

**UMRA Membership Committee
Annual Report for 2019-2020
July 11, 2020**

Membership Committee Members: John Anderson, Chair, Judy Leahy Grimes, Joyce Guelich, Ginny Hanson, Nancy Helmich, Cal Kendall, Virgil Larson, Beverly Moe, Jerry Rinehart, John Sullivan

Discounts available to UMRA members were verified by Beverly Moe who also arranged for sponsorships of the UMRA Newsletter.

The Membership Committee sponsored the annual New Member Reception on October 22, 2019 prior to the monthly luncheon. All persons who became members in the preceding one year were invited. About a dozen attended. UMRA Board members and committee chairs briefly described their activity areas and invited participation by the new members.

The Membership Committee in collaboration with the Communications Committee represented UMRA at the Office of Human Resources (OHR) sponsored Health Benefits Fairs held on the Minneapolis campus on November 6 and the St. Paul campus on November 7. UMRA brochures and fact sheets were distributed to current employees who stopped by our table.

The Committee did not have any face-to-face meetings this year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic all group gatherings after the middle of March were cancelled. Usually the Membership Committee has representation at the OHR-sponsored Pre-Retirement Seminars but these were not held this year.

OHR distributed a letter of invitation to join UMRA signed by President William Donohue to a total of 493 new retirees. UMRA was informed of the number of letters sent each month, but the names of the recipients were not revealed because of HIPPA restrictions.

New members were announced monthly in the UMRA Newsletter. Virgil Larson, Membership Database Manager, summarized membership numbers and trends in reports to the Board of Directors. The most recent report and a Membership Directory were forwarded by Virgil to the Archivist, Gloria Williams, in mid-June.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Anderson, Chair