

UMRA Key Personnel FY 24 (7/23-6/24)

Officers and Board Members

Executive Committee/Officers	
President	2023-24 (bd: 2019-23) Eric Hockert
President-Elect	2023-24 (bd: 2021-23) Julie Sweitzer
Past President	2022-23 (bd: 2019-22) Ron Matross
Treasurer	2022-2024 (bd:) Kristy Frost-Griep
Secretary	2023-24 (bd: 2021-23) Laura Coffin Koch
Volunteer Center	Jerry Rinehart
Other Board Members	
Term Start/Ends	(max 2 3-yr terms)
2023/2026	Wendy Lougee
2018/2021, 2021/2024	KaiMay Terry
2021/2024	Diane Young
2021/2024 (filled Ron Matross term)	John Bantle
2017/2019, 2019/2022, 2022...? Will filled the remaining 2 yrs of another's term	Will Craig
2022/2025	Russ Luepker
2022/2025	Kate Maple
2020/2023, 2023/2026	Barb Shiels
2020/2023, 2023/2026	Jan McCulloch
2023/2026	Brad Clary
2023/2026	Diane Gihl
2023/2026	Mike Hancher

Past Presidents can remain on the bd	Max of 6 yrs total
Past President 2022-23 (bd:2019-22)	Ron Matross (24-25 last yr)
Past President 2021-22 (bd:2019-20)	Jan Morlock (24-25 last yr)
Past President 2020-21 (bd:2018-19)	Frank Cerra (23-24 last yr)

Committee Chairs

Membership & Communications	Ron Matross
Listserv Coordinator	John Anderson
Database/Records/Renewals	Virgil Larson
Discount & Sponsorships Coordinator	Beverly Moe
Webmaster	Cathy Lee Gierke
News Editor	Kris Mortensen
Facebook	Gary Engstrand, Jan Morlock
Nominating	Ron Matross
Prof Dev Grants for Retirees	John Bantle
Program Committee	Julie Sweitzer
Social Activities	Cherie Hamilton & Jan Morlock
Travel Committee	Cherie Hamilton
UMRA Cares	Jeanne Markel
Organizational Continuity	Jerry Rinehart
Electronic Archives	Cathy Lee Gierke
Paper Archives	Julia Wallace
Journal of Opinions, Ideas, and Essays (JOIE)	Kris Bettin

Representatives from UMRA

Campus Club Board	Ron Matross
Civil Service Senate	Open
Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs (SCFA)	Michael Hancher
Benefits Advisory Committee	Russell Luepker, Nancy Fulton
Retirement Subcommittee of the SCFA	Andy Whitman
U of M Age-Friendly Work Group	Lynn Anderson

Liaisons from UMRA

Assoc of Retirement Orgs in Higher Education (AROHE)	Cherie Hamilton (Pres elect) Eric Hockert (Board member)
Board of Regents	Open
Alumni Assoc.	Will Craig
P&A Senate	John Butler
VP for Research	John Bantle

Special Interest Group Chairs

Armchair Traveler	Lynn C. Anderson
Book Club 1	Pat Tollefson
Book Club 2	Dorothy Marden Margaret Catambay
Photo Club	Sheri Goldsmith May Craig Swan

Financial & Legal Issues

Andy Whitman

Hiking Club

Bev Moe

Family History

Lynn Anderson & Craig Swan

Communications and Technology

News Editor

Kristine Mortensen

Contributing Editors

Kathy Cramer

Ginny Hanson

Julie Medbery

Production Editor

Sadie Brendalen

Sponsorship Coordinator

Beverly Moe

Webmaster

Cathy Lee Gierke

Web Editor

Kathy Jensen

Committee Membership—Current as of 7/11/23

Executive: Chaired by the President, the committee consists of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, URVC chair, and up to three Past Presidents, as long as they serve no more than a total of 6 years, including their board service.

Program: The committee consists of the President-Elect (who chairs it), President, Past President, and two or more members of UMRA appointed by the president. Appointed members serve three-year terms (renewable). To ensure continuity, the terms of the appointed members do not run concurrently.

Communications, Outreach and Membership: Ron Matross (chair), database manager, sponsorship coordinator, discount coordinator, webmaster, news editor, zoom production, listserv coordinator.

Professional Development Grants for Retirees (PDGR) or “Grants Committee”: John Bantle (chair)

Nominating: The committee consists of the immediate past president plus four other members appointed by the Board no later than the February meeting. Three of the appointed members are Association members not on the Board and two are Board members. The immediate past president chairs the committee; in his or her absence, the Board designates the chair.

Travel: The Travel Committee (launched in 2019) is chaired by Cherie Hamilton.