

**UMRA Membership Association Minutes  
Meeting of Tuesday, 22 May 2018  
3:45-4:30pm, West Wing of Campus Club**

**Judith Garrard, Secretary**

*UMRA Members present:* Those who attended the May Luncheon held in the West Wing of the Campus Club.

*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 Members absent:* Steve Benson, John Howe, Donna Peterson

4:35pm Call to order by the Board President, Chip Peterson

**1. Announcements – Chip Peterson, President**

- New Discount Coordinator is Bev Moe; her email is: [bevmoe@umn.edu](mailto:bevmoe@umn.edu)
- Tour of new Athletics Village will be June 11 at 10:30am; Bill Donahue will lead the tour.
- Tour of Arboretum will be in September. Members must sign up in advance.

**2. Slate of Nominees – Jerry Rinehart, President-Elect**

- Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their work: Donna Peterson (chair), Earl Nolting, Ginny Hanson, Jerry Rinehart, Pat Tollefson,
- Slate of nominees presented: For President-Elect, Bill Donohue; for Secretary, Lynn Anderson; for additional year as Treasurer, Carl Adams. (In addition, Jerry Rinehart will automatically move from President-Elect to President and Chip Peterson from President to Past President.) For 3-year Board terms, Frank Cerra, Claudia Parliament (who is just completing a one-year term), Kaimay Yuen Terry, and Gloria Williams (for a second three-year term).
- Call for additional nominations. None
- Approval of Slate of Nominees by acclamation.

**3. Outgoing Officers – Chip Peterson**

Board Members: Steve Benson and John Howe

Secretary: Judy Garrard

Board Member: Donna Peterson, Past President

**4. Any business from the floor?**

None

**5. Synopsis of the past year – Chip Peterson**

This was a transition year; some of the highlights included:

- A Town Hall was held at the October luncheon that focused on how UMRA could grow and the changes needed. The Board is working on the suggestions made by the membership.
- Two new Committees were created: the Social Activities Committee, chaired by Cherie Hamilton. and the Committee on Communications and Outreach, chaired by Claudia Parliament.
- Membership has dropped by 25 members over this year. UMRA needs to obtain a list of UMN retirees from the University. Negotiations have been resolved with the University and we should be able to obtain such a list on an ongoing basis based on a meeting with the Provost's Office. Also, a representative of UMRA will now be invited to Pre-Retirement Seminars to describe the benefits of UMRA.
- Membership fee for new members has been reduced to zero for the first year of their membership as an inducement to join UMRA; this does not include a drop in the fee for the luncheon/buffet.
- Concern by the membership about overcrowding at the luncheon meetings in Room ABC of the Campus Club was the focus of intense effort this past year; Jerry Rinehart led a task force to explore possibilities for alternative locations. The result has been a new agreement between UMRA and the Campus Club to experiment with different meeting times and venues that include use of the West Wing and an alternative buffet format at different times.
- New MOU between UMRA and the Provost's Office has resulted in UMRA being able to use an in-house rate for University expenses.
- The Provost's Office plans to continue its support of the UMRA Professional Grants.
- Finances of UMRA: UMRA has reasonably healthy reserves. Dues are being raised by \$5.00/year and luncheon/buffet fees by \$4 (from \$16 to \$20).

#### **6. Announcements from Jerry Rinehart, Incoming President**

- Jerry thanked Chip Peterson for his leadership this year as UMRA's President and presented him with a gift card. His leadership has resulted in an excellent job of working with the Board of Directors, and an organization "that runs itself."
- Jerry and Bill Donohue will participate in the annual conference of Big Ten retiree organizations and University Conference and Cherie Hamilton in the biennial AROHE conference.
- The Board of Directors will meet in an UMRA retreat on August 9 to further plan the activities of UMRA next year.

4:57 pm Meeting adjourned.