

# MURA Newsletter

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## from the President

*Rose Porter*

It is because of the recent loss of our wonderful MURA member, Armon Yanders, that I am writing this message to you. In March I was elected to serve MURA as chair of the program committee and be the president-elect for this year (2012-13), all under the leadership of Dr. Yanders. However, it was not meant to be. Instead, I come before you as a very humble, new president with much to learn.

Nan Erickson has been a tireless role model, devoting much of her time to mentoring me: I can only try to emulate the strong leadership she has given MURA this past year. I tip my hat to her, and the entire board, for helping me move into this new role.

To fulfill this new role I will need your help. As a successful organization that supports Mizzou and benefits all retirees, MURA needs your volunteer service. MURA committees and campus committees both need and value the voices of retirees. (see Call to Serve, p. 4 for a MURA request) In addition, there are at-large positions on the MURA board that help bring the retirees' needs into full focus for our campus. Please contact me (Phone: 573-445-6412 or email: porterR@missouri.edu) to let me know HOW you can serve this vital organization.

We need you; we want you to become involved with MURA. It is important that MURA stays actively invested in our University and continues to sit at the tables where the details and future of our benefits and pension plans are discussed. As president, I am here to serve. I invite you to stay involved and participate actively in MURA. And, my challenge to you: recruit one new member to MURA!