

UMRA Executive Committee (Zoom)

Monday, April 17, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes

**Attendees:** Kristy Frost-Griep, Eric Hockert, Ron Matross, Jan Morlock, Jerry Rinehart, Julie Sweitzer

**Ron called the meeting to order** at 1:00 p.m. Eric moved and Kristy seconded approval of the March minutes and the vote in favor was unanimous.

**Finances:** Kristy presented the budget report, noting that both UMRA and URVC spending is a twitch over expected percentages, but URVC has a carry forward.

**Social Events:** Jan reported that the working group planning all member social events had two for the summer, and Will is working on a December event. A picnic social will likely be June 28 at Como Pavilion, assuming an in-person meeting with Lancer Catering goes well tomorrow. The group considered other public and private locations but nothing had the right cost and fit. A boat trip on the Mississippi is planned for August 29, leaving from Bohemian Flats in Minneapolis (last year's trip was on the Paddleford from Harriet Island in Saint Paul, with 50 or 60 UMRA members attending.) It will cost \$42 per person and serve tacos. The estimate is for 70 people and Jan will confirm the option to reduce that number. It takes 90 people to buy out the boat. Jerry said he took a boat cruise from that company and it was very good. A deposit of \$1400 is required for the boat company and another deposit will presumably be needed for Como. There is a small charge to attendees for parking at the dock (by Minneapolis Parks). Eric suggested considering rounding off the expense to \$45 per person. The Host Committee will handle planning details for June. Ron noted that Pillars of Prospect Park has offered use of a room for free and suggested Will consider it for the December event. Jan moved approval (subject to board confirmation) of paying deposits on a summer picnic and Mississippi cruise, Julie seconded, and all voted in favor.

**Program Committee:** Eric noted the Workshop scheduled for April 18 and Forum on April 25, with 20 new members registered to attend the Forum at Midland Hills. As a result, there will be another 'new member' event at 10:40. Jerry noted that the Silver Gophers t-shirts will be available for sale at the Forum. Eric said the annual meeting is set for May 23 at the Campus Club, with Mark Coyle and Jeremiah Carter as the speakers. Election results for board and officers, bylaw revisions and minutes will be announced. All will make clear that the elected positions begin July 1, not at the May meeting. Programs are scheduled through 2023, subject to confirming the October and November speakers. Jan noted that new members received a one week advance notice for the Cabinet of Curiosities events, but she did not expect to do that for the social events. Julie suggested we drop "all member" from the description of the social events, since it suggests there are social events for fewer than all members.

**Election Process:** Ron said that the election process will begin May 15, allowing a week for voting before the annual meeting. The May newsletter will explain the process and include an opportunity to nominate someone else. Julie suggested the draft ballot include '1<sup>st</sup> term' prior to the names of new board nominees, and Jan noted that Brad Clary should be in the first term list, not the second term.

**Venue Survey:** Ron said there was a plan to conduct a survey of all those who attended either or both of the Midland Hills Forums, asking about satisfaction with food, parking, location, etc. and comparing it with the Campus Club. If the survey was sent after the May Campus Club event, it will require an early June board meeting in order to confirm fall schedules with the selected venue. Ron suggested we consider sending it after the April Forum, as most people have already been to the Campus Club. Kristy agreed, and Ron said there is an anticipated rebranding of the Campus Club. After some discussion there was agreement to wait until after the May meeting to send the survey and hold the board meeting on June 5, with a process for board members to vote on a venue by email if they cannot attend.

**Board Meeting:** Ron noted that he had asked Jeanne Markell to report on the CARES Committee at the board meeting. Jan asked if we record board meetings and Ron said he had not done so before but will do so going forward. Ron was reminded to thank outgoing board members at the May meeting.

**Meeting adjourned** by Ron around 2:04 p.m.