

UMRA Board of Directors
Minutes Meeting of Tuesday, 23 May 2017
Unofficial pending Board approval

Members present: Carl Adams, Shirley Barber, Steve Benson, Martha Feda, Judy Leahy Grimes, Jean Kinsey, Jean Markell, Dave Naumann, Kathie O'Brien, Chip Peterson, Donna Peterson, Jerry Reinhart, Gloria Williams

Members absent: Roger Clemence, Cherie Hamilton, John Howe, Sheri Goldsmith May

Other Participants: John Anderson, Cathy Lee Gierke, Ginny Hanson, Earl Nolting, Ben Zimmerman

D. Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome

2. Approve agenda

Donna Peterson added a topic to announcements, "Retirement Employment at the U", based on an e-mail sent to the contact address on the UMRA website. The agenda was approved with this addition.

3. Approve April minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

4. Treasurer's Report (Carl Adams)

Adams distributed a one-page report of financial activity for the period of 4/25/17 to 5/23/17 showing a current balance of \$9,251. This balance should be adequate to cover expenses anticipated for the remainder of this fiscal year (through 8/31).

The extent of subsidization of luncheons is not easily broken out since monthly luncheon income also includes pre-paid luncheon payments and on-line payments. It is important to know the current extent of subsidization as a basis for determining the luncheon price for the coming year. The amount charged by the Campus Club is going to increase for next year. The luncheon price for next year needs to be set prior to the membership renewal notice which goes out in early July. Regular small increases in luncheon prices will be accepted more easily than maintaining a uniform price for several years and then making a large adjustment.

The membership renewal message should address the method of delivery of the Newsletter. Currently, many members receive it by both snail mail and email. Members should have the option to receive the Newsletter either by snail mail or by email, but be encouraged to choose delivery by email which would save the printing costs and postage associated with delivery of hard copies by snail mail.

O'Brien moved acceptance of the treasurer's report. Motion seconded and carried.

5. Communications Task Force (Jean Kinsey)

The May 6th meeting of the task force focused almost exclusively on the Newsletter production using the web site. Cathy Lee Gierke will be the new webmaster. Planning is underway to produce a mock Newsletter over the summer using content from the May Newsletter to test procedures. The e-Newsletter will look different, more like the New York Times e-news. There will be two versions; the e-Newsletter and the traditional hard copy which can be archived. Other communications issues will be considered after the Newsletter transition is completed (by September). Timing of the publication of the Newsletter is of concern since luncheon reservations have been closing.

6. Annual Meeting

Before the luncheon, D. Peterson will introduce the election process, Kinsey will introduce the slate of nominees (hardcopy pictures and bios on each table). Kinsey will thank members of the Nominating committee for their service. O'Brien will move to accept the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee after which D. Peterson call for other nominations from the floor with the understanding that the nominee must be willing to be placed in nomination. If there are no nominations from the floor the slate will be elected by acclamation. If there are one or more nominees from the floor a paper ballot will be required which will take place after the luncheon.

7. Announcements

Awards: Before lunch is served today the awards will be presented by D. Peterson and Kinsey.

Board Orientation: A meeting will be scheduled this summer for newly elected Board members to discuss how the board operates, introduce the UMRA by-laws and the operations manual.

Bylaws & Operating Manual: The annual review and updating of the Operating Manual will be done this summer. The Bylaws will also be reviewed to see if any changes are needed which could be brought to the members for adoption in the fall.

Retirement Employment at the U: An email from a "college wide center at the University" sent to the contact listed on the UMRA web site inquired about how retirees can be employed again at the University. Conditions vary according to prior employment status and nature of separation agreement. D. Peterson will inquire about details and respond.

8. Benefits Committee

No report

9. Web page update (Dave Naumann)

Over the past year 44 flaws in the membership data base functions have been identified which Naumann together with Cathy Lee Gierke will correct by the first of July when membership renewal starts. Later in the summer they will enable the web site to support Newsletter production. Will the "ads" for the sponsors be in both the email and snail mail versions of the Newsletter? Yes. Thanks to Dave Naumann for his work on the web site which now puts UMRA into the 21st century!

10. CARES Committee and other items (Earl Nolting)

Discounts: There are some good changes coming to the discounts this fall. The parking discount is unchanged at \$6. The Bookstore discount will go from 10% to 20% and that will also apply to online purchases. The Bookstore is hopeful that the discount may be extended to Apple products and if that comes to reality there is a good chance that it may be extended to Microsoft products! (Applause!) These options are dependent upon UMRA providing the vendors a list of our members. The Northrop discount will change from 17% to 12-22% on season tickets. The discount at OLLI on first year membership may be extended to subsequent years if the new director approves. Changes to the Athletic Program discounts are under discussion.

Newsletter sponsors: Sponsors are lined up to provide contributions for the coming year (11 responses for 8 issues).

CARES Committee: Nolting is stepping down as chair. It would be very helpful if the new chair were a member of the Board, or if not at least serve as liaison to the Board. CARE Guides have been trained and are available to respond to Care needs.

11. Campus Club (Kathy O'Brien)

Parking Reservations: The trial reservation system with Parking & Transportation Services has worked out quite smoothly with about 20 reservations for each of March, April and May meetings. O'Brien asked for direction as to whether the reservation program should be continued. Discussion about the cost centered on whether UMRA should continue to bear the one dollar per reservation or pass it on to the members requesting the reservation. Adams was concerned that if UMRA continued to bear the cost and if many people requested a reservation but did not use it that PTS would not be pleased if there were many unfilled parking spaces.

Board Meeting Space: Today's meeting in the Bar area seems to have worked out well. Should we ask to use it again in the future, even if it means the Board meeting begins at 9:00 so that the space is available for the social hour?

12. Program Committee (Chip Peterson)

Programs are in place for most of next year. Some workshop details remain to be worked out. According to the Operating Manual, Program Committee members have three year terms to provide regular input of new persons with new ideas and contacts. Suggestions are requested for replacement of retiring members.

13. Membership Committee (John Anderson)

No report

14. URVC (John Anderson)

URVC is exploring a different volunteer management software system since the vendor of the previous system withdrew from consideration because of University requirements.

15. Communications/Newsletter (Ginny Hanson)

Hanson thanked all who have contributed material for the Newsletter during her 13 years as Editor.

16. Research Grants (Jan Hogan/Dick Poppele)

An email from Hogan indicated that the committee's work for the year is complete and that the funds supporting the program have finally been transferred to the Research office so funds can go out to the grant recipients.

17. History/Archives (Gloria Williams)

Officers and committees should deliver a hard copy report of this year's activities by the end of the summer.

18. Luncheon Committee (Ben Zimmerman)

This year the luncheon menu selections worked out smoothly except for May when the committee selected four entrees but the Campus Club would only entertain three. The least selected non-vegetarian entrée was dropped and Judy Grimes graciously contacted those who had selected this option and obtained an alternative selection. Menu selections for the coming year should be submitted soon.

19. Representative to the Regents (John Adams)

Chip Peterson noted that the University Relations committee has not been active. Since the MOU has been approved the role of University Relations might appropriately be given to the Council of Past Presidents. UMRA representation at meetings of the Board of Regents is also important if we are to become more involved in advocating for the University.

20. Subcommittee on Retirement Plans (Jerry Rinehart)

21. Representative to SCFA (Ted Litman)

22. Representative to UMAA (Jean Markell)

23. Representative to P&A Senate (Kay Thomas)

24. Representative to Civil Service Senate (Nancy Fulton)

All no report.

A round of applause by all present thanked Donna Peterson for her leadership as President of UMRA for the year 2016-2017.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by John S. Anderson (substituting for Sheri Goldsmith May)