

**MURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
July 26, 2012**

PRESENT: Rose Porter, Nan Erickson, Earl Wilson, Dick Otto, Shirley Patterson, Patsy Higgins, Ken Hutchinson, Barton Boyle, Donald Sievert, Phil Shocklee, Gary Smith, Rich Anderson, Bob Stewart, Valerie Goodin

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Rose Porter. It was moved that the Agenda be approved. Passed. Rose asked that each person give a brief introduction of themselves. There is a broad representation of faculty and staff on the Board.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Barton Boyle reported for Jack Miles for the Nominating Committee. Ken Hutchinson was nominated as President Elect—passed unanimously.
- Dick Otto moved and Gary Smith seconded that the Standing Committee Chairs be elected as presented. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Chairs are:

Awards	Max Miller
Communication	Valerie Goodin
Education	John Parker
Finance	Earl Wilson
Governmental Affairs	Gary Smith
Membership	Dick Otto
Nominating	Nan Erickson
Ombudsman	Patsy Higgins
Program	Ken Hutchinson
Retirement, Health, Benefits	Barton Boyle
University Liaison/Administration	Nan Erickson
Past President	Barton Boyle

MINUTES: It was moved by Barton Boyle and seconded by Nan Erickson that the minutes from the May 16, 2012 meeting be approved. Passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Earl Wilson presented a Treasurer’s report for the Board in two parts: the last fiscal year that was managed by Past Treasurer Gary Zwonitzer; the current financial status of the organization.

- Earl discussed the effort to complete the 501(c)(4) status with the IRS for the MURA. The documents have been submitted.

- A 990-EZ form will be submitted to the IRS. This will be the first time this has been sent to the IRS on behalf of MURA. This is a document that is sent annually. Earl prepared a cover letter to send with the 990 to explain the current and past status of MURA as an all volunteer organization.
- All necessary changes have been made in signatories with the bank and for the Vanguard investment account as well as change from Gary to Earl as registered agent with the Missouri Secretary of State.
- Earl also presented information about the trend of decline in lifetime member dues and non lifetime member dues, also down from 2005. This presents some concern. He recommended we watch this for another year.
- Earl is reviewing the investment portfolio to be informed about the best strategy for the Board to take.
- The name of this organization has been officially changed from University of Missouri-Columbia Retiree's Association to MU Retirees Association (MURA).
- See the Treasurer's Report attached to these minutes.

Barton Boyle suggested that a committee be appointed to review structure of the dues and consider an increase. President Porter asked the Membership Committee chaired by Dick Otto to convene a committee and bring information back to the board at the next meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication: Valerie Goodin reported the following:

- MURA News is mailed 3 times annually
- Jason Meyers and his associates will take over the operation of the website and will update it by August 1, 2012.
- Valerie offered training for anyone who would like to know more about the MURA "internet office." She will come to our homes to provide the training.
- A Communications Protocols has been developed by the committee for the Board's review
- See the Communication Committee report attached to these minutes.

Education: The first three breakfast meetings are ready to go. Dates are September 4, October 2 and November 6. Breakfasts are held at Jack's Restaurant.

Finance: Earl will email his committee and they will bring a recommendation to the Board about the Vanguard account.

Government Affairs: Gary Smith commented that without the legislators in session, there is no report at this time.

Membership: Dick Otto sent lists around the table of past members who have not renewed dues so that the Board members could review it and see if they see people they know to contact about renewing membership in MURA.

Nominating: Rose suggested that this committee reach out to someone to join the Program Committee to be mentored for future leadership positions. She gave some recommended names to Nan. Nan will report back to the Board at the next meeting regarding who was interested in joining the committee.

Program: Barton Boyle, Interim Chair reported. The Program Committee met recently. Key items discussed were finding a Master of Ceremonies and a pianist for the Christmas luncheon. This has been accomplished. Contracts are set for the upcoming academic year for all events. The committee reviewed the duties of the Chair and the committee members. Retiree functions at the athletic field will not work out this year because of cost. The Fall Social will remain at Reynolds for Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

University Liaison/Administration: Nan reported that the four campus liaisons will get together with President Wolfe on August 29. They will also schedule an October meeting with Chancellor Deason.

Past Presidents: Barton commented that the past presidents' meetings have been held recently at the Upper Crust on Green Meadows Road.

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

Faculty Council: Don Sievert indicated that there were two main items that were discussed at the last meeting: the closing of the University Press and Dr. Churchill from the medical center discussed the need for diversity in recruiting medical students.

Staff Council: Phil Shocklee indicated that the staff recognition week was very successful in May. They are currently recruiting for Staff Council.

University Retiree Benefits: Bob Stewart stated that some changes will be occurring in benefits. There will be meetings on all campuses where booklets will be available to explain the changes. Retirees will get information in the mail. Health care is on the next agenda at the fall meeting. Gary Smith asked about long term care and Bob said that the situation with that remains the same.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rose talked with United Way regarding the change in the funding model and solicitation letters to MURA members. She cautioned the United Way about wording of the letter, and she suggested that we have a second signature on the letter from Brady Deaton.
- AROHE: Rose has decided that she will not travel to this conference this year. MURA funds are somewhat limited and it did not seem prudent.

- The Articles of Incorporation have been posted to the MURA website under construction at this time.
- It was reported that the archives for MURA is in room 360 of McReynolds.

NEW BUSINESS

- At the MURA picnic this year, some board members volunteered to talk with attendees about attendance at MURA events during the year. Visiting with guests at the picnic yielded minimal information. Some people mentioned that they were busy; some that they were unsure of what MURA does for its members and the retirees.

During the meeting, the Board had the privilege to meet the new Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Relations, Tom Hiles. He has been on campus a short time and expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the MURA Board.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Patterson
Secretary