**MSURA Board Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2013**

**The meeting of the MSU Retirees Association was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on April 3, 2013 in room 125 Nisbet Building.**

**Present: Stephanie Barch, David Brower, Nancy Craig, Gale Gower, Jerry Hull, Al LeBlanc, Rosemary Pavlik, Ron Smith, Joan Smith, Brenda Spackman, Bob Wenner, Darlene Wenner and Gordon Williams.**

**The minutes of the March 2013 MSURA Board meeting were approved as corrected.**

**Treasurer’s Report: No Report as information was not available via the accounting system.**

**President’s Report: Ron Smith asked the Board to consider whether the MSURA Office needs to be staffed by volunteers each morning during the academic year. He indicated that he had reviewed the office log which indicates virtually no phone calls, few messages and few visitors during the past year. Also, some volunteers have mentioned that they really have nothing to do other than pick up the mail when they are there. Given that individual Board members routinely are in the office working on a particular issue a few times per week, Ron asked the Board to give some thought to whether an alternative schedule might be appropriate.**

**Ron thanked the volunteers who worked at the new Academic Retirees Luncheon for their effort on behalf of MSURA.**

**Nominations Committee Report: Jerry Hull mentioned that Ron Smith had agreed to stay on as MSURA President for another term since no alternate candidate had yet been found. There were also no developments in the position of Secretary, which Gale Gower has agreed to take on.**

**Vice President’s Report: Rosemary Pavlik indicated that arrangements have been made for tours of the Broad Museum. Space is available for up to 40 MSURA members to be escorted by museum docents on Thursday, April 18th at 2 p.m. At the upcoming monthly membership meeting announcements will be made about the Lugnuts game, the Annual Luncheon, the Museum tour and turning off cell phones. Our speakers for that meeting will be from the Community Volunteers for International Programs office.**

**Health Benefits Committee Report: No Report.**

**Membership Committee: Nancy Craig indicated the committee will meet on Wednesday, April 24th, so there is no new information to report at this time.**

**Office Management: Gale Gower passed around an Office Volunteer schedule and ask that Board members let her know if there are items or assistance they need with their responsibilities. It was agreed that when new MSURA volunteer forms are received, they will be marked with a date received stamp and put into Rosemary’s mailbox for follow-up contact.**

**Communications Reports: Al LeBlanc proposed that a black and white, four page summer Spartan Senior edition be considered, since it can be produced within the existing budget. The deadline for such an issue would be May 24the and it would be come out in mid-June. It would cover the Annual Luncheons and would be an international issue. The board agreed with the proposal.**

**Gordon Williams indicated that the previous MSURA President had appointed him to the MSURA board. He indicated he is willing to continue to put out E-notices and Twitter communications, but asked to not be appointed to the Board in the upcoming term. Gordon indicated that he did not feel it was necessary to serve on the Board in order to play a role in official MSURA communications.**

**United Way Report: Darlene indicated that a decision had been made to solicit MSU retirees via snail-mailing rather than electronically for the upcoming campaign. Thus, volunteers will be needed to stuff envelopes as in the past. It is likely that active University retirees will be solicited electronically in the upcoming year.**

**Old Newsboys: Brenda Spackman reported that the 2013 Old Newsboys solicitation will take place on December 5, 2013. The Old Newsboys will be celebrating its 90th anniversity in 2013 so a short video is being produced about the organization. Approximately 5888 pairs of shoes were supplied to children this year.**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2013 in 125 Nisbet Building.**