

UMRA Board of Directors Minutes

May 21, 2019 1:00-2:30

Campus Club Room 411

Board Members Present: L. Anderson, V. Cardwell, F. Cerra, W. Craig, W. Donohue, C. Gierke, J. Grimes, C. Hamilton, J. Markell, C. Parliament, C. Peterson, R. Poppele, G. Rinehart, KM Terry, G. Williams

Additional Attendees: J. Anderson, J. Kinsey, K. Mortensen,

Board Members Absent: C. Adams, K. O'Brien V. Larson, T. Roe

1. Announcements/additions to agenda: Rinehart announced that UMRA member Vandora Gynneath Linck passed away on May 7. Memorial service will be held on June 10. A suggestion was made to ask the CARES committee if they could send out an email to UMRA members with link to obituaries of UMRA members.
2. Review/Approval of April minutes (Attachment 2): Approved
3. Announcements/ updates
 - a. Volunteer Activity Survey: Rinehart announced that we have 420 responses to the survey thus far.
 - b. Other? Donohue said that he had attended a CLA faculty retirement event for 12 retiring CLA faculty, 3 attended with family members. Donohue shared UMRA info and the Fact Sheet will be sent to all retirees.
4. Committee and Liaison reports
 - a. Communication Committee report -continued (Attachment 3): Kinsey reviewed the "Late Breaking News" memo. She noted that we need a sponsorship coordinator. Donohue has asked Bev Moe to serve in this capacity and he will let us know what she says. The Board agreed that the communications committee should go ahead with ordering a tabletop runner and also getting the new letterhead designed and available on our website. We will use up the current newsletter copies (approximately 2,000) before redesigning the newsletter header. K. Mortensen handed out the new UMRA business cards for board members to have available to share with potentially interested retirees. She also showed us a print of the new roll-up banner that will be ready by May 31. Gierke talked about the status of the Salon and encouraged board members to submit items and comment. Kinsey thanked Mortensen and Gierke for all of their fabulous work.
 - b. SCFA and Board of Regents Liaison – (Attachment 4): See T. Roe's report. We will check with John Adams who was in this role previously about history and examples of possible engagement.
 - c. Social Activities and Outreach – C. Hamilton: Hamilton gave us an update on attendance at recent Twins game (17 attended), 29 are scheduled to attend the Jazz and Wine event but not tables available for all, planning a July 25 Bee Lab and Raptor Center visit.
 - d. Road Scholars Program – Cheri Hamilton: Hamilton noted that there are 17 UMRA members who have indicated an interest in serving on a

travel committee to decide if there should be a survey of members regarding possible destinations, cost, timeframe, duration.

- e. Program Committee – B. Donohue: Programs are set through January 2020 with a possible December program added (either the new President or a Holiday gathering). KM Terry suggested that whenever the new President speaks with us we might ask KARE 11 or the U of M Daily to cover the event—if the new President agrees.
 - f. Senate Subcommittee on Retirement - B. Donohue, C. Adams (Attachment 5): HR will offer information sessions this fall in anticipation of April 2020 changes.
 - g. History/Archives – Gloria Williams: Williams reminded all board members to turn in their reports with attachments to her this summer for archival purposes. She asked us not to put the reports in binder and to make sure the reports are accurate, properly formatted, and include all attachments. Reports are needed from all committee chairs, the treasurer, and the secretary.
 - h. Membership – J. Anderson, V. Larsen: Rinehart noted that we have 596 members as of the last report, an increase over past membership. See latest reports from Larsen.
 - i. Other liaison/committee updates: C. Peterson suggested that we review and possibly revise our mission statement. Rinehart noted that both mission statements (shorter and longer versions) can be used as needed by board members and committees.
5. UM Tax Office meeting and UMRA Sponsorship Policy Statement (Attachment 6): Donohue briefly commented on the document that Rinehart authored. Mortensen has developed a sponsorship information sheet for potential sponsors.
6. Final Comments and Looking Forward – J. Rinehart, B. Donohue: Rinehart expressed his appreciation for everyone’s efforts and accomplishments this year (see attachment 7 with details). Donohue thanked Rinehart for all of his leadership and accomplishments. Donohue looked ahead to the coming year and mentioned the possibility of breakfast meetings with the new Regents and a possible December meeting/celebration.