MSURA Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2014

The meeting of the MSU Retirees Association was called to order at 10:20 a.m. on February 5, 2014, in room 125 Nisbet Building by President Ron Smith.

Present: Ron Smith, Etta Abrahams, Darlene Wenner, Bob Wenner, Patrick Scheetz, Jerry Hull, John Forsyth, Gale Gower.

It was moved by Bob Wenner and seconded by John Forsyth to accept the January 5, 2014 minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: There was no report as the information had not been forwarded to Bob Wenner by the time of the meeting.

Development Committee: There was no report.

President’s Report: Sharon Butler and Renee Rivard stopped in before the meeting started and reported that the health benefits settlement concerning retirees is now in litigation and no decision has been made.

 A survey of retirees of two years or less will be sent out by Human Resources to get feedback from them.

Mark Haas and Dan Mackey from TIAA Cref would like to briefly address the retirees at the March general membership meeting concerning changes to the TIAA programs.

Donna Donovan is the new Director of Human Resources Services.

Vice President’s Report: Etta Abrahams reported that Ginny Haas is all set for the February general membership meeting, speaking about “Town and Gown” topics. Gary Hoppenstand will present at the March meeting, and Etta is following up with the speaker for the April meeting.

Past President’s Report: Patrick Scheetz reported that the board will have five positions to fill for next year: president, vice president, treasurer and two new members-at-large. Treasurer Bob Wenner requested to stay on as an ex officio member through August in order to help with filing of fiscal reports for the year.

.Health Benefits Committee Report: There was no report.

Office Management: The committee planning the annual luncheon has met. The cost per person will be $23.00 this year. We will work with Kellogg Center to have the parking cost of $1.00 per person included in the cost of the meal.

United Way: Darlene Wenner reported that $54,596 has been contributed so far this year.

Communications Reports: John Forsyth said that he would continue in the IT management role. John also reported that it looks like the cost of the newsletters should be covered for the rest of the year.

Nominations: Jerry Hull asked that board members let him know names of members who might be interested in joining the board. He commented that if a representative from each standing committee were to attend board meetings there would be more members familiar with how the organization works and thus more interested in be involved with board positions.

Other Items: Old Newsboys: Old Newsboys contributions were $164,360. this year. That is above last year’s total.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.