

Agenda
UMRA Board Committee Meeting
Monday, 2/27/2023

1. Approval of minutes from January meeting—Julie S.
2. Monthly financial report—Kristy FG.
3. Vote on amended UMRA Bylaws—Jerry R.
4. Regents report—Catherine W.
5. Day of service—Will C.
6. Program Committee update—Eric H.
7. Campus Club update—Frank C.
8. Nominating Committee update—Jan M.
9. Recap of email negotiation—Ron M

UMRA Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)
Monday, January 23, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes

In attendance (virtual): Board members: John Bantle, Frank Cerra, Will Craig, Bill Donohue, Kristy Frost-Griep, Cathy Lee Gierke, Cherie Hamilton, Eric Hockert, Russell Luepker, Kate Maple, Ron Matross, Jan Morlock, Jerry Rinehart, Barb Shiels, Julie Sweitzer, KaiMay Terry, Cathrine Wambach, Diane Young

Visitors: Kris Mortensen, Diane

Ron Matross opened the meeting just after 1:00 p.m., noting that he wanted to add a report on the Nominating Committee and Cathrine Wambach's report on the Regents' meetings to the agenda. He then asked for approval of the November and December board minutes. Frank moved approval of the November minutes and Kate seconded, with a unanimous vote in favor. Barb moved approval of the December minutes and Jerry seconded, with a unanimous vote in favor.

Finances: Kristy presented the financial report which now incorporates URVC. On line 50 there is a note about the event expenses. The deficit is close to the budgeted amount, so expenses appear to be on track. Dues received are slightly higher than reported due to January deposits but still just under \$12,000, compared to the budgeted \$15,000. As an offset, Pillars of Prospect Park purchased two more ads resulting in \$1,000 of unplanned income.

Ron expressed concern about dues falling short of projections, and that based on John's membership report, renewals are down to 72%. It is 50% for first year free memberships, and 80% for continuing members. There will be two more contacts by March, but it is late in the membership year. Ron and the Minnesota delegation raised this topic at the recent virtual Big 10 meeting and UW has a 3% nonrenewal rate. Jerry asked if free membership is working? The concept was to bring in more members. Cathy Lee said we should expect a lower renewal rate for those joined for free. Frank recommended asking those who don't renew why they did not renew. Jan said some other Big 10 associations call each non-renewal and ask that question. Diane observed that there are fewer new members who register for lunches. Eric said he had plans for engaging new members around the March luncheon. Cathrine said we probably have data we could analyze. If new members come to events, do they renew? Frank said we still have to know why new members do not renew. KaiMay said we could also ask why they join. New members may not appreciate the organization if membership is free. Bill noted that despite membership being free people still have to take action to sign up. He wanted to know how we had budgeted for membership dues, and Kristy said John Anderson's projection was based on a 50% rate for new members, and 85% for others.

Ron offered a proposal. He has talked with Virgil about the membership communication cycle and thinks there is room for improvement. UMRA currently sends out renewals in June and July when there is no programming, and it continues through February. It might work better to start

closer to September, make the communications marketing tools with different messages for new members, and end by Thanksgiving. He wants to enlist the Communications and Outreach Committee along with the Membership Committee to create a small group, led by Ron and including John and Virgil, that will develop a plan for consideration by the board in February. Kate asked if he was considering a change to the calendar year, but Ron said he was more focused on adjusting the communication months. Diane liked the proposed approach. Kris advocated clarifying the calendar, program, and membership years, and noted other organizations start reminding members about renewal nine months in advance. Jerry asked if the bylaws define the role of the Membership committee, which has been more focused on recordkeeping but perhaps should include marketing. He mentioned the recent discussion about eliminating the couples' discount. Cathy Lee thought the Membership Committee decided not to bring a dues change to the board. She said renewals could start as early as April so that membership is resolved by the time fall programs begin. Cathrine said renewal messages could include a preview of coming events. Bill supports creating the group for figuring out communications and deadlines, and whether the free membership is effective. Kris reminded us that there is value in the free membership by capturing email and contact information. Ron wrapped the discussion up by saying he would meet with the Communications Committee followed by the small task force to discuss communications and ask Membership to consider dues (both the couples discount and possible lifetime memberships), with a report back to the board. Jerry reminded us to include special interest groups in any definition of active members, since we think active members are more likely to renew. Cherie said she likes the idea of membership committee contacting those who did not renew, and noted that OLLI does that. Kate reminded us that since we are still in moderate COVID members might put more emphasis on small groups for safety, as well as the value of the activity.

Program: Eric had four items to report. First, there is a special forum about the Fairview-Sanford proposed merger on February 14. He recognized Frank, Kris and others for setting this up so quickly, and thought we might want to set up criteria for special forums. Second, there will be enhanced efforts to engage new members for the March Midland Hills lunch Forum. There will be a new member welcome session for 30 minutes before the lunch, and Ron will discuss UMRA opportunities. Jan McCulloch is coordinating hosts for each new member, who will contact the new member in advance and join them at lunch if the new member so desires. Eric will send them personal invites (with John Anderson and Diane Young's signatures as well) to encourage registration, timed to the formal newsletter announcement.

Eric is arranging a site visit for Midland Hills and will invite board members to attend if they wish, and get promotional information describing the menu, program and venue to Kris in time for the newsletter. Finally, he asked for ideas about non-Forum, non-Workshop events for this year. He is thinking zero to four events, not too close together, perhaps including a Holiday event. Jan volunteered to help guide this, and Eric is talking with the Social Activities Committee. Current ideas include a boat ride on the Mississippi or the St. Croix, Como, Arboretum, or campus tours. Kate said she loves the Arboretum idea. Kris asked if there was a written Program Committee report, and Eric said no but he would send his personal notes to

Julie. Kris said she joined UMRA because of a new member event where she identified an activity of interest to her. Diane said she observed fewer no shows at the third luncheon (November 2022), which may mean bringing new members and board hosts together is valuable. She still gets general questions from members who don't know who else to contact.

Big Ten Retirees Association (BTRA): UMRA put attendance on the agenda. All except Nebraska have seen significant drops since COVID for in person attendance, even up to 50%. Some are doing hybrid events, some with dedicated rooms, and one even hired a tech person at \$1300 per month. Jan noted that those doing hybrid meetings are not including a luncheon. Ron said that some of those doing hybrid meetings are less interested in social aspects. Eric agreed with Kate's earlier comment that small groups can provide a welcoming environment. Diane said we should use the language of special interest groups, not clubs, to reaffirm that they are part of UMRA. Ron said there is a process for approval of special interest groups.

Nominating Committee: As immediate past president Jan is serving as chair. She reported the membership is set as noted in her written report. They will come back to the board in March with a slate of officers. Frank moved approval of the Nominating Committee membership, Barb seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Professional Development Grants for Retirees (PDGR): John Bantle reported there were ten applications, which is good news after two years of single applications. There is \$53,951 in the main account, and \$34,619 in the University account. We are in the second of three years of university funding from the provost under the current agreement, so will receive an additional \$15,000 next year. John presented three issues for discussion. First, it is possible the PDGR committee will want to award around \$40,000 to perhaps 8 of the 10 applicants and asked if that was appropriate. Jan said we should fund those that meet the criteria best and asked if there is a sunset on the university funding. Bill said he was confident the provost would not claw back the funding, and if UMRA could show it is being used effectively, he thinks Provost Croson will renew the funding. Will said he did a report in JOIE and the newsletter showing the impact of the research funded by the grants on students, society, academia and more. John thought four of the applications had the potential for major impacts. Frank thought it was good to fund up to \$40,000, not necessarily all applications, so that there is a message back that the quality of the grant application counts.

The second issue is that the committee is down to 6 and needs 1 or 2 more members. John asked if he should identify a potential member and ask Ron to make the appointment. Bill agrees that is the right process. Kate asked if she could email ideas about members to John, and he agree. The last issue is an email from the associate vice president for research to the provost, indicating the OVPR office could not support the UMRA PDGR program beyond completing current grants. The provost responded that UMRA is a "politically sensitive and important group" and encouraged exploring options to continue to provide the financial administration of the grants. John noted that there is no obvious way to replace that administrative support. Julie agreed to contact Deb Cran and find out more information. This is

money Provost Croson assigned to UMRA, it remains in university accounts, and we all want to assure it is managed well.

Travel: Cherie reported that sending travel info via the UMRA listserv does not appear to be reaching all members so she is interested in submitting an article for the newsletter. It would include a link to the brochure that provides the information, and questions would go to Cherie. Kris said she was open to promoting trips in the newsletter and recommended using multiple communication channels. Cherie said UMRA has no responsibility for the trips and they are simply offered to UMRA members. AROHE is starting to organize its travel planning by regions, and Cherie asked if UMRA was willing to invite members of midwest AROHE retiree associations to join trips if there is space. Jerry recommended a 3-year approval subject to reconsideration after 3 years and made that motion. Will seconded. Jan asked if we are pressed to decide now? She would appreciate refreshing her understanding of UMRA's responsibility. Cherie insisted UMRA has no responsibility, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Regents: Cathrine submitted a written report on the recent Regents' meetings and noted there is more detail online. Enrollment seems positive but Cathrine expressed concern over the report of decreased faculty engagement. Eastcliff funding and ownership is under discussion due to decreased use. Ron said he would include the Regents' reports earlier on the agenda to assure time for discussion. Barb and Jerry discussed the employee survey that is the basis for the report on decreased engagement. Jan noted the upcoming election of new Regents. The Alumni Association is hosting a candidate forum January 31. She wondered whether UMRA should recruit UMRA members to serve on the Regents Candidate Advisory Council. Kris noted the UMRA Forum on Regent selection was the next day (January 24).

Ron **adjourned** the meeting at approximately 2:50 p.m.

University of Minnesota Retirees Association

Financial Report

January 2023

Fiscal year July 1 through June 30

UMRA		
	6.30.22	1.31.23
Savings Certificate	\$ 10,243	\$ 10,254
Savings Account	\$ 6,973	\$ 6,974
Checking Account	\$ 3,402	\$ 7,560
Total Checking and Savings	\$ 20,618	\$ 24,788

URVC	
Carryforward	\$ 5,130
Total Available 1/31/23	\$ 6,815

	UMRA		
	Budget FY23	January	YTD
Revenue:			
Sponsorships	\$ 6,500		\$ 3,000
Summer Social	\$ 2,000		\$ 1,950
Annual Dues	\$ 15,000	\$ 920	\$ 12,410
Luncheons/Events	\$ 14,400		\$ 8,345
Future Luncheons			\$ 1,710
Donations			\$ -
Transfer out of Savings	\$ 2,600		
Total Revenue	\$ 40,500	\$ 920	\$ 27,415
Expenses:			
Cares Committee (memorials and expenses)	\$ 900		\$ 630
Newsletter printing/ mailing	\$ 3,820		\$ 1,693
Newsletter personnel contracts	\$ 8,000	\$ 900	\$ 3,650
Membership committee costs	\$ 600		\$ -
Other Annual Meeting costs	\$ 1,060		\$ 1,060
Luncheons/Events	\$ 17,700		\$ 10,194
Host Committee	\$ 460		\$ 122
Square / Stripe fees		\$ 22	\$ 713
Summer Social	\$ 2,000		\$ 1,813
Big 10 Conference costs	\$ 3,700		\$ 2,126
Insurance	\$ 1,500		\$ 579
AROHE	\$ 220		\$ 120
Other	\$ 540		\$ 557
Total Expense	\$ 40,500	\$ 922	\$ 23,257
Net Income (Loss)	\$ -	\$ (2)	\$ 4,158

	January	YTD
	Revenue:	
Allocation		\$ 4,000
Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Expenses:		
Student workers	\$ 517	\$ 1,957
Parking	\$ 51	\$ 231
Crash Plan License		\$ 57
Food		\$ 70
Other	\$ -	
Total Expense	\$ 568	\$ 2,315
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (568)	\$ 1,685

Notes:

Other annual mtg cost for Joel Westacott due to late invoicing

Sponsorships receivable \$500

Net event expense YTD = (\$2,525), approx 67% of budget...approx 63% of events have occurred

January =

0.5833333 % of year

spending YTD =

0.57875 %

BYLAWS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. *Name/Identity*

The name of this Association shall be the University of Minnesota Retirees Association, Inc. (UMRA). It is a Minnesota non-profit organization working with the Office of University Executive Vice President and Provost of the University of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II. *Purpose*

This organization represents to the University of Minnesota the interests of retired faculty and staff and develops and encourages retirees' participation in and service to the University's programs.

ARTICLE III. *Membership*

Any person who is a retiree from the University of Minnesota (faculty, P&A, Civil Service, or bargaining unit), his or her spouse, or the spouse of a deceased retired person, or a council member of the University Retirees Volunteer Center may become a member of the Association upon payment of annual dues. Exceptions may be made by the Board of Directors.

A member may terminate membership by written notice to the Association.

Membership shall be terminated upon non-payment of dues for one year, written notice first being given by the Association to the member at least 30 days prior to his or her removal from the membership rolls.

ARTICLE IV. *Officers*

The officers of the association shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Chair of the URVC Council, all of whom shall be elected by the membership of the Association at its annual meeting, plus the Immediate Past President. The officers will function as the Executive Committee of the Board. The President shall hold office for the period of one year and may not be elected for a second full consecutive term. The Secretary and the Treasurer may be reelected annually. Terms run from July 1 through June 30. Vacancies occurring before the annual meeting shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall represent the Association in carrying out the actions and directives of the Board of Directors and the membership. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the members of the Association. The President shall be responsible for the operation of the organization including but not limited to the cancellation or rescheduling of all meetings (for example forums and workshops) and conducting meetings remotely as needed. The President shall report to the

Executive Committee and the Board any cancellation of a forum. All expenditures of UMRA funds shall be subject to the President's authorization and shall be reported to the Board at its meetings.

In the absence of or at the request of the President, the President-elect shall perform the duties of the President. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the annual meeting of the membership; update the Operating Manual annually (each fall) and the Bylaws (as needed); and perform such other like duties requested by the President or Executive Committee.

The Treasurer shall keep the books of the Association; receive and deposit dues and other funds received by the Association; receive bi-monthly financial reports regarding URVC funds; expend the funds of the Association as authorized by the President or the Board of Directors and perform such other like duties as the Board of Directors may specify. The Treasurer shall make an annual financial report including URVC funds to the Association at the first meeting in the fall and monthly financial reports to the Board or at such other times as the Board may direct.

The officers shall serve without financial compensation, but may be paid reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than twenty-one members, including the five elected officers, the Immediate Past President, twelve at-large directors, and up to three additional directors who have served as President. Four at-large directors shall be elected each year at the annual meeting from the Association's membership. Board terms begin July 1 through June 30.

Any vacancy in an elected position occurring between annual meetings shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board, who shall elect a retiree member as a replacement for the balance of the vacated term.

The term of office of an at-large director is three years. A member may not serve for more than two consecutive full terms. A partial term begun because of a vacancy will not count toward this limit.

Upon completion of his or her term as Immediate Past President, a former President shall be entitled, at his or her discretion, to serve up to three additional years on the Board, provided that such an extension would not exceed the limit of two consecutive three-year terms on the Board.

Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

The Board of Directors shall advance the purposes of the Association and shall report regularly to the membership regarding its actions and activities. Responsibility for the general conduct of the affairs of the Association shall be assigned to the Board of Directors, which shall have full power and authority to do all acts and perform all functions which the Association might do or perform, except it shall not have the power to modify the substance of official action taken by the membership or to amend the Articles of Association. The Board of Directors shall administer the property and funds of the Association, as authorized by law and directions of the membership.

When the Board of Directors considers or votes on matters in which an officer or director might appear to be confronted with a possible conflict of interest, he or she shall not vote on these matters.

The Board shall meet each month except during June, July, August and December. Special meetings can occur at the call of the president, or at the written request of at least four members of the Board. The Association shall carry liability insurance to cover the members of the Board.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings of the Association

Meetings of the Association membership shall be held monthly with the exception of June, July, August and December.

Most business of the membership shall be conducted at the May meeting, referred to in these bylaws as the annual meeting. Special meetings shall be called by the President, the written request of six members of the Board, or upon written request of at least 25 current members.

Written notice to the membership of meetings for the conduct of business shall be given at least 10 days prior to the meetings. The notice shall state the subject matter and any recommendations or proposed action to be considered at such meetings.

An assembly of 50 current members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. *Committees*

The President shall appoint annually the chair and members of appropriate committees. The President, in consultation with the Board of Directors, may add or eliminate committees.

Committee chairs and others may be invited to Board of Directors meetings to discuss Association activities.

ARTICLE VIII. *Finances*

The Board of Directors and the President shall be responsible for the financial management of the Association.

The Board of Directors and the President shall annually present the previous year's final financial report to the membership in the October newsletter.

ARTICLE IX. *Voting*

A member is entitled to one vote on any issue or subject submitted to the membership of the Association. Voting by proxy and cumulative voting are not permitted. The Board of Directors may direct that any issue shall be submitted to the membership for a vote by mail ballot.

ARTICLE X. *Election*

A nominating committee consisting of up to eight members of the University of Minnesota Retirees Association (excluding the President) shall be established by the Board of Directors not later than the January meeting. The slate of nominees shall be published in the May Newsletter and be presented at the annual meeting for election.

Three members of the nominating committee shall be Association members not on the Board and two shall be members of the Board of Directors. The UMRA president-elect and the chair of the URVC Council (or alternative

council member when the chair is a reelection candidate) shall also be members of the UMRA nominating committee. The chair of the committee shall be the immediate past president; in his/her absence the Board of Directors shall designate the chair of the committee. In the case of a potential tie vote in the committee's deliberations, the chair's vote shall determine the outcome.

At the annual meeting members may make additional nominations from the floor providing they have the nominees' consent.

Election shall be by acclamation, except if there is more than one nominee for each position. This would require a ballot vote.

Elections may be conducted by alternative means as needed and as authorized by the Board.

ARTICLE XI. ***Parliamentary Authority***

Robert's *Rules of Order* newly revised, shall govern the conduct of such meetings unless inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII. ***Bylaw Amendments***

The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the members of the Association at which there is a quorum. Due notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the members prior to the meeting, in accordance with Article VI above. Alternatively votes for amendments may be conducted by polls or emails as authorized by the Board

ARTICLE XIII. ***Dissolution Statement***

At the time of dissolution of the corporation, the Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organization under Sections 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Law, as the Board shall determine.

Specifically, any monies in the treasury or on deposit in the University of Minnesota Retirees Association account(s) shall be given to the University of Minnesota Scholarship Fund and Student Loan Fund in equal amounts. Any such remaining funds, property or other assets not so distributed shall be disposed of by petition or application to district court, according to state law, for such purposes or such organization(s) as the court may decree, which are organized and operated exclusively for such.

**Amended May 2009, May 2010, May 2011, May 2013, November 2015, January 2017,
May 2019, October 2020, [May 2023]**

Board of Regents Meeting February 2023

This summary is news release from the Board of Regents summarizing the meetings on February 9 and 10 2023

As discussions about the future of health care in Minnesota continue throughout the state, the Chair of the Board of Regents today outlined why more time is needed for continued discussions around the proposed Fairview/Sanford merger to assure Minnesotans that they will receive the exemplary clinical care they expect from the University of Minnesota. In calling for more time to evaluate the details of the proposed merger, Chair Ken Powell also called upon the health care systems to publicly disclaim their intent to proceed “with or without the University” and to endorse the University five-point vision for the future of Minnesota’s health care.

This and other health care discussions occurred during the Board’s February meetings this week.

“M Health is part of M Health Fairview for reasons more than branding buildings. Squeezing out the Block M is squeezing out the public interest,” Powell said. “The ingredients are at hand for a bright future. Top-of-class health care cannot be accomplished piecemeal or by deadlines that do not make business or public policy sense. It requires working together to build it right.”

Powell also praised the Fairview employees delivering care to patients, emphasizing that the issue is orienting leadership priorities around teaching and research, as well as high quality clinical care. [The full text of the Chair Powell's written remarks are available here.](#)

Following Fairview and Sanford’s Letter of Intent — developed without University involvement and announced last fall — and in light of the health care providers’ self-imposed merger deadline of March 31, [the University revealed its MPact Health Care Innovation vision last month.](#) Myron Frans, senior vice president for operations, and Dr. Jakub Tolar, dean of the Medical School and vice president for clinical affairs, reiterated to the Board five primary points of the University’s vision to serve the health care needs of Minnesotans statewide, now and for decades to come. The vision honors the Medical School’s 135-year-old mission and the University’s comprehensive research and teaching missions focused on nearly all health professions. The five points include:

1. Operate a **world-class academic health system** that ensures Minnesotans have access to a leading academic health system, which brings forward all of the benefits of integrated research, teaching and top-level clinical care.
2. Establish **University governance and control** over this academic health system, including University ownership of flagship U of M facilities: the University of Minnesota Medical Center - East Bank and West Bank, Masonic Children's Hospital and the Clinics and Surgery Center.
3. Remain open to **opportunities for strategic partnerships** with numerous health systems. Not only is this essential to fulfilling the University's land-grant mission, it maximizes the reach of this mission-focused work and impact on the health of all Minnesotans.
4. Continue planning for a **new, state-of-the-art hospital**, which Minnesota will badly need as the current hospital facilities on the East Bank and West Bank continue to age past their useful lifespans. A newly designed, state-of-the-art hospital complex on the East Bank will move clinical and academic medicine forward for the next century, but it will take years of continued, careful planning to realize.
5. Commit to **investments in current facilities**, with state and community partners, to effectively bridge across the next 5-10 years, until a new hospital is available. The University's faculty and patients need well-functioning facilities today.

"Our vision centers on the commitment that all Minnesotans have access to a top-tier, nation leading academic health system that makes a difference in their lives," said Frans.

"The mission of the University, which is to serve Minnesota, and the public interests of the State must be front and center as we continue discussions about this once-in-a-generation opportunity."

U of M, CentraCare move ahead with rural health-focused initiative

Following a December Board discussion about opportunities to strengthen a partnership between the Medical School and CentraCare Health, the Board approved a non-binding statement of interest with CentraCare on Friday morning.

Tolar, joined by Ken Holmen, president and CEO of CentraCare Health, provided additional details before the Board's vote about how this partnership would help address the daunting challenges facing healthcare in rural communities, notably the growing shortage of medical professionals.

The statement of interest specifically outlines intentions for the Medical School and CentraCare to jointly develop and oversee a comprehensive rural health program that leverages the organizations' respective strengths. This affiliation would touch all areas of the Medical School's mission, including teaching, research and clinical services, guided by an oversight committee equally representing both organizations.

Exciting new initiatives envisioned by this agreement, including a medical school campus in St. Cloud, will layer on top of a successful history of collaboration between the organizations, which will help ensure superior clinical care and the education of Minnesota's future rural physicians. This existing partnership includes a collaborative residency program dating back more than 25 years with U of M Family Medicine, a training track for health resource services and administration in Willmar and the University of Minnesota Physicians' collaborative orthopedics practice.

The Board also:

- **Approved a collective bargaining agreement** covering Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc (LELS).
- **Approved President Joan Gabel's Recommended 2023 State Capital Request.**
- **Discussed the framework for the FY2024 annual operating budget** with Julie Tonneson, vice president and budget director for University finance and operations.
- **Approved development of a public comment portal to enhance the Board's public engagement approach**, which follows a series of committee discussions on the topic.
- **Discussed systemwide public safety planning.**
- **Reviewed strategic enrollment** with presentations focused on the Rochester and Twin Cities campuses, as well as systemwide transfer student initiatives.
- **Approved the University's annual performance and accountability report.**
- **Approved real estate transactions**, including the sale of 2050 Roselawn Avenue West, Falcon Heights, and the purchase of 80 acres in Mower County.

Other notes about the meeting and Regent selection

Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Robert McMaster, gave a detailed report on undergraduate transfer students. For a variety of reasons that are somewhat unique to Minnesota, we have a larger undergraduate transfer population than most research universities. While New Advanced Standing students lag in a variety of outcomes compared to New High School students, their outcomes are improving and more efforts are being made to quickly integrate them into the U of M community.

UMRA members had an opportunity on February 14 to discuss the proposed Fairview Sanford Health merger with Jakub Tolar.

On January 24 legislative analyst Nathan Hopkins and State Senator Sandy Pappas described the process of Regent selection for a UMRA forum. Senator Pappas pointed out the need to select Regents who can help the institution avoid some of the political mistakes of the past year.

In January the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) proposed a slate of candidates. The Alumni Association held a forum at the State Capital where candidates answered questions about a variety of topics including campus safety and undergraduate tuition policy. Statements the candidates prepared are available here:

https://www.umnalumni.org/s/1867/images/gid2/editor_documents/events/2023_regent_candidate_guide_umaa.pdf?gid=2&pgid=61

UMRA Board meeting

Program Committee Notes

February 27, 2023

1. Program Committee
 - a. February 14 Special Forum with Jakub Tolar
 - i. Congratulate and recognize for the successful, quick production – Frank Cerra, Kris Mortensen, Mary Koppel, Virgil Larson, John Anderson.
 - b. March 28 Forum at Midland Hills
 - i. Will send separate invitation to new members (joined since 1/1/22, more than 140!) one to two days after Kris Mortensen sends general announcement. Will include link to registration.
 - ii. New member welcome 30 minutes prior to lunch.
 1. Welcome will start 10:40am
 2. Ron welcome, introduces UMRA leaders and hosts who are present, mention a bit about UMRA and ways to get involved, UMRA Fact Sheet handout, Q&A
 - iii. Host for each new member attending
 1. Jan McCulloch to coordinate hosts for each new member who attends. May have contacted each of you already.
2. All-UMRA events
 - a. Jan Morlock – volunteered as Team Lead for this effort
 - b. Cathy Lee Gierke, Kate Maple, Diane Young, Will Craig, Cherie Hamilton (Social Activities committee)
 - c. Current plan
 - i. Spring – Arboretum – Kate Maple
 - ii. Summer – Picnic (Como?)
 - iii. Fall/late summer? (maybe) – Boat ride
 - d. Holiday event/party (December 2023)?
 - i. Religious overtones
 - ii. January 2024 might be better timing
 - iii. December already busy for people
 - iv. Did not have a Holiday event in December 2022
 - v. **Would like Board input**

Report from February meeting of the Campus Club Board

Frank Cerra

1. A new mission statement is about done; 501c3 application preparation continues
2. No real progress with U Real Estate on reducing the rent
3. Financials to date remain dependent on full U subsidy
4. Modeling for next fiscal year with half of U subsidy so far results in a major operating shortfall
5. Rebranding is in process
6. Membership continues to increase