

UMRA Board of Directors

Minutes Meeting of Tuesday February 28, 2017

Members present: Carl Adams, Shirley Barber, Roger Clemence, Martha Feda, Judy Leahy Grimes, Cherie Hamilton, Jean Kinsey, Sheri Goldsmith May, Kathy O'Brien, Chip Peterson, Donna Peterson, Gloria Williams.

Members absent: Steve Benson, John Howe, Jean Markell, Dave Nauman, Jerry Rinehardt

Other Participants: John Anderson, Gary Hanson, Ginny Hanson

D. Peterson called the meeting to order at 09:02.

1. **Welcome**

Done.

2. **Approve Agenda**

D. Peterson requested that Social Committee be added to Agenda.

3. **Approve January 2017 minutes**

The following changes were approved to agenda item #8 **Communications Task Force**

- add the word *editor*: "leaving their respective jobs as webmaster and newsletter *editor*..."
- delete the words "In the longer run, " and begin new sentence with "*The task force*..."
- delete parenthesis at end of last sentence of last paragraph

The following changes were approved to agenda item #9 **Nominations Committee**

- change Kinsey to *D. Peterson*: "the Board authorized *D. Peterson*"
- change the word "poll" to the words "*vote to authorize*"

The following change was approved to agenda item #12 **Cares Committee**: correctly spell the word *Healing*

4. **Treasurer's Report (Carl Adams)**

Adams distributed a one-page report of UMRA financial activity from 01/23/17 – 02/28/17 on the form that he is now using. Because the annually pre-paid lunches do not show (it is currently difficult to separate them from the monthly paid lunches) it looks like the lunch costs are more than the lunch revenue we bring in, but he is watching those figures. We have one more year on the current four-year insurance contract which covers directors and officers liability, so this time next year we need to be thinking about a new insurance contract. Adams checks on the Foundation account once a year. C. Peterson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion to accept the Treasurer's was seconded and carried.

5. **OLLI – Qsher Life Long Learning Institute (Gary Hanson)**

Gary Hanson provided an overview of OLLI's program offerings: non-credit courses, social/cultural events, and local/international tours. His presentation was focused on ways that UMRA members might become informed about OLLI, either to participate in program offerings, or provide program leadership.

He provided OLLI course guides, and answered Board questions regarding recruitment, costs, and ways that OLLI might reach out to UMRA members.

6. Discussion and follow up of Board Retreat Parking (Kathleen O'Brien)

O'Brien distributed a handout detailing the current U P&T reservation system, which has been impacted by the move to automated pay stations in most parking ramps. P&T is willing to offer a trial basis reservation program to UMRA in the East River Road ramp on a month by month basis this spring, March through May. The trial program would work as follows:

- UMRA members make a parking reservation when they make a lunch reservation
- UMRA gives the list of those with parking reservations to P&T
- UMRA pays P&T \$1/vehicle reservation fee
- P&T assigns a floater employee to staff the East River Road Ramp entrance on luncheon date
- When UMRA person arrives, they identify themselves by name as having an UMRA parking reservation
- Parking staff lets UMRA member enter the lot
- On way out, UMRA member pays for parking as they do now

O'Brien said that she would have an announcement for the March newsletter. All agreed that it could also be announced at today's luncheon. **Key point! You can't have a parking reservation without a lunch reservation!**

The April newsletter will have more information, and in June an analysis will be done.

7. MOU & Data Practices request (D. Peterson)

UMRA has made a Data Practices request to the University, requesting access to names of recent retirees. UMRA has offered to change some wording in the MOU in order to get an agreement with the Administration. Meetings are scheduled, and D. Peterson will be kept updated as discussions occur.

8. Communications Task Force (Jean Kinsey)

-Authority to hire: O'Brien moved that the Executive Committee be given the authority to write a contract for the purposes of hiring a managing editor for the newsletter. Motion was seconded and carried.

-Update: Kinsey suggested that a statement be provided to each retiree in which s/he could indicate "I would like my name to be given to UMRA," or "I'd like to join UMRA," or something similar.

9. Web Page (Dave Nauman)

Nauman was not in attendance.

10. Nominations Committee (Jean Kinsey)

The Committee is working to fill these positions: President Elect, Secretary, and 4 Board members. Kinsey hopes to have a decision by the next Board meeting.

11. AROHE (Cherie Hamilton)

Hamilton reported on some of the highlights of the AROHE Board Retreat discussions.

Greatest challenges for each organization:

- increase in membership (drop in numbers, stagnation?)
- increase funding
- involvement in retiree's decisions regarding retirement and choices

AROHE – what can they do to help

- hold regional events
- document retiree's contributions to the University

Hamilton will help coordinate the 2018 event next year. Now that Hamilton is an AROHE Board member, she will be attending the yearly retreats (in contrast to the alternate year conference attendance that has occurred in the past for UMRA members) so D. Peterson asked for a budget, and Hamilton outlined her costs.

11a. Social Committee (Cherie Hamilton)

Hamilton handed out a potential interest survey to the Board that she would like to distribute to UMRA members, and asked for feedback. She was encouraged to make the survey more comprehensive, rather than restricting the questions to travel experiences, and to include service learning trips. D. Peterson requested that she prepare a revised survey for the Executive Committee.

Hamilton also reported the cost estimates for a potential April Wine and Cheese gathering at the Campus Club

for 50 people, to which there was no further discussion

Room \$150

Cheese platter \$125

Fruit platter \$135

Dessert platter \$185

Cash Bar

12. Benefits Committee Report (Dale Swanson)

Swanson was not in attendance.

13. CARES COMMITTEE (Earl Nolting)

Nolting was not in attendance.

14. Program Committee (Chip Peterson)

Peterson reported that all speakers and after luncheon workshops are scheduled through 2017.

15. URVC (John Anderson/Virgil Larson)

Anderson reported that membership numbers are down: electronic data base may not accurately reflect membership, he's not getting new retiree's names from OHR, and the Retirement Kit may not be getting distributed. On the other hand, at the last OHR seminar, 175 participants gave their signatures and email addresses in order receive digital copies of our newsletter.

16. URVC (John Anderson)

Anderson suggested that this item be addressed at the March Board meeting, so that Board members could attend the first-ever UMRA member Coffee Hour in the Campus Club.

17. Communications/Newsletter (Ginny Hanson)

Hanson reiterated that the March newsletter would be going to press SOON, and that the deadline for the April newsletter will be March 20.

KUDOS TO JULIE MEDBERRY FOR STEPPING IN WITH THE NEWSLETTER!!

The following agenda items were not discussed.

18. Research Grants (Jan Hogan & Richard Poppele)
19. History/Archive Committee (Gloria Williams)
20. Luncheon Committee (Ben Zimmerman)
21. Representative Board of Regents (John Adams)
22. Representative to SCFA (Ted Litman)
23. Representative to Senate Subcommittee on Retirement Plans (Jerry Rinehart)
24. Representative to Alumni Association (Jeanne Markell)
25. Representative to P&A Senate (Kay Thomas)
26. Representative to Civil Service Senate (Nancy Fulton)

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

