



**MURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
May 16, 2012**

President Nan Erickson called to order this special Board meeting following the annual MURA picnic. The agenda was reviewed and approved with one addition—Extension retirees' newsletter.

Attendees: Board members Nan Erickson, Barbara Rothenberger, John Parker, Bob Stewart, Jo Behymer, Phil Shocklee, Al Hahn, Barton Boyle, Gary Zwonitzer, Jack Miles, Dick Otto, and G. B. Thompson. Guests and future officers: Rose Porter and Earl Wilson.

Minutes: Nan explained a correction submitted via email from Patsy Higgins regarding the April 11, 2012, minutes. Patsy said that this correction should be as follows: Under NEW BUSINESS, MURA's Support for United Way, the sentence reading "This letter actually is prepared by staff members in the Office of Development in Jesse Hall and is mailed to all MU retirees—not just MURA members." should be corrected to read "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." Also, the words "the Office of Development" in the last sentence of this item of business should be corrected to read "Business Services." Jo Behymer moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

MURA Tax Status: Gary Zwonitzer asked the Board to approve a visit with a tax professional and payment of fee for the visit and the filing fee to obtain a tax exemption for MURA. He and the incoming treasurer, Earl Wilson, plan to complete the necessary paperwork themselves and then seek approval from a tax consultant. Gary and Earl estimate the total cost will be less than \$1000. Jo moved that the Board approve any expenditures connected to this issue. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination/Election of President: The recent death of MURA's President-Elect, Armon Yanders, who would have assumed the presidency on July 1, 2012, for the 2012-2013 year necessitated the election of a president for 2012-2013. John Parker moved that Rose Porter, who was to assume the President-Elect position for 2012-2013, be elected as the president for 2012-2013. The motion was seconded and approved.

Nomination/Election of President-Elect for 2012-2013: With Rose Porter now the president for 2012-2013, a discussion of nominating a MURA member for president-elect followed. Barton Boyle agreed to be the interim president-elect from May 16-July 26 (the next Board meeting) and serve as program chair. Barton moved that the 2011-2012 Nominating Committee be reactivated to select and present a name for president-elect at the July 26 Board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Board Approval of Mike Paden's Replacement (Member-at-Large Staff) for 2012-2013: Rich Anderson's name was submitted to complete a one-year term only as Mike Paden's replacement for Member-at-Large Staff. Barton moved that Rich be elected to this position. The motion was seconded and approved.

Memorial for Armon Yanders: Gary Zwonitzer moved that MURA give \$100 as a memorial for Armon Yanders with the donation going to the Armon F. Yanders Scholarship Fund in Arts and Sciences. The motion was seconded and approved. Members suggested that information about the scholarship fund be printed in the July newsletter so that individuals could donate to the fund if they desired. G. B. Thompson and Barton Boyle are writing an article for the newsletter about Armon and his service to MURA.

Extension Retirees' Newsletter: John Parker shared an Extension retirees' newsletter for members to review to get ideas for the MURA newsletter. He discussed printing the names only of members—life and current—with the hope that if friends' names are not listed, then they can be encouraged to join MURA. Dick Otto agreed to write a letter to go in the Extension retirees' newsletter encouraging those retirees to join MURA.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully,
Jo Behymer
Interim Secretary