

University of Minnesota Retirees Association (UMRA)
Minutes of the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, 24 May 2016, Campus Club
[Considered unofficial pending Board approval]

The annual UMRA meeting took place immediately prior to the monthly luncheon and speaker.

President Donna Peterson welcomed all in attendance and explained that the main item of business was election of officers and new and renewing members of the Board of Directors. She then introduced Jean Kinsey, past president of UMRA and chair of the Nominations Committee.

Kinsey explained that, per the UMRA bylaws, the Nominations Committee consisted of five members. Miller, as UMRA's immediate past president, was charged with chairing the committee. The bylaws specify that the committee should include one other Board member (Judy Leahy Grimes this year) and three other association members not on the Board (Ron Anderson, Virgil Larson, and Craig Swan this year).

Kinsey noted that president-elect Chip Peterson would automatically accede to the position of president and Donna Peterson from president to immediate past president. On behalf of the committee, she then placed in nomination the following slate of candidates for other positions:

- President-elect: Jerry Rinehart
- Secretary: Judy Garrard
- For a third year as treasurer: Carl Adams
- Board of Directors, class of 2020: Vernon Cardwell, Cathy Lee Gierke, Jeanne Markell (for a second consecutive three-year term), Claudia Parliament, and Richard Poppele [cross out one?]

There being no additional nominations from the floor, the committee's slate was elected by acclamation.

Current board members who will continue to serve out their terms are Steve Benson, Martha Feda, Judy Leahy Grimes, Cherie Hamilton, John Howe, Kathleen O'Brien, and Gloria Williams. The officers will round out the board.

Donna Peterson congratulated the new officers and board members and thanked those rotating off the board (Past President Jean Kinsey, Secretary Sheri Goldsmith May, and board members Shirley Barber, Roger Clemence, and David Naumann) for their service. Noting that UMRA thrives on the volunteer efforts of many, many members, she singled out a handful for special thanks:

Donna Peterson then introduced president-elect (and soon-to-be president) Chip Peterson, who took the floor to thank Donna for her wisdom and tireless work as president this year and, on behalf of the membership, presented her with a gift certificate as a modest token of appreciation.

The post-lunch speaker was Julie Schumacher, professor of English, Director of the Creative Writing program, and author of *Dear Committee Member*.