



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2012

PRESENT: Rose Porter, Nan Erickson, Earl Wilson, Shirley Patterson, Patsy Higgins, Ken Hutchinson, Phil Shocklee, Gary Smith, Rich Anderson, Bob Stewart, Valerie Goodin, John Parker, Max Miller, Barbara Rothenberger, G.B. Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Rose Porter. It was moved by Valerie Goodin and seconded by Earl Wilson that the Agenda be approved. Passed.

MINUTES: It was moved by Gary Smith and seconded by Earl Wilson that the minutes from the July 26, 2012 meeting be approved. Passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rose Porter

- President Porter sent the MURA July newsletter to all Deans and asked if they would like to continue to receive it. She immediately got seven affirmative responses. The newsletter should also go to the President and Provost staff.
- She attended the United Way kick-off breakfast. A letter asking for UW donations has been signed by Rose, Chancellor Deaton and Joe Scogin. UW indicated that there are multiple ways to access UW funds if the agencies can connect to children/youth
- She met with Melanie Barger (Constituency Communications), hired by President Wolfe, to discuss the issue of retirees on all campuses (about 6,000). Since the Columbia campus is starting a new campaign, they should be communicating with all retirees.
- Three people responded to the invitation to be on the Concert Series Committee
- Rose will ask if anyone would like to be on the Recreation Committee
- Letters of thanks were received from Mrs. Yanders and Dean Michael Obrien for the memorial donation made by the Association

TREASURER'S REPORT: Earl Wilson (See the Treasurer's report attached to these minutes)

- Presented the Treasurer's report
- Earl has recast the format of the statement for easier understanding of whether or not member dues and investment income cover the expenses of the Association and whether self-supporting activities came close to breaking even.
- The new statement provides last year and current year information
- It is early in our year, but we are about \$478 behind as of this statement
- The Vanguard 500 Index Fund is doing well at this time
- Earl will meet with the Finance Committee to evaluate whether it would be better to invest in a balanced rather than the current growth equity fund. If so, a recommendation will be made to the Board at the January meeting
- Valerie asked if there is a way to take funds regularly from the earnings of the fund. Earl answered, yes, we get quarterly dividends deposited directly into our bank account now.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: Max Miller

- The committee is revising the awards application form.
- They would like more nominations.
- Max will begin to visit groups to promote interest in making nominations.
- Is there a way to give more than two awards? Both that we give are from the Chancellor.
- The awards are for community service and anyone can make a nomination.
- The MURA committee evaluates the applications.
- Deadline for this next round of awards is February 1, 2013.
- Next year, the committee will ask for an announcement to be placed in the October issue of the MURA newsletter.

Communication: Valerie Goodin (see the report attached to these minutes)

- October issue of the newsletter is out today—it is four pages—760 were sent at 22 cents each.
- MURA News Updates were suspended in the summer—now going out to 550 email addresses.
- Since July, two invitations were sent for the breakfast meetings.
- Website problems continue-the physical appearance and address will change. Valerie will send a link to the new site when it is up.
- There were no responses to a request for new members for the Communication Committee.

Education: John Parker

- The next breakfast meeting is October 2. The program will be “The Amazing Walter Williams – His Role in American Journalism and the University of Missouri” by Mr. Douglas Crews, Missouri Press Association, and then November 6 with speaker Bill Bondeson, My Last Lecture. December 4, Dr. Richard Martin, retired cardiologist and Professor of Medicine at MU, will present, “The Future of Medicine: The Medical Technology Practices and Costs We Can Expect in the Future.”
- Breakfasts are held at Jack’s Restaurant. As Rose’s suggestion, John will check with the Columbia Country Club about having the breakfast as our current location is crowded and the attendees cannot always see the screen.

Finance: Earl Wilson (no further report)

Government Affairs: Gary Smith

- Coordinating Board for Higher Education approved the budget request.
- They asked that all “refrain from submitting requests.”
- The Board is making a big push for the Tobacco Tax increase.

Membership: Dick Otto (report by Rose Porter on behalf of Otto)

- The Membership Committee will bring a recommendation for a dues change to the next meeting of the Board.

Nominating: Nan Erickson

- The Nominating Committee submits the name of James Koller as its choice to be invited immediately to serve on the Program Committee with future leadership in mind. Jim is a MURA life member who told a Nominating Committee member that he would like to become more involved in MURA. In accord with the MURA Articles of Incorporation, the Nominating Committee presents Jim Koller's name for consideration by the Board and, if approved, the MURA President then follows with an invitation to Jim to become a member of the Program Committee.
- This report was submitted by Nan Erickson, Chair and Nominating Committee members Barton Boyle, Patsy Higgins, Jack Miles, and Veralee Hardin Phillips.
- Nan moved and Gary Smith seconded that Jim Koller be invited to serve on the Program Committee. Passed.

Ombudsman: Patsy Higgins (no report)**Program: Ken Hutchinson** (report from Nan for Ken)

- The Committee met and the discussion focused on the November 3 Fall Information Meeting and the Holiday Luncheon. Invited speakers for the November 3 meeting are Vice President for Human Resources, Betsy Rodriguez, who will talk about Medicare supplemental insurance, including prescription drugs, and Vice Chancellor for UM Health System, Hal Williamson, who could provide an update on the UM Health System. Speakers need to be confirmed.
- November 3 is the MU-Florida football game, so many people will be in Florida attending the game.
- Wednesday, October 17 is the Fall Social from 4-6 p.m. at the Reynolds Alumni Center. Cost is \$7 for MURA/U Club members, \$8 for others.
- Valerie will send an email out for the Holiday Luncheon. Rod Gelatt will be the MC.

University Liaison/Administration: Nan Erickson

- MURA Officers usually meet with Chancellor Deaton two times a year. Nan is looking for a date for a fall meeting.
- UM Retirees met August 29 with President Wolfe. Rose sent handouts from the meeting to the Board. This group from all campuses usually meets two times a year.
- November 15 is the next scheduled meeting for a visit with President Wolfe, an update on benefits, and a presentation by Nikki Krawitz and Tom Richards.

Past Presidents: Barton Boyle (no report)**EX-OFFICIO, AD HOC, AND OTHER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS****Audit:**

- A letter was received from Libby Miederhoff regarding the audit. Earl moved and Nan seconded that we accept the audit report. Passed.

Faculty Council: Don Sievert (see report attached to these minutes)**Historian: G. B. Thompson**

- A re-write of the history is in process and will be sent to Rose for distribution.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: Lucille Salerno (see attached report)

- Osher is looking for a .5 FTE to be Assistant Director and two other assistants at .5 FTE each.

Staff Council: Phil Shocklee (no report)

University Retiree Benefits: Bob Stewart

- Medical costs are trending up.
- Retirees will receive a letter soon providing information about benefits.
- There is no confidence in the Long Term Care insurance current market.
- Information was emailed by Rose from the meeting with President Wolfe and his staff regarding the issues with benefits.

OLD BUSINESS

Earl Wilson said that he had a letter from the IRS acknowledging our application, and they will contact us in 90 days.

Gary Smith said that the Welcome Desk now has an information handout (see attachment to minutes) to help those volunteers at the desk. The Alumni Association is covering the desk on football Saturday, so MURA no longer needs to find volunteers for those days.

MURA has been involved in a golf tournament for a number of years, and Gary Zwonitzer will continue to coordinate MURA's efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Smith stated that he was concerned as he looked at the by-laws of the Association that some committee chairs are designated for a one year term with one year additional. His concern was whether or not that was enough time for some of the committees. For example, the Education Committee and the MU Liaison Committee jobs need continuity that is provided by the Chair. In both examples, the Chairs are doing excellent work and it seems questionable to give them only two years to manage the committee work. One exception to this rule is for the Communications Committee that has a longer term. With this issue in mind, Gary suggested that we might need to rethink the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws to consider this rule. President Porter asked that the original committee that worked on these rules be reinstated and review the issue. Original committee is Jo Behymer, Ken Hutchinson, and Patsy Higgins.

John Parker brought up the question of whether or not the Association should be doing some fund-raising. Perhaps we might consider having renowned speakers to campus. After a short discussion, no conclusion was reached.

Next meetings of the Board are January 23, 2013 and April 10, 2013.

No further business. Meeting adjourned 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Patterson

Secretary

MU Retirees Association
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2012 and Current Year to Date, July 1-August 31, 2012

	Prior Year July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012	Current Year to Date July 1-Aug. 31, 2012
Activities Supported by Member Dues and Investment Income:		
Receipts		
Dues-annual	\$1,740.00	\$ 172.50
Dues-lifetime	825.00	375.00
Investment income	1,292.97	
Total Operating Receipts	\$3,857.97	\$547.50
Disbursements		
Newsletter-publishing/printing	1,435.44	
Newsletter-postage	799.54	
Business meeting	540.36	
Fall information meeting	616.80	
MURA Internet Office	884.00	
AROHE dues	100.00	
Flagship Council	100.00	
Filing fee State of Missouri	35.00	30.00
IRS application fee		850.00
Post office box rent and postage	64.60	
Jesse Hall Past Pres plaque	196.11	
Armon Yanders Memorial		100.00
Total Operating Disbursements	4,771.85	980.00
Excess of Operating Disbursement Over Receipts	(913.88)	(432.50)
Self-Supporting Activities:		
Holiday Luncheon		
Receipts	2,184.00	
Disbursements	2,108.11	
Net Receipts		75.89
Senior Golf Tournament		
Receipts from golf fees	1,545.00	
Disbursements (Green fees & other)	1,568.95	
Net Receipts		(23.95)
Spring Picnic		
Receipts	855.00	
Disbursements	758.00	45.00
Net Receipts		97.00
Net Receipts		(45.00)
Other Receipts and Disbursements:		
Redeemed Boone CNB-CD	1,917.66	
Invested in Vanguard 500 Index Fund	(1,917.66)	
Net Receipts		0.00
Net Decrease in Cash During Year/Period	(764.94)	(477.50)
Bank Balance, Beginning of Year	8,305.59	7,540.65
Bank Balance, End of Year/Period	\$7,540.65	\$7,063.15
Investment Assets(1)		
Lifetime Members Reserve Acct: Vanguard	Jun. 30, 2012	Aug. 31, 2012
500 Index Fund (\$51,917.66 invested)	\$65,983.56	\$68,401.11

(1) This asset pool was established primarily from lifetime membership dues. The income from this pool is needed to replace the lost income from annual dues lifetime members no longer pay.

September 13, 2012

Rose Porter, President
MU Retirees Association

Subject: Audit of MURA Financial Records

The Audit Committee has completed the audit of MU Retirees Association Financial Records for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

We traced deposits to bank statements and financial reports. We traced disbursements to source documents, bank statements and financial reports. We reviewed investment statements and traced income to bank statements and financial reports.

In our review we noted one check for which there was no source document.

- Check #547 dated June 11, 2012 to Anita Blancher for \$25.00, memo line Golf. The Treasurer indicated it was for typing the golf tournament booklet. The amount seems reasonable. In future, an invoice should be obtained before writing the check.

We noted the transactions to close a Certificate of Deposit and reinvest the proceeds in the Vanguard Index Fund are included in operating income and expenses on the Income Statement. This overstates both income and expense and makes year to year comparisons difficult. Since these transactions occurred simply to exchange one asset for another, we believe they are more properly reflected separately. We recommend the June 30, 2012 Income Statement be restated. We understand the new Treasurer has just completed recasting the entire statement to better illustrate MURA's financial position. We applaud that effort and believe the new statements provide better information to the MURA Board and members.

We also noted that dues revenue has continued to decline for the fourth consecutive year with MURA using reserves to fund operations. We encourage the MURA Board to carefully review the dues structure relative to the needs of the organization and to consider whether a dues increase would be appropriate.

We appreciate the assistance and cooperation of the MURA Treasurers.

Respectfully submitted,

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Libby Miederhoff, Chair
Jim Lay
Charles Touzeau

Cc: Gary Zwonitzer
Earl Wilson



Communications Committee

REPORT TO THE BOARD

September 26, 2012
307B, Housh Conference Room

MURA News [*printed newsletter, mailed 3 times annually*]

The October issue of **MURA News** is going to mail services today and is expected to be in members' mailboxes by October 2, 2012. This issue is 4 pages, rather than 8, and we will be mailing 760 copies. Expenses to date for this calendar year are included here.

Publish	Issue	Print	Cost	Per/1	Mail	Postage	Per/1	TOTAL	Per/1
Feb., 2012	Vol. 21 #1	1,000	\$458.24	0.46	833	\$234.79	\$0.28	\$693.03	\$0.74
July, 2012	Vol. 21 #2	850	\$443.44	0.52	767	\$215.94	\$0.28	\$659.38	\$0.80
Oct., 2012	Vol. 21 #3	821	\$181.86	0.22	762				

MURA News Update [*text-based, bi-weekly emails with itemized news and reminders*]

MURA News Updates, suspended during the summer, have been emailed biweekly since August 14, 2012. On average, this email publication goes to 550+ emails each time.

MURA Invitations [*graphic, PNG announcements of upcoming MURA events*]

MURA invitations are prepared individually for each **MURA** event. They are emailed to members. Since July, 2 invitations have been emailed. These were for the monthly breakfast programs in September and in October.

MURA Web site

Web site trauma has continued throughout the summer, and the transition to the Mizzou Alumni Association has recently taken a new turn. Jayson Meyer is working with I-Modules, the company that designed the MAA site, to get a page set up for **MURA**, within the context of the MAA site.

Editing our page on the **MU** site required a computer programmer, which Jayson and his staff are not. Editing our page on the **MAA** site can be done in English, and members of our committee may also be able to help with updates to it. The two most noticeable changes will be the appearance and the Web address itself.

I will let Board members know when this transition has occurred and will send a link to Board members, as soon as the site is active.

Committee Work

Regretfully, an article in the February issue of **MURA** News, asking for volunteers for the Communications Committee, yielded no responses.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie J. Goodin".

Valerie J. Goodin, Chair

Communications Committee

Osher @ Mizzou

+Report to the MURA Board – September 26, 2012

Program Overview: This week, the Osher 2012 Fall semester entered the third of its 8-week session, with 212 students and 298 enrollments—the differential conveys the fact that 41 percent of students are enrolled in more than one course. Totals are increasing gradually after the great enrollment loss that followed the economic downturn. While the numbers are half those the program enjoyed before 2009, our money-saving relocation to the Stephens Lake Activity Center (SLAC), a facility rented by the City of Columbia’s Parks and Recreation Department. We are charged a modest per capita fee per semester for classroom use. The venue is far more modest in size than was our LeMone Boulevard ‘home.’ Actually, the program would be challenged for adequate space if enrollment was significantly greater. Except for the loss of income from registration fees from the larger student body, we might be content given the fact that the magnitude of our current enrollment better fits the facility that now houses our program. It’s a fine venue that we brought up to date with the installation of our own state-of-the-art technology in the 4 classrooms. The high tech transfer to SLAC insured continued quality of instruction in the new facility.

There are two issues we would like to present to the MURA Board. One is a request for assistance with the recruitment of an assistant director. The second is a perk Osher @ Mizzou offers new retirees who join MURA. It’s not new freebee but, to my knowledge, it has not yet been activated.

The Assistance Request: Restructuring of the program’s staff is underway—the first significant change since the inception of the program. Guided in part by a full evaluation of the program by the 25 gifted new professionals in Professor Michael Porter’s Communications Capstone class, gradual changes will continue for a some time. An immediate staff restructuring will entail the hire of a .5 FTE assistant program director. I cite this because it is hoped that an appropriate candidate for the role might emerge from among recent MU retirees. The position requires considerable familiarity with the MU campus, specifically cognizance of faculty and their areas of expertise. It falls to the director and the prospective assistant director to create the courses offered in the 4 course sessions per year the program offers. That’s a total of approximately 56 courses per year requiring a considerably greater number of faculty than that sum of courses—it is easier to recruit an instructor for a single class session than for an 8-week course. Thus we create many Potpourri sessions centering on overarching topics. The faculty serving the Osher program are *unpaid*—compensated with great respect, appreciation and treated well to a grand and elegant Tribute Dinner at the University Club. Thus, we would welcome the opportunity to chat with new retirees for such opportunities might be arranged. It is not impossible that a few would wish to continue to generate a moderate income to augment retirement benefits and to remain active in the stimulating world of academe. Is there some sort of arrangement we could create that would facilitate our contact with relevant new retirees who join MURA?

The Gift: New retirees who join this organization are offered one free Osher course. We see the gift as benefitting both our organizations: a perk for MURA members and an outreach avenue for recruiting new students for Osher.

It is our hope that you will give thought to assisting us to scout for an assistant director and that your interaction with new members include the offer of a free Osher course.

Lucille Salerno, Director SalernoL@umsystem.edu 573-268-6690 cell

Osher @ Mizzou

26 September 2012

September 15, 2012

TO: MURA Board

FROM: Don Sievert

The main issues before Council since my last report have been: the University of Missouri Press and shared governance. Council has persisted in insisting that the former is an example of failure of shared governance and so is urging an examination and promotion of such governance.

The closing of the Press has been reversed and the Press will become part of MU's, rather than UM's, endeavors. Council is currently urging a review of these developments to see where and how shared governance failed and how it can be instituted, maintained and enhanced in the future.

As a result of the above, Chancellor Deaton, Provost Brian Foster and President Emeritus Mel George addressed Council at its workshop. Deaton spoke of transparency, timeliness and trust in these matters and said that he loves discussing shared governance with Council. Foster emphasized the complexity and "excruciating" nature of decision-making when issues are situated in the larger contexts of necessary tradeoffs and budgets. George spoke about the lengthy, complex and ultimately successful process, which included shared governance, involved in removing UM from AAUP's list of censured colleges and universities. A lively discussion ensued and it was during the discussion that Council urged a review of the developments regarding the Press occur with an eye on matters of shared governance.

Another issue on the table is the 2014-2015 calendar. Curator rules exclude starting fall classes before August 20. UMKC is requesting an exception from the Board of Curators so that classes may begin there on August 18, 2014. Council is consulting with campus constituencies to determine whether we wish to do so as well.

Welcome Desk—MURA

MURA is responsible for developing, promoting and enhancing volunteer service at the Welcome Desk in the Donald W. Reynolds Alumni Center. To achieve this role MURA works cooperatively with the Mizzou Alumni Association and the University Club.

Mizzou Alumni Association:

- ❖ Develops and maintains an information and sign-in book to be used by MURA volunteers
- ❖ Coordinates the calendar of work, including days and times
- ❖ Advises volunteers of daily changes
- ❖ Communicates with the Committee Chair to help improve the “Face of Mizzou”
- ❖ Provides space to store personal items of MURA volunteers during their service at the Welcome Desk

University Club

- ❖ Provides daily agenda for events held in the Reynolds Center
- ❖ Donates complimentary lunch for each volunteer on the day of service

MURA Welcome Desk Volunteers

- ❖ Remember you are the Face of Mizzou. Please greet people as they enter the building.
- ❖ Dress is always important when you are representing the University. It is always appropriate to wear black and gold.
- ❖ Make yourself aware of what is going on in the Reynolds Alumni Center and on campus.
- ❖ If you have a question you cannot answer, someone in the Alumni Office will be able to help.
- ❖ Contact Ann Carter at 882-5511 if you cannot fulfill your volunteer commitment.
- ❖ If you plan to eat at the U Club the day you volunteer, please let the U Club know 2 or 3 days before (882-2566)

Please help find more volunteers for the “Welcome Desk”