

(Minutes to be approved at the annual MURA meeting, Spring 2013)

**MURA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES
March 3, 2012**

Past President, Jack Miles, welcomed MURA members and guests and introduced the keynote speaker, Chancellor Brady Deaton. Chancellor Deaton spoke about the core mission of the University. He stressed four main topics: President Tim Wolf, the SEC, enrollment and budget. Chancellor Deaton indicated that the University of Missouri does what no other University in the state does. He stressed the high quality of the SEC institutions. He spoke of the challenges the University faces in enrollment and the need for infrastructure improvements and additional faculty. He also addressed the dependence upon tuition and gifts and the \$22 million budget short fall for the next year. Several questions were posed by MURA members regarding tuition, SEC, and the budget shortfall.

Jack Miles thanked the Chancellor and introduced MURA President, Nan Erickson.

Announcements: Nan welcomed Connie Burris, Gary Dou, and Nellie Dodd who will be available with information of interest to MURA members following the meeting. Barton Boyle told the group that a plaque honoring MURA past presidents is located in Jessie Hall Rotunda. Gary Smith indicated a need for volunteers at the front desk of Reynolds Alumni Center.

Nan called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Nan asked members to look over the March 10, 2011 minutes. Gary Smith moved the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer: Gary Zwonitzer presented the financial report showing a checkbook balance of \$7,124.81. He called attention to 'other assets' which are up by \$2,300.00 since June 30, 2011.

Membership: Dick Otto reported that there are 1,400 people on the MURA roster and that the actual number of paid members is 957. Pre-retirees, age 55 and invested in the University retirement program, are eligible for membership.

Nan asked for approval of the treasurer's report and the membership report. Jack Miles moved that both reports be accepted. The motion was approved.

Old Business There was none.

New Business

Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee: Jo Behymer thanked the members of the committee. She called attention to several changes and additions in the document and asked Gary Zwonitzer to explain the registration with the IRS and the tax exempt status. Jo moved that the proposed additions to the Constitution and Bylaws as printed in the MU Retirees Association newsletter, February 2012 be approved. G.B. Thompson asked questions regarding the ability of MURA to lobby. Gary Smith called for the question. The motion was approved.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Jack Miles introduced the nominees for office: President Elect (Program Committee Chair) – Rose Porter; Secretary (2012–13) – Shirley Patterson; Treasurer (2012–14) – Earl Wilson; Board Member-at-large-Staff (2012-15) – Mike Paden; Board Member-at-large-Faculty (2012-15) – Bob Stewart; Board Member-at-large-Faculty (1012-15) – Barbara Rothenberger. Jack moved the slate be accepted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Cigarette Tax Petition: Jo Behymer explained the petition and asked for signatures. Jo gave several reasons for increasing the cigarette tax including the reduction in cancer deaths, reduction in smoking rates, and increased revenue for the state and school.

Additional Business: Dean Yarwood called attention to the new distribution of funds by the United Way and the discontinuation of some services for the elderly. The subject will be placed on the agenda of the MURA Board meeting to be held on April 11, 2012.

Door Prize Award: Lucille Salerno called attention to the OSHER classes and thanked John Parker and Tom Henderson for founding the group, then called Lifelong Learning. Four member's names were drawn and were provided a free OSHER course of their choice.

Barton, on behalf of the Board, thanked President Erickson for her service to MURA. Ken Hutchinson moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned by the president.

Respectfully,

Charmian Boyle
Secretary