

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**April 9, 2014**

**Members present:**  Rich Anderson, Earl Wilson, Jim Koller, Ken Hutchinson, Barb Harris, Max Miller, Donald Sievert, Nan B. Erickson, Libby Miederhoff, Kitty Dickerson, John Parker, Bob Stewart, Dick Otto, Patsy Higgins

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

The agenda was approved with additions regarding protocol of membership and e-mail lists.  It was decided to handle these two items under the membership report.

**Annual Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the MURA 2014 Annual Business Meeting were approved.

Ken sent around the letter written to the Governor regarding AAU.  He has not had a response but plans to call.

**President's report:** Ken thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as President. There will be an article in Mizzou Weekly tomorrow that features MURA/new website.

**Treasurer's Report**:  Earl Wilson reported. See report.  Earl noted increase in investment.  Ken thanked Earl for changes made to increase investment.  Ken also suggested the Board might want to consider spending some of the money to promote MURA membership.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Awards Committee:**  Max Miller reported the committee had completed their selection of award winners:  Faculty - Donald Day, Staff - Phyllis Miller.  Max recommended approval and Bob Stewart seconded.  The winners and Chancellor have been notified.

**Communications Committee:**  Barb Harris reported there were 50 members who responded to go green with the newsletter. The name on the MURA application form will be changed to Mary Maxwell with her phone number and Dick Otto's e-mail address.  Barb is now getting e-mail retiree addresses from HR.  The redesigned website is up and running, is much easier to maintain and includes a smart feature that is calendar driven to drop off events as the date passes.  The existing URL will auto forward to the new URL which is MURA-Missouri.com.  If anyone finds any non-working links or obsolete information, please let Barb know.

**Education Committee:**  John Parker reported the next breakfast is at the Columbia Country Club on May 6; Hank Landry from Westminster College is the guest speaker.  John committed to the Columbia Country Club through December but will talk to them about not meeting there after the May meeting since there have been several complaints regarding the food.  Suggestions were made for other facilities.  Kitty Dickerson suggested a meeting room at Columbia College.  John mentioned going back to Jack's but there was concern about the space.

John suggested that the Board establish a procedure/protocol known by all members regarding how to assist those who would like to become MURA members. When a nonmember contacts him about the breakfast, he suggests that they email both Barbara Harris and Dick Otto saying they would like to become members. He has also sent emails to Barb and Dick about individual requests. When asked if nonmembers can attend the breakfasts, they are answered in the affirmative. It was felt if MURA is not subsidizing and each person pays for their own breakfast, it would be acceptable for nonmembers to attend.  Ken asked Dick to prepare information on who can attend.

**Finance**: No further report

**Governmental Affairs** : No report.

**Membership**: Dick Otto reported the membership as of April 1 is 812 members in good standing; 50 are delinquent since 2013.  Dick is attending meetings of potential retirees where he has 10-15 minutes to provide information about MURA.  He also mentioned retirees are needed during Staff Recognition Week for the Arts and Crafts show as volunteers to oversee the arts and crafts.

Dick offered up a meeting room at the Boone County Historical Society for MURA board meetings.  He also recommended purchasing banners for MURA.  It was agreed to proceed with that.  Also, have a resource table at the Chancellor's Retiree luncheon.

**Nominating:**  No report

**Ombudsman**: No report

**Program:** Jim Koller reported. See attached report.   Ken Applegate (Jack’s) needs a number of people attending the picnic.  It was agreed to provide a number similar to last year.  The menu is the same.

**Retirement, Health, Benefits**: No report

**University Liaison/Administration**: Nan Erickson reported. See attached report. Met with the Chancellor on March 28 and will meet with President on April 29.  Betsy Rodriquez or someone on her staff will provide information regarding Total Rewards board report. The Chancellor does want to meet two times a year.

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

**Faculty Council:** See report

**Historian:** No report

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**: No report

**Staff Council:** No report, however, Ken did mention Phil Shocklee will represent MURA during Staff Recognition Week.

**University Retiree Benefits**: Bob Stewart provided highlights of the report on Total Rewards that is being sent to the Board of Curators tomorrow.

**New Business:** What is the protocol for use of the e-mail list?  It was agreed these requests should be referred to the President.  It is usually a judgment call based on what is in the best interest of the MURA membership.

It was approved to pay the expenses for Tom Henderson to attend the Retiree Conference in Minneapolis.  He should provide expense report to the treasurer.  Jim Koller made the motion, Earl Wilson seconded. Passed.

In regard to the retirement gift from MURA to Chancellor Brady Deaton (a fishing trip with a world class fisherman, Scott Pauley), it was agreed to provide $50 for gas etc. for Mr. Pauley.  Motion approved.

There were suggestions for future speakers or programs.  Master Plan - Larry Hubbard, Kay Barbee, - Medicare Counselor

Next meeting of the Board is July 2014.

Submitted by Patsy Higgins

**AGENDA**

**MURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**307 B Housh Conference Room – 3rd Floor Alumni Center 2pm**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

**Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda**

**Introductions**

**Approval of Committee Chairs and Standing Committee Chairs (if needed)**

**Approval of Minutes from Annual Business Meeting, March 1, 2014**

**President’s Report: Ken Hutchinson**

**Treasurer’s Report: Earl Wilson**

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Awards Max Miller**

**Communications Barb Harris**

**Education John Parker**

**Finance Earl Wilson**

**Governmental Affairs Gary Smith**

**Membership Dick Otto**

**Nominating Rose Porter**

**Ombudsman Patsy Higgins**

**Program Jim Koller**

**Retirement, Health, Benefits Doris Littrell**

**University Liaison/Administration Nan Erickson**

**Past Presidents Gary Smith**

**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 Lucille Salerno**

**Staff Council Phil Shocklee**

**University Retiree Benefits Bob Stewart**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

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**Report from Nan Erickson, University Liaison, to MURA Board (April 9, 2014):**

* The next meeting of the UM Retiree Leaders Association is April 29. A summary of this meeting will be sent to the MURA Board sometime in May.
* MURA Board officers met with Chancellor Loftin on March 28. Officers gave him updates on MURA’s past activities and forthcoming events. Also, officers discussed changes in health care, especially as it might pertain to retirees. Chancellor Loftin shared his views and his plans to meet with the University medical staff in the near future. He suggested that Dr. Hal Williamson should be contacted to see if he would agree to speak with MU retirees (perhaps at the Fall Information meeting) about the changing doctor-patient relationship.

**REPORT TO MURA BOARD ON FACULTY COUNCIL  
Don Sievert  
April 9, 2014**

The most important issues that have come before Council in one form or another since my last report are these:  
  
Chancellor Loftin has addressed Council two times.  The first time was a getting to know you encounter.  On his second visit, he announced the "devolution" of the Graduate School, which seems to mean a dissolving of it while studying what functions, if any, it must continue to perform.  By appointing Hank Foley and Leona Rubin to new positions that straddle the gap between U Hall and MU, Graduate Studies will be improved as feasible.  
  
2% annual withholding from all budgets will be channeled to engineering and medical fields in order to boost our AAU standing.  The directness of this statement comes from a Tribune Business Section interview with Hank Foley.  The hope to return in several years to those departments withered in the process is expressed.   Don't President Wolfe about harm done by this process.  He'll tell you that the University has been satisfied with easy for 50 years and you should not be satisfied by easy.    
  
Moldy library books in remote storage are significant problem.  Overall, general cause is low funding.  Specific cause is door left open at the facility letting in outside hot, humid air.  Faculty will be able to prevent book destruction by reviewing books slated for such, some books will be treated for mold, and some will be copied.  
  
A first discussion of mid-year raises, bonuses, increases and the like has occurred at the last Council meeting.  
  
A meeting with the Chancellor to discuss AAU matters is being scheduled.  
  
General observation:  Council has so many visitor-presenters that there is little time for extended deliberation and action.