



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2024

Meeting held at Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia, and via Zoom

The MU Retirees Association (MURA) Board of Directors was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by MURA President Jim Scott. Members present included president Jim Scott; past president Ken Dean; president-elect Mary Leuci; secretary Suzette Heiman, and treasurer Brian Sanders; at-large members Janie Harmon, Randy Diamond, and Sherri Helm; committee chairs and co-chairs Debbie Allen, Betsy Garrett, Barbara Harris, Tom Henderson, Carrie Lanham, Dick Otto, Donna Otto, and Jo Turner; ex officio members Mary Licklider, Mary Anne McCollum, Dee Montgomery, and Ruth Tofle.

Minutes

Betsy Garrett moved and Mary Licklider seconded approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2024, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

President's Report

President Jim Scott shared the following items:

- The 2024-2025 MURA calendar of events, which includes dates for the monthly breakfasts, other events and the quarterly board meetings.
- The 2024-2025 MURA Board of Directors master list of committee assignments. Mary Licklider moved and Tom Henderson seconded a motion to approve. The motion passed unanimously.
- One of the key goals for his presidency is to visit with Columbia businesses who partner with MURA, to thank them for their support and to discuss ways how the relationship can remain valuable and beneficial to them.
- MURA members are encouraged to participate in AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations^[1] in Higher Education) programs and activities. These include virtual conferences, webinars, travel opportunities, global networking and much more. The board approved MURA's participation in AROHE at its April 2024 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Brian Sanders reported a cash balance on June 30, 2024, of \$12,677.91 and an investment account balance of \$110,478.57. He also presented the budget worksheet for FY 2025 and a summary of the use of budgetary support from the University for FY 2024. Dick Otto moved and Ken Dean seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committees

Government Affairs Committee. Chair Mary Anne McCollum reported that Missouri Governor Mike Parson approved a 3% core appropriation (not one time) to the University of Missouri. She also noted that the candidate forum will be held on October 1, with event details to come.

Membership Committee. Chair Jo Turner noted that as of July 8, 2024, MURA has a total of 889 members in good standing. This includes 48 ANNUAL members and 841 LIFE members. On June 21, a reminder email went to all Annual members who were paid through 2023. After August 1, the 25 persons who have not paid dues since 2023 will be removed from the active membership rolls. There was

discussion about updating the membership management system The committee plans to work on recruitment strategies for the coming year. The board discussed offering a free first-year membership and various other ways to engage with potential members.

Program and Education Committee. Chair Mary Leuci shared a recap of spring 2024 programs and those planned for 2024-25. The programs are listed on the MURA website, in the newsletter and on the Facebook page. Ideas for future programs are welcome.

Retirement, Health & Other Benefits (TRAC). Chair Betsy Garrett reported that changes are coming to Medicare Advantage in 2025. Among those anticipated are a premium increase and some adjustments to the pharmacy plan. Specific details are not yet available. Several virtual town hall meetings will be scheduled to allow for discussion and Q&A.

Special Committees and Liaisons

United Way Representative. Dee Montgomery highlighted upcoming United Way events on the MU campus: The MU Campaign Kickoff on September 26 in front of Jesse Hall and the MU United Way Rally on October 29 or 30.

New Business

Past president Ken Dean shared some early responses of the MURA member survey, which seeks input about costs, programs, parking, timing of events and related items. Members have until July 31 to respond. The results will be used by committees for planning purposes.

Board members expressed concerns about the lack of prior notifications to changes affecting retirees. A current example is the cancellation of MU email for those with emeritus status. Communications chair Barbara Harris is in contact with IT to discuss and resolve the issue. Campus parking is another example.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Suzette Heiman, secretary