

Policy Title: Funding Representatives' Participation in Big 10 and AROHE Conferences

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Background/overview: In as much as UMRA is one of several University Retiree Associations in the United States, we benefit from interaction with our fellow associations by learning how they are organized, what activities they foster, how they recruit members, how they relate to their University's administration etc.

The Big Ten Retirees Association holds an annual meeting. UMRA sponsored this meeting in 2014. Donna Peterson, President Elect, attended the Big Ten meeting in 2015 at Michigan State University.

“ARHOE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education) is a dynamic member network that advocates for, educates and serves campus-based organizations for retired faculty and staff. By promoting a culture that values and encourages retirees' continuing contributions to campus and community life, AROHE helps colleges and universities to harness the remarkable talents of their retired faculty and staff to further the missions of their institutions.” (<http://arohe.org>). UMRA is a member of AROHE. We have sent representatives to this meeting. In 2014 UMRA sponsored the meeting at U of M. It will meet in the summer of 2016 at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Policy Statement:

This resolution is presented in 2 parts.

- A. The UMRA Board of Directors authorizes the organization to provide up to \$1000 to reimburse an approved* UMRA representative to attend and represent UMRA at the annual conference of the Big Ten Retirees Association.

- B. The UMRA Board of Directors authorizes the organization to provide up to \$1000 to reimburse an approved* UMRA representative to attend and represent UMRA at the biennial conference of AROHE.