Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2012

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Prior to the meeting Nan Erickson introduced Terrie Foltz, Volunteer Coordinator from CASA, who explained the advocacy for children provided by CASA. CASA is a nonprofit organization whose volunteers act as advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children.

President, Nan Erickson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and proposed an addition to the agenda, "AROHE Newsletters and Call for Presentations". The agenda was approved with the addition. Nan asked that those in attendance introduce themselves.

Attendees: Board members Nan Erickson, Barbara Rothenberger, John Parker, Sandy Taylor, Charmian Boyle, Bob Stewart, Jo Behymer, Phil Shocklee, Patsy Higgins, Ken Hutchinson, Al Hahn, Libby Meiderhoff, Barton Boyle, Shirley Patterson, and G.B. Thompson. Guests and future officers included Shirley Patterson, Earl Wilson, Rose Porter, Mike Paden, and Tom Freeman.

Minutes: Nan explained an addition to the minutes which was approved by e-mail vote. Libby Meiderhoff moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer: The report of the treasurer was discussed. Al Hahn moved the report be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Awards: The awards will be presented at the Chancellor's luncheon on June 14.

Communications: Sandy Taylor distributed the report prepared by the Communications Chair, Valerie Goodin, and highlighted the cost of the newsletter and the response to e-mail invitations. Inability to access some files was discussed. The MURA web site is working well and is being maintained by Rebecca Calvin. Membership updates and Post Office access were discussed.

Education: John Parker provided information regarding the monthly breakfast meetings. Gary Pinkel will speak in May, Larry Brown will speak in September, Doug Crews will present

a program on Walter Williams in October, and Bill Bondeson will give a program titled "My Last Lecture" in November.

Membership: Dick Otto's report was distributed. Duplicate names of members in the MURA database were discussed. Total membership is 854.

Nominating: No report.

Ombudsman: No report.

Past Presidents: Barton Boyle reported that the committee meets bi-monthly, and the next meeting will be held in Chancellor Deaton's conference room so that members may view the Past Presidents' Plaque which hangs in the Jesse Hall Rotunda.

Program: Nan reported for Armon Yanders that the picnic will be May 16, the Chancellor's luncheon will be June 14, a day trip to the Missouri State Penitentiary will be held on April 18, and a tour of Amish country will take place in May. A summer social is being planned. It was suggested that board members talk with MURA members attending the picnic to learn why attendance at other functions is not as well attended as the picnic and holiday luncheon.

Retirement, Health and Other Benefits: Al Hahn reported that the minutes of the committee are posted on the MURA web site. He referred to a report by Kelly Stuck regarding expenditures for medical care. Concerns include affordable care, merger of providers, transfer of care to other companies, and long-term care. Of major concern are expenses for pre-Medicare retiree benefits.

University Liaison/Administration: Jo Behymer and the officers of all UM retiree organizations met with President Tim Wolfe. Jo felt the President was very responsive to retirees. President Wolfe's priorities include the budget, system branding, and taxpayer communications. A summer meeting of the group was suggested by the president. Jo recommended members read the report by Kelley Stuck sent by e-mail. Nan reviewed the meeting of the MURA officers with Chancellor Deaton and the Chancellor's special interest in a bioengineering project. A tour of the prototype lab is being planned.

EX OFFICIO, AD HOC, AND OTHER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: No report.

Faculty Council: Don Sievert's report was distributed and reviewed.

Historian: G.B. Thompson indicated good progress was being made on file clean up.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: G.B. reported that budget difficulties will require salary restructuring. He felt attendance at classes continues to be good, but somewhat smaller.

Staff Council: Phil Shocklee reported the new Staff Council Chairman is Katrina Monnig from Campus Facilities. Speakers have discussed domestic-partner benefits, budget problems, and diversity at recent meetings of the group.

University Retiree Benefits: Bob Stewart brought up retiree interest in long-term care, the new employee plan, cost of living adjustment and domestic benefits, as well as new insurance plans which will be forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS:

MURA Tax Status: Ken Hutchinson reported that the request for new tax status has been approved by the Secretary of State following the requested change in the wording to include "public benefit corporation". Earl Wilson cautioned about duplication of fees for 501c3 and 501c4 filing. Ken moved that Marvin (Bunky) Wright be reimbursed \$35 for filing fees. The motion was seconded and approved. Nan will send a letter of thanks to Bunky.

Governmental Affairs Committee Chair: The need for this position was questioned by the members. Gary Smith's name was mentioned regarding this position. Nan will defer the appointment to Armon Yanders, the incoming president for 2012-2013.

MURA Web Site: This was covered earlier in the meeting

Officers Duties/Description: Valerie would like officers to provide her with a list of their duties and job descriptions.

Welcome Desk Manual: Nan distributed a suggested procedure manual which was discussed. Barton moved the manual be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

AROHE Newsletters and Call for Presentations: Jo moved that \$1000 be provided for Rose Porter, President-Elect, to attend the AROHE Conference in October 2012 with the amount to be reviewed if needed. The motion was seconded and approved.

Response to Call for MURA Newsletter Items: Nan asked that members be certain to respond to Valerie as requested.

MURA's Support for United Way: Nan reported that a MURA member at the March annual business meeting asked that the MURA Board discuss United Way's new emphasis. The member expressed concern that the new emphasis eliminated funding for many organizations that benefit retirees and senior citizens. The current MURA President's signature appears as the author of a letter asking for United Way support. This letter actually is prepared by staff members in Business Services in Jesse Hall and is mailed to all MU retirees in the 652 zip codes. The concerned member questioned whether or not MURA should be involved in sending the letter, MURA's president signing the letter, etc. After discussion, it was agreed that MURA would not withdraw support for United Way, but the next MURA president (2012-2013) will be asked to visit with staff members in the Office of Development about the subject and possible rewording of the letter.

Distribution of Proposed Meetings and Events, 2012-2013: The list of activities was provided to the members. Future MURA Board meetings will be held in the Housh Conference Room, Reynolds Alumni Center.

Nan thanked the members for their support. Al Hahn moved for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Charmian Boyle
Secretary