



MAY 2021

UMRA ANNUAL MEETING AND FORUM

## Board of Regents Chair Ken Powell to keynote UMRA's Annual Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, May 25, by Zoom to elect board members and officers for the coming year. The Nominating Committee has recruited a slate of high-quality candidates to carry UMRA forward. The business meeting will be followed by a forum with Regent Kendall J. Powell, who will conclude his two-year term as chair of the University's governing board on June 30.

Ken Powell was preparing to retire from his role as CEO and chairman of the board of General Mills when he was elected by the Minnesota Legislature in February 2017 to a six-year term on the Board of Regents. Four months later, he was elected to a two-year term as vice chair of the board, and in 2019 he was elected to a two-year term as chair.

### A time of big decisions and upheaval

This has been a time of significant leadership decisions for the University, including recruiting and appointing Joan Gabel as the University's 17th president, and navigating the profound upheaval caused by COVID-19 and the human health, academic, and financial challenges that the pandemic continues to present.

The chair of the Board of Regents serves as the principal corporate officer of the highest authority that can act on behalf of the University. The chair sets the agendas for the work of the regents and oversees the board's committees. In addition to his duties as chair, Powell serves on four of the five standing committees of the board.

Powell served in a variety of positions at General Mills beginning in 1979, spending more than a third of his career overseas. He currently serves on the boards of Medtronic, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and Partners in Food Solutions, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping start-up food companies in Africa. Powell received a bachelor of arts degree in biology from Harvard and an MBA from Stanford. He lives in Golden Valley and says his wife and two adult daughters all are proud to have degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Please [register](#) to attend UMRA's 2021 Annual Meeting and Forum on May 25 via Zoom, starting at 12 noon. We will begin with the election of UMRA board members and officers and then welcome Chair Ken Powell as our featured speaker for the UMRA Forum.

—Jan Morlock, UMRA president-elect and Program Committee chair



Ken Powell

MAY 3 WORKSHOP

## Keeping your hands healthy and functional

How are your hands holding up as you age? Are you able to do all the things you want with them, or are you feeling some pain, weakness, or limitation?

Whether you want to keep your hands functioning well, or want to improve their function, check out our May workshop. Our presenter will be one of the University's

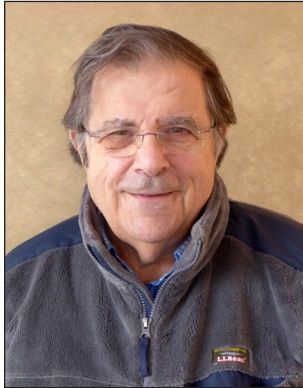
top hand experts, Ann Van Heest, MD. She will talk to us about the complex anatomy of our hands and what happens as we age. In particular, she will focus on the crucial carpometacarpal (CMC) joint beneath our thumbs, and why it is susceptible to arthritis as we age. The workshop will give you practical ideas on how to keep your hands strong and deal with CMC and other pain.

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# From the President

## *And you were there ...*

When I became UMRA president, I did not expect the challenges that occurred: the campus closed, Corona reigned, and in-person meetings were stopped. I did, however, learn a lot about UMRA and how it operated in



accomplishing its services to its members. The leadership and governance worked as a team, program directors provided program options, and you, the membership, continued to be interested, helpful, and engaged.

Corona hit hard and fast. The U closed and being at home, socially distanced, masked,

hand-washed, and longing for social contact reigned. So, the UMRA leadership “Zoomed” and planned, initiating three major events a month: UMRA A.M., Living Well Workshop, and UMRA Forum. This meant learning a lot about Zoom, initially relying on excellent assistance from the Office of Information Technology. Amazingly, the attendance at all three events was, and remains, outstanding. UMRA’s other programs continued to happen and were also well attended. A big thanks to the Program and Workshop committees for the excellent content. We learned that seeing faces and hearing people speak did provide some modicum of social interaction.

We also learned a lot about a lot of things. Examples included: prejudice and racism, vaccines, analysis of the Presidential election, the Age Friendly University, how not to sound old, archiving, wearable technology, the future of policing, BioMADE, and the Supreme Court. UMRA’s Journal of Opinions, Ideas & Essays was resurrected with enthusiasm, a new editor-in-chief volunteered to serve, and articles are being submitted.

### **2021 Annual Meeting May 25**

UMRA’s 2021 Annual Meeting will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 25, via Zoom. On the agenda will be a preview of summer programming, changes to the UMRA Bylaws, and the election of officers and directors. For the list of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee, please see “Election ... May 25” on page 3. In accordance with UMRA’s Bylaws, nominations can also be made during the meeting, provided the person nominated has agreed to being nominated.

After we conclude the business part of the meeting, it will be time for the forum and to welcome our guest speaker, Ken Powell, chair of the Board of Regents.

Please get vaccinated, stay well, safe, and engaged in UMRA. The next year will be a good one! Thanks, again, for your support.

—Frank Cerra, MD, UMRA president

## **Vote to approve amendments to the UMRA Bylaws**

At the 2021 Annual Meeting of the University of Minnesota Retirees Association on May 25, all members will have an opportunity to vote on proposed amendments to the UMRA Bylaws.

We first considered these changes in October 2020 by a poll emailed to UMRA members, and the changes were overwhelmingly approved. Accordingly, we posted those amended Bylaws [[UMRA Bylaws 11-2020](#)] on our website. However, our Bylaws require that bylaw amendments be voted on at a meeting of the members. In order to strictly comply with this requirement, we will conduct a vote on the changes at the Annual Meeting on May 25. There will be a single vote on all of the changes.

You can access the proposed May 2021 amended Bylaws on pages 1–5 of the PDF linked to [this article](#) on the UMRA website. If you are interested in reviewing the amendments, pages 6–9 of the PDF are marked with those changes, plus corrections for typos and the addition of a phrase that got dropped in the making of the 11-2020 PDF.

The amendments were developed last summer by Frank Cerra, Jan Morlock, Jerry Rinehart, Chip Peterson, and Bill Donohue. Both the Executive Committee and the Board approved the changes and authorized us to submit the amended bylaws to the membership for adoption.

Thus, the proposed May 2021 amended Bylaws will be up for a vote at our 2021 Annual Meeting on May 25. The meeting will be conducted through Zoom. Please [register](#) and vote. If you have concerns or questions, please contact either of us by email.

—Frank Cerra, president, [Cerra001@umn.edu](mailto:Cerra001@umn.edu), and Bill Donohue, immediate past president, [donohue@umn.edu](mailto:donohue@umn.edu)

# Election of UMRA's 2021-22 officers and directors to be held May 25

Members attending UMRA's 2021 Annual Meeting will elect UMRA's leadership for 2021-22. The slate of candidates appears below.

Our bylaws provide for additional nominations to be made on the day of the meeting (with the nominees' consent), and go on to state, "Election shall be by acclamation, except if there is more than one nominee for each position." So, if you have a nomination for a position and the consent of the individual, please be prepared to submit that nomination during the Annual Meeting on May 25. We will use the Zoom polling feature to conduct the election.

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for approval.



## President-elect

**Ron Matross** came to Minnesota in 1968 as a graduate student in psychology. After receiving his PhD from the University, he became an institutional researcher specializing in student data. He led the development of the U's first retention

reporting system, its first comprehensive graduate survey, and the freshmen admissions tracking system used by the Office of Admissions. He was responsible for much of the University's enrollment management analysis, including enrollment modeling, applicant surveys, and program evaluations. He founded and directed the University Poll to survey the University community and taught a professional development course on survey research. Ron is currently a member of the UMRA Board and a member of the Program Committee, chairing the Workshop subcommittee. He is also a member of the Communications & Outreach Committee.



## Treasurer

**Gregory Hestness** concluded his 40-year police career in 2015. After serving his first 28 years with the Minneapolis Police Department, he joined the U as assistant vice president for Public Safety and police chief. Greg is a U of M graduate, as

are his wife, Barbara, and most of his family.

He holds a BA in sociology with emphasis on criminology and deviance, and a master's in management from St. Mary's University. He enjoys being active in UMRA as a way to continue to be of service and as a lifelong learner. He and Barbara live in Minneapolis.



## Secretary

**Gary Engstrand** retired in 2016 as senior fellow in higher education in the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD). Including student years and staff appointments, he has been at the U since 1970. After working for the

dean of CLA, Engstrand worked for 11 years in the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Planning (on sex discrimination in athletics) and 27 years as secretary to the faculty, moving to CEHD for the last two years. His swan song was the "Six Presidents" event in 2015, but he is more likely remembered for long committee minutes. He earned three degrees from the University.

## New board members



**John Bantle** (nominated to serve the remaining year of Ron Matross's three-year term), is an Emeritus Professor of Medicine and former director of the Division of Endocrinology and Diabetes at the University of Minnesota. He practiced clinical endocrinology and focused

on diabetes research during his 45-year career at the University. He was Minnesota principal investigator for the landmark Diabetes Control and Complications Trial, was an investigator in several other multicenter clinical trials, and co-chaired the American Diabetes Association panels that developed nutrition recommendations in 2002 and 2006 for people with diabetes. As an UMRA member, Bantle (pictured with his favorite hiking partner, granddaughter Astrid) hopes to strengthen the Professional Development Grants for Retirees program and increase student mentorship within the program.

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# On being maroon and gold, and Black

*Catherine R. Squires, PhD, was named associate dean of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs in August 2020. Previously, she was a professor of communication studies in the Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Professor Squires is the author of several books, including The Post-Racial Mystique, and over the past decade has collaborated on a variety of civic media and public history projects, at Gordon Parks High School and the Hallie Q. Brown Center in St. Paul, to expand understanding of Black history in Minnesota. —Kristine Mortensen, editor*

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—Catherine R. Squires, PhD

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## What year did you come to the University of Minnesota and what brought you here?

I came in 2007 for the job at the School of Journalism. I did my PhD at Northwestern and my first job was at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

## Was there something that surprised you when you got here?

I don’t know if surprise is the right word. One thing that’s been really interesting for me is how much the discussion around native nations is more present here than it was, for example, at the University of Michigan. Being in a state with 11 native nations, it’s changed my framework for thinking about what a land-grant university is and where that land came from.

## When your appointment as associate dean was announced, you referred to “this tumultuous time of change and possibility.” Please say more about this time we’re living through and how you see it.

What’s interesting to me is that in times of deep crisis and tragedy, we see different sides of each other, and we also have to change really fast. And that adaptation, some of which is done under duress, is awful and stressful in many ways. But it also shows us how much we are capable of. And so, I hope that the capacity we’ve discovered is used in ways that help us imagine how to do better. Some changes take a lot of time, but the argument that all changes take a lot of time just doesn’t hold water.

I would hope that people take heart in that glimpse of our potential, our expansive capacity, and also in the ways that people have put a focus on the value of caring. In feminist research, there’s been a long history of people

talking about how “care work” has been feminized and therefore devalued—everything from teaching grade school to being a nursing home worker, care work that is essential to the survival of us all.

The capacity-challenging work we’ve had to do in order to survive a pandemic and also to witness the murder

of a man in broad daylight across nine minutes—that has shown us something about ourselves. And I wonder if we’re ready to use that, not to exploit other people or to continue normalizing these imbalances of power, but to actually try to remedy them.



Catherine R. Squires

**The members of UMRA are old enough to remember the role that TV played in bringing the realities of the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement to the attention of millions of Americans. What impact do you think the livestreaming of the trial for the killing of George Floyd might have on America’s racial reckoning?**

I was a sophomore in college when the trial of the LAPD officers who beat Rodney King was “the trial of the century,” and the defense used the slow-motion function when replaying the video of the beating as a way to indicate that the brutality was justified. And just like [1919], when there was the Red Summer in the wake of World War I and so many African Americans were lynched by white mobs, and postcards of the lynchings were shared as trophies—were sent to people as souvenirs—what we see depends on who we are and who we think we are, and who we think the other person on the receiving end of that brutality is.

I hope that a greater majority of people who can bring themselves to even watch that video will see what I see.

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UMRA A.M.

## Labor arbitration, police misconduct, and reform

University of Minnesota Law School Professor Stephen Befort will join us for UMRA A.M. on Tuesday, May 11, to speak about labor arbitration, with particular emphasis on police conduct cases and the potential effectiveness of proposed reforms.

He is the holder of the Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennet Professorship in Law and a national authority on labor and employment law. He has authored six books and more than 60 articles, book chapters, and published papers on labor and employment subjects. Since 1982, he has taught courses at the Law School on virtually all topics related to labor and employment, including but not limited to alternative dispute resolution, comparative labor and employment law, and disability in the workplace.



Stephen Befort

Professor Befort is also a very active arbitrator of labor and employment disputes. He has decided more than 300 cases. This includes many from the public sector, both inside and outside Minnesota, as well as several police conduct matters. He is in demand as an arbitrator for his experience and reputation.

Befort received his BA and JD from the University of Minnesota. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and graduated magna cum laude from the Law School. He practiced for several years in the Minnesota Attorney General's Office and as the chief legal counsel to the Ramsey County Board. He has appeared as counsel in numerous cases, including 20 before the Minnesota Supreme Court.

He has also served as an associate dean in the Law School, from 2000 to 2004 and from 2012 to 2015. He has received numerous awards, both inside and outside the Law School, and in 2004 was elected to the National Academy of Arbitrators. Please register and join us to hear from this tremendous expert.

—Bill Donohue, immediate past president

## Welcome new members to UMRA

*Please give a hearty welcome to 24 new members who have joined UMRA since early March. For contact information, visit the Member Login page at [umra.umn.edu](http://umra.umn.edu) (login required).*

**Teri Anderson**, Extension, Brainerd Regional Office, executive office & administrative specialist

**Michael Austin**, Finance and Operations, Environmental Health & Safety, director

**Stephen Befort**, Law School, professor of law

**Jeffrey Blodgett**, Office of Information Technology (OIT), Peoplesoft developer

**Jim Boulger**, Medical School, Department of Family Medicine and BioBehavioral Health, distinguished teaching professor

**Mary Caskey**, Extension, associate program director

**Sheila Crowley** (and **Lynn Clayton**), University of Minnesota Foundation, Scholarships and Medical Education, development project specialist

**Dennis Falk**, University of Minnesota Duluth, Department of Social Work, professor

**Suzanne Garfield** (and **John Whitehead**), OIT, Proactive Support Team

**Pamela Guthrie**, College of Pharmacy, Dean's Office, executive office & administrative assistant

**DeAnn Johnson**, School of Dentistry, Patient Accounting, finance professional

**Rena Knutson**, Medical School, Department of Medicine, accountant

**Cynthia Messer**, Extension, Tourism Center, director

**Suzanne Miller** (and **Thomas Miller**), UMD Stores, executive office & administrative assistant

**Lin Nelson-Mayson**, College of Design, Goldstein Museum of Design, director

**Gerard O'Sullivan** (and **Cathy Carlson**), College of Veterinary Medicine, professor

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## HELLO, my name is Lynn Anderson

**Hometown:** I was born in St. Paul, and my family moved to Roseville when I was almost two, so I grew up in Roseville.

**When did you join UMRA?** In 2016.

**What was your very first job?** Other than babysitting and a gig at the Minnesota State Fair, my first job was as a waitress at the House of Wong in Roseville. I worked there my senior year of high school and all four years of college and graduated from Hamline University debt free.

**What was your occupation when you retired from FT work?** I was dean of International Education at UC San Diego for six years before retiring. Prior to UCSD, I had worked at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities for 29 years. I had fun teaching German as a TA, enjoyed 19 years in CLA Advising, and then a fabulous eight years in the Learning Abroad Center as director of curriculum integration and associate director for the center.

**What was the name of the first record you bought?**  
*Meet the Beatles*, and I still have that LP.

**If you were an Olympic athlete, what would you like your sport to be?** I would love to play volleyball. That's a sport that requires teamwork, being able to anticipate what is coming, and athleticism (but not nonstop running or swimming or gymnastics), and it is great fun.

**Do you have a favorite place on the U of M campus?**  
I love the pedestrian/bike bridge that spans the Mississippi River between the East Bank and West Bank. It is a lovely walk with fabulous views of the river, campus, student life, and Minneapolis. I also really like the gardens on the St. Paul campus.

Lynn Anderson has traveled the world and can count dancing with a future king among her overseas adventures.



## What is a fun fact about you we might not know?

I was an usher (in the field hockey stadium) at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich. It was an amazing experience getting to see many different athletes perform: Mark Spitz, Cathy Rigby, basketball, volleyball, biking, track and field, and lots of field hockey. I even danced with the Crown Prince of Sweden (now King Carl XVI Gustaf), though I didn't believe him when he said who he was, so I walked off the dance floor at the end of one dance. That's where he met (now Queen) Sylvia, who was also working at the Olympics. It was also a devastating time when the Israeli athletes were kidnapped, and 11 Israelis were killed.

**What is something you currently enjoy doing with your time?** In addition to UMRA activities, I love spending time with family, especially my new grandson, and biking, walking, kayaking, skiing, and reading (depending on the weather).

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Dr. Van Heest is a professor and vice chair of education in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, and the department's residency program director. In 2011, she received the Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award, the highest recognition for a residency program director. She specializes in hand and upper extremity surgery.



Ann Van Heest

Her academic interests include neuromuscular disorders, including arthrogryposis, cerebral palsy, and spinal cord injury, and congenital and pediatric upper extremity and hand disorders. Dr. Van Heest is also affiliated with Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare and Shriners Hospital for Children.

Note: This workshop will NOT be on our usual third Tuesday of the month. To accommodate Dr. Van Heest's busy schedule, the workshop will be at **11 a.m. on Monday, May 3**. Please register and join us.

—Ron Matross, Workshop Committee chair

JOIE

## JOIE is up and running

UMRA's *Journal of Opinions, Ideas & Essays*, newly relaunched, has published four articles so far in 2021. The most recent, "Impact of UMRA's Professional Development Grants for Retirees Program" by Will Craig, is a more detailed version of an article featured in the August 2020 *UMRA News*. The article is based on surveys of 38 individuals who received grants from 2014–20. The wide range of projects they undertook improved individual lives, societal understanding, environmental quality, the reputation of the University of Minnesota, and the personal satisfaction of the retired grantee.

Another article, "Poems and Photographs: Midwestern Hobbies Align," is about the poems of my Great-aunt Mary Anderson. Mary wrote these poems during the 1920s and 1930s, when the world was facing overwhelming problems, as we are today. I added some of my own nature photographs, hoping an even wider audience might enjoy the piece.

Please contact Kris Bettin at [betti002@umn.edu](mailto:betti002@umn.edu) if you have an article you would like to submit for publication.



Plumbago. Photo by Kris Bettin.

## Book Club I to meet May 21

Mariah Snyder will lead the discussion of *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson when UMRA's Book Club I meets via Zoom at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 21.

Paula Knutzen will lead the discussion of *The Big Burn* by Timothy Egan when the book club meets on June 18, and Laura Ericksen will lead our discussion of *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson when we meet on July 16.

This book club currently has 16 members, a number that works well for our discussions. Contact Pat Tollefson at [p-toll@umn.edu](mailto:p-toll@umn.edu) for more information, including suggestions for starting a new book club.

—Kathy Cramer, UMRA Book Club I member

## Book Club II to meet May 28

UMRA's Fourth Friday Book Club will meet at 2 p.m. Central Time on Friday, May 28, via Zoom to discuss *The Black Tulip* by Alexandre Dumas père.

The book is a work of historical fiction that mixes actual 17th century events in The Netherlands with fictional characters. There is an interesting interweaving of politics and culture, and the phenomenon of the so-called "tulip mania" during the Dutch Golden Age—an economic bubble that eventually led to heavy economic damage.

Our selections for the coming months are:

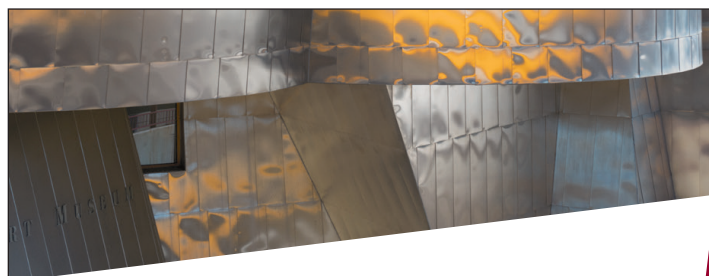
**June 25.** *The Last Tycoon* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

**July 23.** *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* by John Le Carré

**August 27.** *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman

**September 24.** *Burnt Shadows* by Kamala Shamsie

New members are welcome to the Fourth Friday Book Club! Contact Dorothy Marden at [marden@umn.edu](mailto:marden@umn.edu) to learn more.



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## PDGR Committee welcomes new members from UMN Morris and UMN Duluth

The Professional Development Grants for Retirees (PDGR) Committee recently increased its membership to gain representation from the University of Minnesota beyond the Twin Cities campus.



Pieranna Garavaso

Joining the committee are Professor Emerita of Philosophy Pieranna Garavaso from UMN Morris and Professor Emeritus of Social Work Dennis Falk from UMN Duluth.

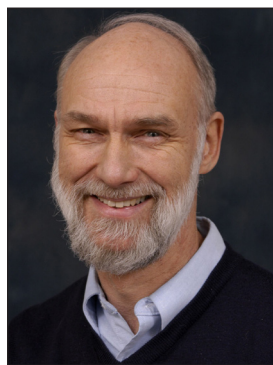
Professors Garavaso and Falk will help the committee develop plans to increase mentorship of undergraduate students by grant awardees, search for additional

sources of funding for the PDGR program, and make recommendations to the UMRA Board regarding the number and amounts of next year's awards.

Application instructions for the upcoming round of PDGR grants will be available on the UMRA website by September 1 and will be accepted starting October 15. Approved proposals will be announced in February 2022 for grants starting April 1, 2022, and extending to June 30, 2023.

Go to [z.umn.edu/PDGR-2020-campaign](https://z.umn.edu/PDGR-2020-campaign) if you would like to make a financial contribution to the program. We welcome your support!

—John Bantle, MD, chair, PDGR Committee



Dennis Falk

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### *Food for thought*

“Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder.”  
—E.B. White

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### **What can members of the Retirees Association do to make Minnesota a better place for all?**

I think listening to the people who have suffered the most in what folks call the “twin pandemics” of racism and COVID. To remedy the inequalities, we need to acknowledge the wisdom of people who have experienced those inequalities. As Bryan Stevenson [founder of the Equal Justice Initiative] said, “The people closest to the problem are often closest to the solution.”

I think all of us, whatever our age group, should think about that kind of *lived expertise* as central to our conversations about making Minnesota a place that feels like home to everybody.

Being willing to listen to those folks at the center instead of always looking to the usual experts, I think that's one thing we could practice. And I think we could also practice just learning people's stories, in ways that are loads deeper than we usually make time for.

## Staying in touch this summer

Since COVID hit in spring 2020, we've kept up the pace with UMRA programs. The quick pivot was thanks to an “all-hands-on-deck” effort from UMRA members who stepped up to develop programs, our news editor and event producer Kris Mortensen, and the UMRA volunteers who gave themselves a crash course in Zoom webinar technology to make sure we had the know-how to keep our programs accessible to members while we were all staying home—or wherever!

The Program Committee is looking at ways to keep that momentum going over the summer and, later, to being able to meet again in person. For June or July, we'd like to try a virtual program with more opportunity for member interactions than that afforded by the webinar format. And for August, we may try an outdoor gathering where we can greet each other in person but still follow the best guidance from the public health folks.

Because the UMRA newsletter is not published over the summer, we'll email announcements via the UMRA list-serv, and also post the dates and information about the events on the UMRA website and Facebook page. Check out the [UMRA Facebook group](#) if you're not already a member. It's a good place to share your own reflections and to stay in touch.

—Jan Morlock, president-elect and Program Committee chair



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**Laura Coffin Koch** (nominated for a three-year term) served as faculty at the University of Minnesota from 1987 to May 2020. She is a Morse Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of Mathematics. During her tenure she was associate dean for undergraduate education with responsibility for freshman seminars, orientation, first-year programs, the SMART Learning Commons, the Center for Academic Planning and Exploration, the President's Emerging Scholars program, and campus-wide student services initiatives. She twice served as interim director of academic counseling and student services for Intercollegiate Athletics. She was chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy and the Faculty Academic Oversight Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. As director of international initiatives for the College of Education and Human Development, one of her many joys was leading study-abroad students to Italy.



**Diane Young** (nominated for a three-year term) retired in 2019 as development director for the Global Programs & Strategy Alliance. She began a 25-year fundraising career at the U as an associate development officer in the (then) College of Natural Resources before accepting a regional development officer position at the University of Minnesota Foundation. Visiting with donors for 25 years was an honor and a pleasure. Diane says crossing paths with colleagues from across the U at UMRA lunches has been engaging, and UMRA's Zoom webinars are very informative. She looks forward to giving back to the U by serving on the UMRA Board. Diane lives in University Grove with her husband, Professor Nevin Young. They have one daughter.



**KaiMay Yuen Terry** (nominated for a second three-year term) is a Chinese American community activist and promoter of cross-cultural understanding. She was instrumental in the development of the Chinese Garden at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. She founded VideoMed, Inc., a producer and distributor of patient education video programs nationwide, and produces public health programs in Hmong and Somali for the U of M. KaiMay left Hong Kong at age 18.

She received her BA at Oberlin College, her MSW at the University of Chicago, and her MPH at Johns Hopkins University. She and Joseph Terry, MD, retired from the ophthalmology and retina faculty at the University, have been married for 46 years. They gain much enjoyment from grandparenting and from giving back to society.

### Continuing Board members



**Jan Morlock** (automatically moves from president-elect to president) served as director of community relations for the Twin Cities Campus. She coordinated the U's engagement with local and regional government and campus-area community initiatives. After retiring in 2017, she and her husband moved to Wisconsin where they are converting part of an old dairy farm to pollinator habitat. Jan says retirement is a reminder of how much she values connections with the good people in her life, and that being an UMRA member has made her life richer. Her goal as president is to do what she can to keep the Retirees Association growing, engaged, and responsive to members; and is prepared to make the most of whatever surprises and opportunities are ahead.

**Frank Cerra** (automatically continues as an officer as immediate past president) joined the U of M in 1981 as a trauma critical care surgeon. He has more than 350 peer-reviewed publications in basic research in liver cell metabolism and transitional nutrition and metabolic support of the critically ill and injured, and in inter-professional education. He entered administration as department head in surgery, became dean of the Medical School, and then served 15 years as the senior vice president for health sciences and services. In 2011, he became a part-time senior advisor to the National Center for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice. He now serves on governing boards and does consulting.

Other continuing members include Vernon Cardwell, Will Craig, Bill Donohue, Cathy Lee Gierke, Cherie Hamilton, Eric Hockert, Jan McCulloch, Chip Peterson, Jerry Rinehart, Barbara Shiels, and Catherine Wambach.

UMRA is grateful for the tireless commitment and countless contributions to the Retirees Association made by retiring President Frank Cerra and the following board members who are completing their terms: Claudia Parliament, Donna Peterson, and Gloria Williams.

—Becky Anderson, editor



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**May 2021 events via Zoom**

- 3 Workshop
- 11 UMRA A.M.
- 17 Executive Committee
- 21 Book Club I
- 24 Board of Directors
- 25 2021 Annual Meeting and Forum
- 28 Book Club II

*Share upcoming events anytime by emailing the UMRA webmaster at [leegi001@umn.edu](mailto:leegi001@umn.edu). Include event title, date, time, a brief description, and contact information.*

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**Photo Club to meet May 11**

The UMRA Photo Club is planning to meet for a socially distanced outdoor photoshoot on Tuesday, May 11, at the Lyndale Park Rose Garden near Lake Harriet in Minneapolis. Newcomers are welcome! Contact Craig Swan at [swan@umn.edu](mailto:swan@umn.edu) or Sheri Goldsmith May at [gold009@gmail.com](mailto:gold009@gmail.com) for the details, including updates in the event of inclement weather.