



**Retirees
Association**
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Koller, Shirley Patterson, Tom Henderson, John Parker, Gary Smith, Kitty Dickerson, Earl Wilson, Patsy Higgins, Doris Littrell, Libby Miedenhoff, Ken Hutchinson, Don Nicholson, Barbara Harris, Mary Anne McCollum, Sandy Taylor, Doris Littrell, G. B. Thompson.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Jim Koller, President.

GUESTS: Kay Barbee, Brian Millner

MINUTES: The minutes of the MURA meeting January 14, 2015—Motion to approve by Doris Littrell, seconded by Earl Wilson. Passed.

GUEST SPEAKER: **Mr. Brian Millner**, Special Assistant to Chancellor Loftin
Topic: Flagship Fast Five

Mr. Millner thanked the MURA Board for the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

- His job has a focus on government, community relations and how we can improve the footprint of MU
 - 1) Lobbying efforts are accomplished through the University of Missouri system. There is an effort to ensure equity among the 4 campuses. He will soon meet the mayors of Kansas City and St. Louis and other cities in the state.
 - 2) His role with MURA will be to interact with MURA about anything that will impact the organization.
 - 3) Unofficially, he will provide assistance to the Flagship Council and how we can provide advocacy for MU. He has been working with Rachel Anderson (Director of the Flagship Council) to more quickly inform Council of pending legislation and budget. Information will be regularly sent with five bullet points to create awareness in timely fashion. A newsletter will be sent weekly during the legislative session.
 - 4) He is the legislative liaison for the system and works with all campuses.
 - 5) He will have an office on the second floor of Jesse beginning in June 2015.

Questions and discussion followed the presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Koller informed the board that Nan Erickson's husband's health is poor. The Board expressed concern and regards to the family.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Earl Wilson (see reports)

We are on track to break even at the end of the year. Wilson has moved the excess cash balance to the lifetime member reserve investments. The amended Articles of Incorporation were approved at the Annual MURA business meeting. Wilson has sent this to the Secretary of State office and it was approved quickly. The Board approved a table at the Chancellor's Luncheon and he will send a check for this.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS: Sandy Taylor reporting

- There is a cash stipend of \$1000 for the award

- There are two recipients:
 - Faculty is George Kennedy from the Journalism School
 - Staff is Susan Turner from the Medical Center
- Others who were nominated will be carried forward for next year

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Barbara Harris

Harris reported that she now has additional help. She has met with Tom Henderson, Ginny Booker, Sandy Stegall and Mary Anne McCollum and the duties of the Communication Committee will be divided up. This should improve all aspects of the work. Henderson is talking with others for additional support for the website and the newsletters.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: John Parker reported.

- Breakfasts continue to be popular. There were 105 at the last one when President Wolfe spoke. At the next meeting April 28 there will be a lecture and music from Julia Gaines of the School of Music.
- MURA is going to team up with the School of Music to sponsor programs at the lake and plans to do one in October on music appreciation.
- There will also be an “evening with Cole Porter” that will be a fund raiser for the School of Music
- Parker indicated that he is changing his thinking a bit about whether MURA should be a sponsor for other groups. He is thinking maybe 5 or 6 members of the Board would need to make the decision when a request is made. Koller mentioned that there are a number of requests to use the MURA membership for projects (research). Smith suggested that the word, “sponsor,” may not be a good word choice. If the organization just disseminates information about events that is one thing, but if the support is for making a profit, that is another issue. Higgins suggested that anyone making a request to the Board make it in writing. Smith moved and Littrell seconded that the Executive Committee of the Board handle this issue. Parker will write guidelines for review.

FINANCE: Earl Wilson reporting

- The Committee has not met in the past three months.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: Mary Anne McCullom

- 3500 invitations were sent for the Chancellor’s Luncheon. They should be received by next week.
- The University system sends out updates weekly.

MEMBERSHIP: Dick Otto (report by email below)

I apologize that I will miss this meeting as it conflicts with the board meeting for the Boone County Historical Society. Since I am the President of the BCHS I really need to attend that meeting. Membership renewals continue to come in spurts particularly after a newsletter is sent out. We currently have 682 life members and 136 annual members that have paid for 2015 and beyond! There are 42 that have lapsed memberships for 2014. However, I will be sending e-mails out reminding them that they are past due and I am sure we will get some renewals from this group.

Just a reminder, “ALL MURA MEMBERS ARE PART OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.” The online membership form may be found at: <http://mura-missouri.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/74/2013/11/MURAMembershipApp.pdf>

Please save this as one of your favorites and also send it out to your friends that are NOT currently members of MURA. The MURA website is <http://mura-missouri.com/>

PROGRAM: Tom Henderson reported.

- Henderson encouraged everyone to sign up for the picnic. At this time there are 46 . This is the last program of the year.
- He has turned the programs over to Kitty Dickerson for the next year.
- Dates for the Board meetings have been set for next year. The next meeting is July 15 at Reynolds. At this time the new officers will begin their terms.
- A letter explaining the email policy was given to the Board (see attached) and Henderson will report on this at the all campus meeting.
- There are preliminary results of the retiree survey.
- The 25th anniversary of MURA is in 2015 so there may be some special events. We are planning to advertise the celebration in the local paper.

RETIREMENT, HEALTH, BENEFITS: Doris Littrell (see attached report)

UNIVERSITY LIAISON/ADMINISTRATION: Tom Henderson reported for Terry Barnes

- There is a meeting of the 4 campus retiree groups on April 29

PAST PRESIDENTS: Gary Smith and Ken Hutchinson

- The group met two weeks ago.
- Attention was focused on the post-retirement medical program and options for retirees
- The system will probably make critical decisions this fall of 2015
- If MURA wants an impact on this, that will need to be done soon
- It was suggested that The University Medical Retiree Committee be formed and Co-Chaired by Bob Churchill and Rose Porter. This will be a watchdog committee. Doris Littrell will be on the committee. We want to make sure that MURA communicates with the membership regarding this issue.
- Smith moved and Wilson seconded that a committee be formed to review the post-retirement medical options. The motion passed.

EX-OFFICIO, AD HOC, AND OTHER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE: Don Nicholson

- Catalog should be online April 23 and in the mail the week of April 27
- OSHER is advertising for an Executive Director at this time
- Annual meeting and a picnic at Water's Moss on Hillcrest is May 21 (off Old 63 between Stadium and Nifong)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Upcoming events:
 - May 13, MURA annual picnic
 - May 22, Chancellor Luncheon

Meeting adjourned 3:55 PM.

Next meeting of the Board is July 15, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Patterson, MURA Secretary

MURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA

307 B Housh Conference room
3rd Floor Alumni Center, Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 2:00 PM

Call to order/ Approval of Agenda/ Introductions

Approval of Minutes from Business Meeting January 14, 2015

Announcements

President's Report: Jim Koller

Treasurer's Report: Earl Wilson

Guest Speaker: Mr. Brian Millner, Special Assistant to Chancellor Loftin
Topic: Flagship Fast Five

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards	Sandy Taylor
Communications	Barb Harris
Education	John Parker
Finance	Earl Wilson
Governmental Affairs	Mary Ann McCollum
Membership	Dick Otto
Nominating	Ken Hutchinson
Ombudsman	Patsy Higgins
Program	Tom Henderson
Retirement, Health, Benefits	Doris Littrell
UM Liaison/Administration	Terry Barnes
Past Presidents	Gary Smith
Board Secretary	Shirley Patterson

Ex-Officio, Ad Hoc and Other Special Committee Reports

Audit/ Report	Libby Miederhoff
Faculty Council	Don Sievert
Historian	G.B. Thompson
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute	Don Nicholson
Staff Council	Phil Shocklee
University Retiree Benefits	Bob Stewart

Old Business

New Business

MURA Treasurer's Report April 22, 2015, Board Meeting

As reflected by the attached financial statement for the fiscal year to date through April 21, 2015, compared with the prior full fiscal year, MURA's fiscal condition continues to be sound, with expenditures approximately equal to cash receipts.

As approved by the Board at the July 2014 meeting, excess cash balance of \$5,000 was transferred to the lifetime members reserve investment account. The investment account balance as of April 21, 2015, was \$83,143.43.

In my role as MURA's current registered agent with the Missouri Secretary of State, I prepared and submitted an Articles of Amendment package to obtain official approval of the amendment to MURA's Articles of Incorporation (also referred to as the MURA Constitution) that was approved by the membership at the recent annual business meeting. Approval of the Secretary of State was received on April 17.

**MU Retirees Association
Statement of Cash Flows**

	Current Year to Date April 21, 2015	Year Ended June 30, 2014
Operating Activities Supported by Member Dues and Investment Income:		
Receipts		
Dues-annual	\$1,260.00	\$ 1,262.50
Dues-lifetime	1,425.00	1,200.00
Investment income	1,869.36	4,395.66
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 4,554.36	\$ 6,858.16
Disbursements		
Newsletter-publishing/printing	1,327.14	1,299.46
Newsletter-postage/delivery	618.71	748.58
Business meeting	606.66	583.32
Fall information meeting	800.72	728.13
MURA Internet Office	59.40	-
Attend AROHE Conference (Note 1)	909.03	-
AROHE dues		120.00
Flagship Council		100.00
Filing fee State of Missouri	25.00	-
Membership materials	-	150.00
Post office box rent and postage	42.00	60.40
Miscellaneous (Note 2)	227.57	251.39
Total Operating Disbursements	4,616.23	4,041.28
Excess of Operating Receipts over/(under)	(61.87)	2,816.88
Disbursements		
Self-Supporting Social Activities:		
Holiday Luncheon		
Receipts	\$1,940.00	1,472.25
Disbursements	2,460.97	2,521.24
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	(520.97)	(1,048.99)
Spring Picnic		
Receipts		780.00
Disbursements		967.49
Net Receipts (Disbursements)		(187.49)
Other Disbursement		
Transfer from checking to investment account (Note 3)	(5,000.00)	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash During Period/Year	(5,582.84)	1,580.40
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	9,745.59	8,165.19
Cash Balance, End of Period/Year	\$ 4,162.75	\$ 9,745.59
Investment Assets (See note 4)	Apr. 21, 2015	Jun. 30, 2014
Lifetime Members Reserve Investment Account	\$ 83,143.43	\$ 76,515.75

Notes, year to date through April 21, 2015:

- (1) President-Elect Tom Henderson attended AROHE biennial conference.
- (2) Reimbursed John Parker for out of pocket expenses for MURA educational/social functions (pianists, speakers, etc).
- (3) Transfer authorized by Board at July 23, 2014 Board meeting.
- (4) This asset pool was established from lifetime membership dues. The income from these investments provides continuing services for lifetime members as they no longer pay membership dues. Currently, these assets are invested in the Vanguard Wellesley Income Fund.



April 29, 2015

REPORT ON REQUEST FOR UNIFORM RETIREE EMAIL POLICY

On November 24, 2014, a meeting of the four-campus, retiree association leader's meeting addressed the topic of a need for a uniform system-wide retiree email policy. Tom Henderson from MURA provided a handout describing the current policies across the four campuses. The handout was provided by UM Chief Information Security Officer, Beth Chancellor.

After discussion, the attendees requested that Tom Henderson follow up with Ms. Chancellor to see if a more uniform policy could be developed, and if feasible, include an elimination of an annual fee at the currently affected campuses.

Tom Henderson met with Ms. Chancellor in late January, 2015, and discussed the issue and perspectives of the retiree associations with the desired outcomes listed in the previous paragraph. She committed to meet with the four campus CIOs and she proceeded to do so.

The outcome of those deliberations has resulted in the following general services that will be provided at all four campuses in the future. The services are described as follows:

- 1) ALLOW RETIREES TO MAINTAIN THEIR EMAIL ACCOUNTS UPON REQUEST
- 2) HOME DEPARTMENTS WILL NEED TO APPROVE OR DENY THAT REQUEST
- 3) IF APPROVED, THE ACCOUNT WILL BE MAINTAINED AT NO COST TO THE RETIREE.

The respective CIOs have agreed that the policy becomes effective May 1, 2015, however reimbursements will not be provided to retirees that have paid through the end of the current fiscal year. Ms. Chancellor will be sharing this change to appropriate communicators on the Columbia campus but each other campus retiree organization may want to contact its respective campus CIO to address the issue of communicating the new policy on their campuses.

I think we need to thank Ms. Chancellor for her leadership on this issue as well as the CIOs on each campus for their foresight in making this policy change.

Tom Henderson,
MURA President Elect

MURA Board meeting April 22, 2015

Retiree and Staff Benefits Committee

We did not have a formal meeting in the last quarter. The presentation from Kelly Stuck and other communications from HR were distributed to the members for their information and update. One of the committee members attended the MURA meeting when the information was presented.

We are waiting for information from the Task Force before we have another meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doris Littrell".

Doris Littrell,

Chair