

UMRA Board of Directors
Meeting of Tuesday, 24 April 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, Terry Roe, Gloria Williams, Ben Zimmerman

Board Member absent: Steve Benson, Ginny Hanson, John Howe, Donna Peterson, Jerry Rinehart

Guests present: Bud Clawson (chair JOIE), Jean Kinsey (co-chair Council of Past Presidents)

1. Adopt or modify agenda (Attachment 1)

Approved

2. March Board minutes (Attachment 2)

Approved

3. (Re)introductions & announcements

Done.

4. Committee Representative Reports & Proposals

a. JOIE (Journal of Opinions, Ideas, and Essays) – Bud Clawson

Bud reported that the UMN Library has changed to a new system for online publications, such as JOIE in how to monitor readership: in readership (~1800 downloads from 68 countries thus far in 2018), in how downloaded, and in volume (20 articles downloaded between from 2011 to present). There have been no new submissions this year. The purpose of JOIE was to provide articles of interest to retirees that are unusual or interesting and now being published elsewhere. Length is variable. There has been only one rejection. JOIE is advertised in the UMN Brief and in the UMRA Newsletter.

Chip reported that JOIE is currently a Committee of the UMRA Board, but might be more appropriately categorized as a Special Interest Group of UMRA. Bud was agreeable to whatever the UMRA Board wished. The Board approved the change. Bud said that the Journal could be tracked through the UMN Library's website:

<https://pubs.lib.umn.edu/index.php/joie>.

b. Communications & Outreach Committee — Claudia Parliament (Attachment 4b)
Committee has met three times this year. Details of report in Attachment 4b.

c. Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs — Terry Roe (Attachment 4c)

Terry described the SCFA's main discussion, which was about the Retirement Investment Alternatives, as described in Attachment 4c. The UMRA point person on this issue will be Chip, who suggested that this might be a Workshop possibility in 2018-2019. Chip will follow up on this.

- d. Executive Committee update on Prospect Park senior development—Chip Peterson (Attachment 4d)

A reconsideration of the Prospect Park Senior Living Committee was discussed in the Executive Committee during the presentation by development representatives, as described in Attachment 4d. No commitments were made; however the issues will be discussed further as the development continues to be built and relationships with various UMN units are defined. The daycare proposal was also discussed at the Board meeting.

5. Draft UMRA policies on marketing and advocacy – Chip Peterson for the Executive Committee (Attachment 5)

The point was made that the Daycare issue may become part of the whole fringe benefit package by the UMN Human Resources Office. If the U's daycare support is cut, then how does UMN compare to its peer institutions? This should be taken into account in redrafting policies on use of website or listserv.

6. Draft of member survey on afternoon format in West Wing – Chip Peterson for the Executive Committee (Attachment 6)

The Board discussed the draft survey format and suggested a few changes. Chip will ask Ron Matross to review the resulting update and put it into SurveyMonkey. After any further changes from the Executive Committee or Board, the survey will be sent to members after the May meeting.

7. Luncheon and buffet fees for 2018-19 – Chip Peterson & Jetty Rinehart for the Executive Committee (Attachments 7a & 7b)

The decision was made to provide a cash bar, rather than drink tickets, at the afternoon buffet meeting in May. This reduces the estimated cost to UMRA but provides options to membership. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by the Board to increase the Luncheon costs from \$16 to \$20 for the 2018-2019 UMRA meetings. A request will be made to the Campus Club that that this \$20 luncheon fee will be for two years (2018-2020), with a possibility of discussing an improvement in the quality of the food served. Chip and Jerry will follow up with this request to the Campus Club.

8. Other

Date for the Summer Retreat has not been finalized. Jerry will make an announcement to the UMRA Board in May, and Chip to the membership at the annual meeting.

Adjourned at 10:40am