



MURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2012

Attendees: Jack Miles, Darlene Miles, G.B. Thompson, Gary Zwonitzer, Patsy Higgins, Nan Erickson, Barb Rothenberger, Dick Otto, Sandy Taylor (sitting in for Valerie Goodin), Phil Shocklee, Jo Behymer, John Parker, Lucille Salerno, Bob Stewart, Don Sievert and Ken Hutchinson.

President Nan Erickson called the meeting to order. Nan indicated she had received two proxy votes from Board Members that could not be present at today's meeting. She asked for approval of the agenda. Jack Miles made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

Nan introduced Sandy Taylor who is on the Communications Committee and would make that committee's report in Valerie Goodin's absence. Sandy indicated she had worked with Valerie at the Alumni Center for ten years.

MINUTES: Nan requested approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2011, Board meeting and three additional items of business approved by the Board via e-mail messages. Phil Shocklee indicated he was present at this meeting but was not listed in the minutes. Phil made the motion to approve the minutes with his name added to the Attendees list. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary Zwonitzer had previously submitted the financial report by e-mail. He indicated since that report he had made payment for the newsletter and was presented a bill today for MURA member forms from Richard Goodin. Vanguard, who handles MURA's investments, is down but was up \$2400 as of today. Balance is now \$61,500. He will be visiting with the Finance Committee to see what to do with the investments. Jack Miles made the motion to accept the report; motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AWARDS: Darlene Miles reported the Chancellor's Retirees Luncheon will be held on June 14, 2012, at Reynolds Alumni Center; Resource Fair to begin at 10:00 a.m., Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The charge will be approximately \$10.00. The deadline for award nominations will remain the same, February 15, 2012. Dick Otto suggested we think about paying for some of the extra expenses of the luncheon instead of the Chancellor's office. No action was taken.

COMMUNICATIONS: Sandy Taylor read Chair Valerie Goodin's report to the Board. She then made the motion that the MURA Internet Office be purchased, at a cost of \$850, and used to collect and retain MURA membership data, print dues reconciliation reports, prepare mailing labels, email lists, and send bulk emails, including the features listed: MURA membership, Maintenance for the Internet Office site, and Create reports/send emails. Motion carried. Nan indicated we need to find someone to maintain MURA's web site and she will put that item on the April Board meeting agenda.

FINANCE: Gary Zwonitzer would like to ask Kee Groshong and Mike Paden to join the Finance Committee. Gary made that motion and the motion passed.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: Ken Schneeberger asked to be replaced since he is unable to attend the meetings. Nan will try to find someone and put on the April Board meeting agenda.

MEMBERSHIP: Dick Otto reported there are 1,442 members: 719 lifetime members, 4 paid through 2013, 88 paid through 2012, 185 paid for 2011, and 466 unpaid since 2010. Dick indicated he made calls to some members and received welcoming responses. He recommended everyone try to recruit at least one member. Jack Miles made the motion to accept the report. Motion passed.

NOMINATING: Jack Miles reported for the Committee consisting of Tom Gray, Patsy Higgins, Barton Boyle, Kee Groshong and Jack. The slate is as follows: President -Elect: Rose Porter for 2012-2013; Secretary: Shirley Patterson for 2012-13; Treasurer: Earl Wilson for 2012-2014. Staff Member at Large for three years (2012-2015): Mike Paden. Faculty Member at Large for three years (2012-2015): Barbara Rothenberger. Faculty Member at Large for two years (2012-2014): Bob Stewart.

OMBUDSMAN: Patsy Higgins had nothing to report.

PROGRAM: Nan reported for Armon Yanders, Chair of the Program Committee. Winter Social: Feb. 2 (need to call in reservations). Annual meeting: March 3 at Reynolds Alumni Center with coffee and pastries at 9:30 and meeting to begin at 10:00. Chancellor Deaton is scheduled to provide an update. If he is not available, the Deputy Chancellor or Provost will speak prior to the business meeting. Ray Schroeder picnic will be held on May 16 at Twin Lakes. Gather at 10:30 and eat at approximately 11:00 or 11:30. Jack's to handle catering. No changes for picnic format and menu. Committee will ask Joy Rissmiller of Adventures in Travel to coordinate two day trips; one to Amish Country and one to Jefferson City old prison building. The committee will meet in April before the April 11 Board meeting.

UNIVERSITY LIAISON-ADMINISTRATION: Jo Behymer will schedule meetings in the spring with the (1) UM President and representatives of all UM retiree organizations, and (2) the MU Chancellor and MURA officers.

EX-OFFICIO, AD HOC, AND OTHER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE: Jo Behymer reminded the Board members that they had received the revisions by e-mail. Jo made the motion to accept the revisions with the following additions:

Article V, Section 4 - Add at the end (with the exception of the Communications Committee chair, who will serve not more than six years).

Article V, Section 5 - Appoint chairs of all committees, with the exception of the Finance, Program, and Past Presidents Committees. Appoint members of all Committees.

By Laws, Section 7 - with the exception of the Finance, Program and Past Presidents Committees.

Jo indicated that these revisions had been reviewed by Bunky Wright, retiree and former General Counsel of the University. The motion carried. This document is scheduled to be presented at the annual meeting (March 3) for final approval. See Old Business below for an amendment to this motion.

EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT/BREAKFAST PROGRAM: John Parker reported the Evening with Cole Porter event previously scheduled for Feb. 14 has been cancelled and moved to November. The next breakfast meetings are February, Sandy Davidson; March, Christine Seitz; and April, Charles Davis. John reminded members that tickets are free to MURA members to the Chancellor's concert on March 5.

FACULTY COUNCIL: Don Sievert reported on two items: (1) Performance Funding when state funds increase. (2) Executive Order #38, Academic Inquiry Course Discussion and Privacy.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE: Lucille Salerno encouraged members to stop by the facility at Stephens Lake Activity Center, 2311 E. Walnut, and also to check the web site and Facebook page. She will work with Valerie Goodin to get information out on a timely basis.

UNIVERSITY RETIREE BENEFITS - Bob Stewart discussed (1) Express Scripts/Walgreens, and (2) Fidelity Investments (administrator to manage defined contribution portion of new retirement plan for new employees).

WELCOME DESK COMMITTEE: Nan reported for Gary Smith and presented the responsibilities for MURA volunteers submitted by the Committee consisting of Gary, Sue Troutner, and Joyce Lake. Gary Zwonitzer suggested that the football tickets provided for volunteers working on Saturdays when games are held be added to the report. Dick Otto volunteered to look for a used computer for the Desk. Nan will notify Gary Smith of these additions suggested by the Board to the Welcome Desk guidelines document. Approval of this document will be requested at the April Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Business Meeting: March 3, 2012; Chancellor Deaton, speaker. Nan indicated that we need 50 members in attendance to approve the slate of nominees and changes in constitution/bylaws. Jo Behymer made a motion that for clarification purposes we amend the prior motion of the revisions to the constitution and bylaws approval to add to Article VI , Line 3, Rules of Order of the By Laws "Association, provided that at least 50 members must be present and further provided that the general membership has been notified of the" Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

MURA Representative to Staff Advisory Council:

Donna Hanley resigned. Phil Shocklee will fill this position until June 30. Nan will get the list of meetings to Phil. Jo moved approval. Motion passed.

MURA Tax Status:

Gary Zwonitzer reported he had received a letter from Vanguard (who handles MURA investments). This brought up the question of the tax status for both federal and state. The state tax exempt form is on file. The federal tax exemption is unclear. G. B. Thompson, historian, will check the archives for information regarding this matter. The Board approved Gary checking with Earl Wilson to see how to pursue.

DUES INCREASE:

This was discussed, but no action was taken.

OFFICERS DUTIES/DESCRIPTION:

Valerie Goodin requested this information.

BOARD MEETING LOCATION FOR APRIL 11, 2012:

It was agreed 307B Reynolds Alumni Center was a good place to meet. Nan will try to reserve this room.

Jack Miles moved to adjourn at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Patsy Higgins

One additional issue below that needed to be dealt with before the April 2012 Board meeting was sent separately to Board Members via email. This issue was approved by majority vote in February 2012.

Recommendation by Finance Committee, chaired by Gary Zwonitzer, that MURA's CD in Boone County National Bank be cashed and the money invested in Vanguard.