

(approved at the January 26, 2010, meeting)

MURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2009

Attendees: Board Members: Dick Dowdy, Kee Groshong, Al Hahn, Ernest Hilderbrand, Ed Hunvald, Mary Ellen Kanak, Libby Miederhoff, Jack Miles, Gary Smith, G.B. Thompson and Gary Zwonitzer
Guests Presenters: M. Dianne Drainer and Wally Pfeiffer

President Elect, Jack Miles, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Additions to the agenda included approval of minutes under Old Business and Kee Groshong's application for the CBHE, United Way and letter from the Boone County Council on Aging under New Business.

Guest speakers - M. Dianne Drainer and Wally Pfeiffer from the Mizzou Alumni Association, made a presentation about the Chancellor's Roundtable. Their handout provided information on the UM Board Request for FY2011 Operating Budget.

Drainer gave an overview of how the Roundtable, an arm of the Alumni Association, aids the University by promoting the University with legislators in Jefferson City and through outreach to alumni. Drainer stated that the emphasis is on sending more personal contact messages to legislators so that we will have greater "name recognition" with the legislators.

Roundtable issues involving our legislators are: asking that no cuts be made to our budget request, citing the fact that we are doing more with less due to record enrollments; pushing for release of \$31.2 million funds for Ellis Fischel; and, supporting a bond issue to allow for capital improvements.

Kee Groshong emphasized the importance of being pro-active so the University can be positioned to receive state monies if and when money surfaces. Groshong used the example of the "Mizzou Top 10" card as a valuable tool in promoting the University because it is brief and to the point.

Old Business:

Miles asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the April 7, 2009, and July 8, 2009, Board meetings. There were none. Motion was made by Gary Smith to approve the minutes of April 7, 2009, seconded by Ernie Hilderbrand and approved by vote of the Board. Motion was made by Kee Groshong to approve the minutes of July 8, 2009, seconded by C.B. Thompson and approved by vote of the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Zwonitzer reported that the Vanguard fund is generating about 12% of what MURA is losing in membership fees. As of August 31, 2009, other assets totaled \$51,973.30 consisting of a Lifetime Members Reserve Account and one CD from the operating

fund. CD matured on September 8, 2009, and was renewed at the rate of 1.65% for 10 months with maturity date of July 8, 2010.

Motion was made by Al Hahn to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Gary Smith and approved by Board.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Ernest Hilderbrand stated that the membership numbers will be printed in the next newsletter along with a reminder that membership is based on the calendar year rather than fiscal year.

Program – The Fall Information Meeting will be held on November 14, 2009, in the Clinton Room at the Mizzou Arena. Speakers invited are: Mike Paden, Betsy Rodriguez, Tom Henderson and Chris Kelly. The fall social will be on October 13, 2009, at the University Club.

The Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 12, 2009, at the Reynolds Alumni Center. The committee has modified the Christmas Luncheon to a lunch menu to hold the cost to \$20 or less.

The Program Committee has decided to hold their meetings a week before the Board Meetings, rather than in the hour prior to the Board meetings.

Jack Miles stated that the Ray Schroeder Spring Picnic is scheduled for May 19, 2010, at the Twin Lakes Recreation Area

The MURA Invitational Golf Tournament was held on July 24-25, 2009. Rex Dillow has been in charge of the tournament for many years and has done an excellent job. The Board discussed ways to show gratitude for his years of service. Gary Smith made a motion to name the tournament in his honor by titling it *The MURA Rex Dillow Invitational Seniors Championship Golf Tournament*. The motion was seconded by G. B. Thompson and passed by the Board.

Communications – The deadline for submitting items for the next newsletter is September 18, 2009.

Retirement, Health and Other Benefits – Al Hahn reported that the committee will meet within the next few weeks and begin to look at the status of the retirement fund.

There was discussion regarding the differences in the State of Missouri retirement fund and the University's retirement fund. Defined benefit plans are increasingly under scrutiny with a focus toward conversion to contribution plans. Groshong stated that the University needs to continue to support maintaining its fund as actuarially funded, independent, i.e., not comingled with other state funds.

Faculty Council– The next meeting of the Faculty Council will be September 24, 2009.

University Liaison – Gary Smith reported that the MURA meeting with the President will be November 4, 2009, and the meeting with the Chancellor is scheduled for September 30, 2009.

Staff Council: Libby Miederhoff reported that in their meeting last week a new staff council member proposed the idea of a sick leave pool.

Breakfast Programs – The Breakfast Programs continue to be well received.

New Business:

Jack Miles distributed a letter dated September 14, 2009, from Casey Goodman, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Director for the Boone County Council on Aging. RSVP is a community service of volunteers over the age of 55. RSVP can provide assistance to people who want to volunteer and MURA can provide a pool of age appropriate people seeking to do volunteer work. Miles indicated he will ask Ms. Goodman to make a brief presentation on the RSVP program and how MURA might become a partner in promoting volunteerism at the January Board meeting. He requested Board members to review Goodman’s letter and bring any comments to the next board meeting. Ernest Hilderbrand suggested that a brief summary of the letter be published in the newsletter.

The 2009 United Way Campaign is coming up in the near future.

Gary Smith and Kee Groshong will continue to keep the issue of an increase in retiree pay before the Chancellor and President.

Kee Groshong announced that he has applied for a term on the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Applicants for the open term must be a Democrat from the 9th Congressional District. Appointments to the CBHE are made by the Governor. Miles stressed that MURA members talk to their legislator to support Groshong’s nomination.

Announcements:

Date	Event	Time	Location
10/22-23/09	Board of Curators Meeting		Columbia Campus
12/10-11/09	Board of Curators Meeting		UM-St. Louis

President Elect Miles adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Mary Ellen Kanak

