

UMRA Board of Directors Meeting
February 26, 2019
9:00-10:30
411 Campus Club
Minutes

Board Members Present: C. Adams, L. Anderson, V. Cardwell, W. Craig, W. Donohue, C. Gierke, C. Hamilton, K. O'Brien, C. Parliament, C. Peterson, R. Poppele, G. Rinehart, KM Terry, G. Williams

Additional Attendees: V. Larson, K. Mortensen, T. Roe

Board Members Absent: F. Cerra, J. Grimes, J. Markell

1. Introductions
2. January 2019 Minutes (*Attachment 2*) were approved with an edit from C. Gierke on item 2a. Changes were made.
3. By Law Revision: Optional extended terms for Past Presidents (*Attachment 3*). Donna Peterson originally suggested this change to retain expertise and experience of past presidents. C. Peterson and W. Donohue crafted proposed revision with input from the Executive Committee. Executive Committee and Board approved (C. Adams moved, K. O'Brien seconded) this revision, which will be voted on at the May Annual Meeting.
4. Campus Club update: C. Adams, W. Donohue, C. Peterson, and G. Rinehart met with Ann Holt, Campus Club Director, and colleagues at the Campus Club (CC). We will have the West Wing for our March, April, and May meetings and all of our meetings in 2019-20. The service fee at the CC is going up to 20%, it is being phased in this year with a 9% increase. The 20% service fee will be assessed on food and beverages next year (not the room or technology). We could cover this increase by raising the luncheon charge from \$20 to \$22 and if we fill the West Wing with 140-150 attendees. Other considerations: we are not raising the annual membership dues (\$30 per year after first year which is free); do we go to \$25 per lunch and get better food? K. O'Brien moved that we raise the luncheon fee by \$2 and thanked those involved in making these changes. W. Craig seconded. The Board approved this change, which, upon further discussion, is intended to give the membership a sense of where the Board stands, pending further discussion and investigation and a final decision in April.
5. Committee/Liaison Updates:
 - a. Membership Committee—Virgil Larson (*Attachment 8a, 8b*): V. Larson provided an overview of the very helpful membership chart. Noted that there will be a likely increase by the end of February. Question was raised about what constitutes “households” as distinct from singles or couples.
 - b. Nominating Committee—Chip Peterson; C. Peterson noted that there are 5 members of the nominating committee (C. Peterson, W. Donohue, Laura Ericksen, T. Roe, and D. Peterson. They will meet in mid-March and the nominations will be included in the April

newsletter for vote at the May Annual Meeting. C. Adams and L. Anderson will remain in their positions as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

c. Communications—Claudia Parliament, Cathy Gierke, Kris Mortensen: Claudia Parliament is stepping down as chair and Jean Kinsey has agreed to chair, pending G. Rinehart formally asking her to do so. C. Parliament was thanked for all of her great leadership as committee chair. The committee has investigated and discussed the pros and cons of various options for recording the monthly luncheon presentations. They decided to go with video recording in Google Hangouts On Air. They are experimenting with an on-line communication platform called “Salon.” Board members are invited to log in and share info and use the site. The Salon is a place for members to “meet.” Ron Matross has been very supportive of the development of the Salon. K. Mortensen has added great articles to the website, several that promote community and social engagement. There are two moderators for the website, Rinehart and Matross, and one more is needed. A paragraph on the moderators’ roles will need to be developed. It was discussed and agreed that a statement on civil discourse needs to be posted on the Salon website. C. Gierke asked board members to send her examples of a civil discourse statement. C. Gierke will send us instructions on login to the Salon. C. Peterson asked if additional categories should be added; C. Gierke suggested that we all use the Salon and see if new categories are needed or not. Rinehart urged us all to log in and try out the Salon. G. Rinehart said that our newsletter and website are the best in the Big Ten—congrats to everyone involved.

d. Senate Subcommittee on Retirement—Bill Donohue: Ken Horstman is leading the workshop today and sharing information about the important and significant changes.

e. Program Committee—Bill Donohue: Dave MacMillan will be our May speaker; September will tentatively be President Joan Gabel; October will be Doug Yee; the research presentations will be in November.

f. Board of Regents—Terry Roe (*Attachment 4*): The Regents meeting was Feb 8; see T. Roe’s report.

g. Social Committee—Cherie Hamilton (*Attachment 5*): Hamilton gave an overview of her report. She noted that the U of M women’s basketball game was well attended and thanked W. Craig for organizing. She would like to talk with the Executive Committee about funding to reserve space for a neighborhood meeting—which would be recouped by charging participants. Tickets are available for a Twins game in May that W. Craig is organizing. There may be a Mississippi River tour in May and a horse barn tour in June. C. Hamilton attended the AROHE meeting in Las Vegas and noted that other universities have lots of sponsorships. She has approached Road Scholar about two potential trips (one domestic, one international) and they would give us a 5% return on any trips booked through them if at least 20 people participate.

h. Armchair Traveler—Lynn Anderson: Anderson noted that 35 UMRA members attended the first Armchair Traveler program in January. The next program is scheduled for April 9 featuring Poland (D. Hansen) and

Hong Kong (R. Anderson). Anderson asked members if they thought 4 programs per year made sense and members agreed. She also asked about offering domestic and international programs and members agreed. Anderson noted that she is pleased to be organizing these programs since it fits so well with her professional and personal experience and passion.

6. Regents Selection Process Update—Bill Donohue (*Attachment 6*): Donohue noted that the article that he and others wrote was published in the Star Tribune. A vote to select the new Regents will be held in the next two weeks in the MN House and Senate.
7. Treasure's Update—Carl Adams (*Attachment 7*): Adams briefly described the 2nd Quarter Financial Report. He noted a typo under Bank Balances, the third entry should be Checking 12/31/18 (not 2/31/18).
8. Sponsorship/Partnership policies discussion—led by Jerry Rinehart: Rinehart described Ohio State's work with a housing complex and the resulting sponsorship monies that support the mission of their retiree association. Susan Weinberg Carlson, from "The Pillars of Prospect Park" has an agreement with the Alumni Association (AA) and is seeking an agreement with UMRA. The Pillars will provide all residents with membership in the AA. Adams urged care in distinguishing between advertising and sponsorship and checking with the AA. Hamilton noted that OLLI is also in conversation with The Pillars, that the Pillars will pay the first year membership in OLLI for residents and will offer space for classes and free parking. Adams wondered whom we might approach for additional sponsorships. The following suggestions were made: Bell Museum, Weisman, Arboretum, Northrup Series, Ted Mann, etc.