

UMRA Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Monday, November 21, 2022
1:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

In attendance (virtual): Ron Matross, Eric Hockert, Kristy Frost-Griep, Jerry Rinehart, Jan Morlock (filling in for Julie Sweitzer for Secretary duties)

Regrets: Julie Sweitzer

UMRA President Ron Matross called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Jan Morlock requested to add one item to the agenda, a report on Nominations Committee timeline.

Financial Report: Treasurer Kristy Frost-Griep summarized the financial report as of October and pointed out that income from membership dues is not coming in at the pace projected in the budget. If the assumptions in the projections were based on our prior history, are there other factors we need to consider? Kristy suggested asking the Membership Committee for a report. If membership renewals aren't keeping up or are just slower, do we need an incentive for people to renew in a more timely way? Ron indicated that he will ask the Membership Committee to consider these questions and report to the board.

Program Survey: A team of Ron, Catherine Wambach, and Will Craig have drafted a member survey to be sent the week after Thanksgiving. The survey includes a question about alternative formats to our traditional sit-down lunch/forum over the noon hour.

Consideration of venues: We know that the Campus Club will remain open through the end of the fiscal year; we have a tentative reservation with Midland Hills for March. If we try that venue, we may want to use an on-the-spot evaluation card for each participant to use. The results of the survey will inform how we want to experiment with the forum events for the remainder of this program year.

Board calendar for this year: Ron invited comment on when to invite which committees to report at the board meetings. For February, Communications and Outreach. PDGR committee to report in Spring/April. Membership Committee to report in the Fall, following August membership renewals. Program Committee to report in October or November with new chair in place. Ron invited comment on timing of committee reports for Social Activities, UMRA Cares, JOIE, our liaisons.

Integration of UMRA and URVC: Jerry reported on the work of the task force. The proposed new name for the URVC operations within UMRA will be the URVC Council. URVC Council Members will qualify as UMRA members whether or not they are UMN retirees. The Council Chair will be elected by the UMRA membership and will serve on the UMRA Exec Committee. The task force report will be taken to the current URVC board for adoption in January. The by-

laws changes will be taken to the UMRA board for action this Spring, and will be presented for action by the UMRA membership at the annual meeting in May.

Nominating Committee: Jan presented the proposed Nominating Committee timeline for 2023. There were no recommended changes.

Other discussion:

Kristy suggested that we may want to offer transportation to our venue for speakers when/if we are doing programs off-campus. Kristy further suggested that we need to continue to have ways to bring in new members to our participate in our programs, especially for those who are introverts or otherwise may need a personal touch to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.