

UMRA Board Meeting
October 23, 2018
9:00-10:30
Campus Club Conference Room 411
Minutes

Attendees: Members: Carl Adams, Lynn C. Anderson, Vern Cardwell, Frank Cerra, Will Craig, Bill Donohue, Cathy Gierke, Judy Grimes, Cherie Hamilton, Kathy O'Brien, Claudia Parliament, Chip Peterson, Dick Poppele, Jerry Rinehart, Gloria Williams
Committee Chairs: Kris Mortensen

1. Introductions
2. Amend/Approve Agenda: **Approved**
3. Review Approve September 23, 2018 Board Minutes (Attachment 1):
Approved with the notation that the grants are open to all retirees, not just members of UMRA.
4. Updates from Executive Committee (Regents Liaison, Increased funding for AROHE participation, meeting with Andy Whitman): Jerry wrote to UMRA board members asking for ideas for a faculty member to be the liaison to the Regents. It is important for this person to be a "known quantity" and formerly active in faculty governance. The Executive Committee approved an increase in funding from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for Cherie Hamilton to participate in AROHE. The Executive Committee met with Andy Whitman regarding his proposed tax management workshops and determined there was no conflict of interest so Andy will move ahead with advertising his workshops.
5. Format/questions for Regent Omari Meeting on 10/30/18 (Attachment 2):
We are hoping to have 20-25 UMRA members at the meeting with Omari. Sign-up sheets were circulated at the Board meeting and will be circulated at the October luncheon. Jerry will make an announcement at the luncheon and send out an email encouraging attendance. Kathy O'Brien noted that it is important for us all to vote on November 6 since the Regents are selected by our Legislators. Bill Donohue and Frank Cerra are writing an op-ed piece regarding the importance of the decision about who will be the new U of M

- president. They will send a draft to the UMRA Board members for comment. A decision on the new president is likely in December or February.
6. Program Committee Update – Bill Donohue: The committee met once this fall and developed 9 criteria for selecting presenters. Presenters have been identified for January, February, and March meetings. April and May presenters are TBD. The workshops are run by the CARES committee that Ron Matross chairs. Usually 35-40 people attend each workshop (some of whom attended the preceding luncheon and some who did not).
 7. Senate Subcommittee on Retirement – Bill Donohue (Attachment 2A, Terry Roe’s report on SCFA meeting): The U has selected Fidelity to be the U’s single vendor to keep records of faculty retirement plans. This is a change from Securian. Announcements and roll-out to occur in early 2019. The CARES committee is concerned about impact on the UMRA members who are over 85 years old. The intention is to ask Ken Horstman, HR, to do a workshop on this for retirees.
 8. Treasurer’s Quarterly Report – Carl Adams (Attachment 3): The report was accepted by the Board. There was agreement that it would be important going forward to separate the dues from the prepaid luncheon and show each as a separate line item.
 9. AROHE Conference Report – Cherie Hamilton (Attachment 4): Cherie reported that before the most recent conference she requested and received feedback from Jerry about which sessions would be most important to attend. She provided Jerry with her notes and brochures for the Executive Committee to review. Key comments: it is important for retiree organizations to have a “sponsor” (ally, supporter, advocate) from the university administration at the chancellor, VP level. UMRA has a liaison to UMRC but not as close a relationship or level of support as we could. Cherie shared the 4 phases of retirement and recommended a book by Roger Baldwin.
 10. Social Activities Survey Results—Cherie Hamilton (Attachment 5): postponed to the November board meeting.

11. Moving Forward with Strategic Priorities: postponed to November board meeting.
12. Podcasting Sessions – Kris Mortensen: Kris presented us with the findings from her research on recording UMRA speaker presentations (see handout).
13. Website—Cathy Lee Gierke: A major overhaul and update of the UMRA website has been completed and the new website is up and running and looks great. The Academic Health Center has allowed us to use their website.
14. Possible room change for Board meetings: It was agreed that we will continue to use CMU 411 for our board meetings for now unless we have a guest speaker that requires AV and/or a larger space. We will revisit this decision in a month or two and see if another location would be preferable going forward.