

**UMRA Board of Directors**  
**Meeting of Tuesday, 27 March 2018**  
**9:00–10:30 am, Campus Club 411**

**Judith Garrard, Secretary**

*Board Members present:* Carl Adams, Vern Cardwell, Will Craig, Judy Garrard, Cathy Lee Gierke, Judy Leahy Grimes, Cherie Hamilton, Jean Markell, Kathleen O'Brien, Claudia Parliament, Chip Peterson, Richard Poppele, Jerry Rinehart, Gloria Williams, Ben Zimmerman

*Board Member absent:* Steve Benson, John Howe, Donna Peterson

*Guests present:* Ginny Hanson (coordinating newsletter editor), Jean Kinsey (co-chair Council of Past Presidents), Terry Roe (rep to Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs)

**1. Adopt or modify agenda (Attachment 1)**

Approved

**2. February Board minutes (Attachment 2)**

Approved

**3. (Re)introductions & announcements**

Done.

**4. Committee Representative Reports & Proposals**

a. Membership Graph – Virgil Larson (Attachment 4a)

Little change since the previous month.

b. Grants Committee – Dick Poppele (Attachment 4b)

Usually ~20 applications have been submitted. In 2018, 10 applications were submitted; 9 were awarded. Internal peer review system used. Only retirees (faculty or staff) are eligible to submit online proposals. Amounts awarded varied between \$1500 to \$5000. See list of awardees, topics, and amounts in Attachment.

c. Activities Committee – Cherie Hamilton (Attachment 4c)

Draft of a future online Activities Survey discussed and revised. Cherie announced that in April there will be a tour of the State Capitol Building. Future activities planned: Humphrey School luncheon program and Bell Museum tour.

d. Nominating Committee – Jerry Rinehart for Donna Peterson (Attachment 4d)

There are commitments from all who will be nominated.

e. Representative to Senate Subcommittee on Retirement – Jerry Rinehart (Attachment 4c)

Jerry attended this meeting March 5, 2018 and summarized the discussion and decisions in his report.

**5. Annual meeting in May – Chip Peterson**

May meeting: in place of the usual luncheon format, there will be a meeting from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the West Wing of the Campus Club with buffet of hors d'oeuvres. Logistics:

4:00 - 4:45 Buffet will be available.

4:45 - 5:15 UMRA Annual Business Meeting. The May meeting will culminate the 2017-2018 session. During the Business Meeting, Chip will summarize Board actions over the past year, a slate of nominees will be presented, with additional nominations possible from the floor, and UMRA members will vote on the nominees for Board positions and new officers.

5:15-5:45 President Kahler will be the speaker for about 30 minutes, then questions from the audience.

6:00 End of meeting

**6. Quarterly Financial Report – Carl Adams (Attachment 6)**

Income and expenses are about the same as last year; specifics shown in attachment.

**7. Luncheon venue: Proposed Experiments – Jerry Rinehart (Attachment 7)**

Jerry reported a very productive meeting with the Executive Committee of the Campus Club, which was very receptive to the history of UMRA and agreed to an experiment regarding use rooms for our meetings. We will hold three pilot program luncheons in the West Wing for the 2018-2019 meetings. During those meetings, members of the Campus Club will be invited to join the UMRA members in hearing the speaker and post-luncheon program on a space-available basis. After receiving feedback from this year's annual meeting, the UMRA Board will consider whether to hold the September, April, and/or May meetings in the West Wing in a similar time slot. UMRA is looking forward to this exciting set of experimental meetings.

**8. Preliminary discussion of 2018-2019 dues and luncheon fees – Jerry Rinehart**

Due to the increase in cost of luncheons being held in the West Wing in 2018-2019, there will need to be an increase in membership dues. Currently the cost of luncheons in Rooms A/B/C is \$16/person; West Wing costs are an estimated \$20/person. An UMRA committee will meet with Anne of the Campus Club to nail down these costs. This committee will include Judy Leahy Grimes, Carl Adams, Chip Peterson, and Jerry Rinehart. They will report the results to the April Executive Meeting, then Chip will report to the April Board meeting.

The Board voted unanimously to support a proposal to plan for increasing luncheon fees, and possibly dues as well, due to costs, and to explore costs of increasing the quality of food served at the meetings.

**9. Marketing/advocacy requests to UMRA – Chip Peterson on behalf of Executive Committee (Attachment 9)**

Chip summarized two requests to the UMRA Board for support/endorsement of marketing a new senior development and for UMRA advocacy against the U Day Care Center closure. As shown in the Attachment, these requests were considered individually, and the Executive Committee recommended against approving either. The Executive Committee needs to develop a policy proposal for consideration for the Board for future inclusion in the Operating Manual. Chip will lead this effort.

**10. Priorities for further developing relations with U of M – Council of Past Presidents (Attachment 10)**

Attachment 10 summarized the recommendations of the council of Past Presidents of UMRA.

**11. Other**

The Summer Retreat date will be in early to mid August. A survey of potential attendees will be taken to determine the best date. Jerry will handle the logistics. The site will be the Midland Hills Country Club location if schedules permit.

**Adjourned at 10:40am**