**MSURA Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2014**

The meeting of the MSU Retirees Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 2014 in room 125 Nisbet Building by President Ron Smith.

Present: Bob Wenner, Etta Abrahams, Al LeBlanc, Ron Smith, John Forsyth, Marilyn Rothert, Patrick Scheetz, Gale Gower.

It was moved by Bob Wenner and seconded by Patrick Scheetz to accept the minutes of the December meeting with corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: Bob Wenner presented the November/December financial report. We have $35,000 available. John Forsyth moved that we accept the report. Marilyn Rothert seconded the move.

President’s Report: There was a discussion of the proposed change to the By-Laws to add two at-large members to the Board. Ron commented that this would allow interested members to gain information about the organization and possibly be interested in being future officers of the MSURA. It is important to have experience on the Board before going up for office positions. It was mentioned that the president can appointment committee members, but not Board members. A motion was made by Patrick Scheetz and seconded by Bob Wenner to amend the ByLaws to read:

 According to Article 8, section 8.1, of the By-Laws of the MSU Retirees Association, the By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting. The request for a change must be announced in a newsletter prior to the annual Meeting.

 **It is proposed that the Board of Directors described as two (2) at-large elected directors, Article 2, section 2.2(d), be amended to have four (4) at-large members elected for overlapping two-year terms with two terms expiring each year.**

When this amendment is approved at the Annual Meeting, two additional nominees are needed so they may be elected at this same meeting.

Newsletter: Al LeBlanc said at the board meeting that he preferred to do the newsletter formatting himself because that greatly speeds up turn around time, and for that reason he is not searching for a replacement for Stephanie Barch.

Health Benefits Committee Report: Marilyn Rothert commented that we need to get a message to the membership that retiree benefits are not changing at the present time. If changes are made, retirees will be notified by Benefits. The fall open enrollment period would be the time when retirees can make changes to their benefits. This information needs to be in a newsletter after Renee Rivard approves the wording.

Vice President’s Report: Etta Abrahams said that we are all set for the quilt presentation by Beth Donaldson at the January membership meeting. She has confirmed that there will be a brief presentation at the annual meeting by the Summer Circle Theatre players.

United Way: Bob Wenner reported for Darlene Wenner that MSURA is slightly ahead of last year in donations.

Past President’s Report: Patrick Scheetz reported that so far there are no nominations for the Board or for Volunteer of the Year award.

Communications Reports: Al LeBlanc distributed production statistics. An evaluation of the costs of production needs to be made at the end of the year. From now on, only paid subscribers will get a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to them. Those making new requests to receive the newsletter by email will be forwarded to Gordon Williams and Anders Johanson.

IT Management: John Forsyth reported that Craig Gunn has obtained two computer monitors for the office. One has already been installed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.