

(to be approved at the April 13, 2010 meeting)

MURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2010

Attendees: Board Members: Barton Boyle, Marlene Duffield, Tom Freeman, Ernest Hilderbrand, Mary Ellen Kanak, Jack Miles, John Parker and G.B. Thompson
Guests Presenters: Richard Thoreson and Sarah Wells – MU Employee Assistance Program
Johnni Prince, Casey Goodman and Marc Lammy – RSVP Advisory Council

President Boyle called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and distributed the meeting agenda.

President Boyle asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 15, 2009, Board Meeting. Hearing none, he requested a motion be made to approve the minutes. G. B. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, Jack Miles seconded the motion and motion was carried unanimously.

Guest speakers:

(1) Sarah Wells and Richard Thoreson, **MU Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**, distributed handouts and gave a presentation to bring the group up-to-date on the benefits available to retirees through EAP. A partial list of benefits includes five free counseling sessions to retirees and/or their family members, referral services and a reference library. Wells directed the group to refer to their web site for the details.

EAP is in the process of drafting a needs assessment survey directed to MU retirees. This survey, which is anonymous, is an effort to let retirees know about the EAP and to better determine specific problems that retirees face. The draft survey was distributed to the MURA Board with a request for feedback on anything in the contents that may be unclear and/or offensive to older people. Barton Boyle suggested a possibility of emailing the survey to retirees with a return via U.S. Postal Service. The MURA Board was supportive of this survey and of including MURA members in the process.

(2) Jack Miles introduced representatives from the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**: Casey Goodman, Director; Marc Lammy, President; and, Johnni Prince, Overland Park, Kansas RSVP. Goodman explained the purpose of the RSVP as that of helping people over 55 years of age to volunteer. In contrast to other volunteer organizations of this kind, RSVP assists the volunteers with opportunities that are tailor-made to their individual skills, knowledge and availability.

The RSVP representatives stressed the mutual benefits to MURA retirees as: (1) providing volunteering as a service to MURA retirees; (2) MURA, through RSVP, could improve their impact in the Columbia area; and, (3) RSVP tracks volunteering, thus MURA could have data on how much and how many retirees volunteered and the financial impact this has in the community. The Board concurred that the availability of volunteering data would be an important asset to MURA.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Zwonitzer submitted a financial report to members of the Board via e-mail prior to the Board Meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership – Ernie Hilderbrand handed out the membership report as of January 26, 2010, showing a total of 1,440 members of which 696 are Lifetime. Hilderbrand expects an increase after the newsletter is mailed.

Program – Jack Miles reported that the Program Committee met at 3 p.m., January 20, 2010. The committee's evaluation of the fall semester program was positive. The members agreed that the Holiday Luncheon remain the same with an increased effort being placed next year on getting more door prize gifts.

The committee set the following tentative dates for 2010 and 2011:

Fall Social	October 14, 2010 at Reynolds Alumni Center
Information Meeting	November 6, 2010 at Reynolds Alumni Center
Holiday Luncheon	December 11, 2010 at Reynolds Alumni Center
Annual Business Meeting	March 5, 2011 at Reynolds Alumni Center Ball Room

At the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, March 6, 2010, Chancellor Brady Deaton, Mike Paden and Gary Smith will make presentations. Gary Smith will speak on Campus changes since WWII. The program will also include reports from the Nominating Committee, the Membership Committee and the Treasurer's report.

Due to the scheduling of the Chancellor's Retirees Luncheon on May 18, 2010, the Program Committee proposed to move the Ray Shroeder Spring Picnic, originally scheduled for May 19, 2010, to May 26, 2010. A motion was made by Ernie Hilderbrand to move the date of the picnic to May 26th. Marlene Duffield seconded the motion and motion carried.

The committee suggested that Nan Erickson, President-elect nominee, be invited to the April Program and Board meetings. Roger Mitchell, John Parker and Ken Hutchinson are nominated for membership to the MURA board.

It was proposed that Mike Paden be awarded an honorary MURA Lifetime Membership in recognition of all he has done for the Retirees Benefits Program. After discussion and agreement that Paden's wife also be made an honorary lifetime member, Jack Miles made a motion that Mike Paden and his wife be made honorary lifetime members of MURA. G.B. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Communications – Tom Freeman will submit the February 2010 Newsletter to Printing Services on Friday, January 29th for printing with distribution following. This newsletter will contain information and links provided by EAP.

Awards – Jack Miles asked if a deceased person can be nominated and/or receive the Chancellor's Retiree Award. Marlene Duffield made a motion to contact the Chancellor with the question of whether a deceased member can receive the Chancellor's award. John Parker seconded the motion and motion was approved.

Ex-Officio, Ad-Hoc and Other:

Historian – G.B. Thompson will check that minutes are archived electronically and that the original documents of MURA be put on the electronic file.

Staff Council – Marlene Duffield gave report and indicated that it would be beneficial that duties of MURA representative to Staff Council be more detailed.

Breakfast Programs – This highly successful venue is handled by John Parker. Parker reported that Jerry Wade, who was scheduled to speak on March 2nd, has been rescheduled until after the Columbia City election because Wade is a candidate for mayor. The speaker for March 2nd will be Stuart Loory, area Journalist. Mr. Loory speech is titled: “Some Mistakes of the First Year of the Obama Administration.”

New Business:

President Boyle discussed the benefits of attending the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) Convention for which he was provided \$1,000 toward the cost. John Parker made the motion to send Nan Erickson to the AROHE Convention in Middletown, Connecticut in October and to provide \$1,000 toward expenses. Jack Miles seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Board discussed the fact that if expenses were not covered by the \$1,000, a request could be made for more funds after completion of the trip.

Announcements:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
2/4/10	Winter Social	4 - 6 p.m.	Reynolds Alumni Center
3/2/10	Breakfast Program	8 a.m.	Jack’s Gourmet Restaurant
3/6/10	Annual Business Meeting	9:30-12 noon	Reynolds Alumni Center
4/7/10	Program Committee Meet	3 - 4 p.m.	Hy-Vee West Broadway
4/13/10	MURA Board Meeting	2 - 4 p.m.	S-110 Memorial Union
5/18/10	Chancellor’s Retirees Lunch	11 - 2	Hearnes Center Field House
5/26/10	Schroeder Spring Picnic	10:30- 1 p.m.	Twin Lakes Rec Shelter
4/15-16/10	Board of Curators Meeting		Missouri S&T - Rolla
6/10-11/10	Board of Curators Meeting		Columbia Campus

President Boyle adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Mary Ellen Kanak