MSURA Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2014

The meeting of the MSU Retirees Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on March 5, 2014, in room 125 Nisbet Building by President Ron Smith.

Present: Ron Smith, Bob Wenner, Darlene Wenner, Angela Brown, Al LeBlanc, Sharon Butler, Patrick Scheetz, Marilyn Rothert, Jerry Hull, Nancy Craig, John Forsyth, Gale Gower

Patrick Scheetz introduced Mark Haas and Daniel Mackey, who spoke to the board about the changes to the retirement plans and benefits that will have lower administrative fees for legacy investments. Mark explained that changes to the system will go into effect by June 2014. Communications will go out to all retirees, including an article in the Spartan Senior Newsletter. There may be a meeting to further explain the changes based on the feedback from the newsletter article.

It was moved by Patrick Scheetz and seconded by Jerry Hull to approve the February 5, 2014 minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Bob Wenner passed out the January 2014 financial statement.

It was moved by Patrick Scheetz and seconded by Jerry Hull to approve the February 5, 2014 minutes. The motion passed. The February and March statements were not available for this meeting, but Bob will have them for the April meeting. Ron Smith will have the names of donors published in the next Spartan Senior Newsletter.

President’s Report: Ron stated that we need to begin planning for the 2015 national conference to be held at MSU. We need one or two volunteers to attend the conference in Minneapolis on August 8-10, 2014 to see what a conference entails. There is a list of people interested in working on the conference. The committee should start work in April.

Vice President’s Report: Patrick Scheetz reported for Etta Abrahams that the next two membership meetings are all set.

Human Resources Report: There was no report.

Past President’s Report: Patrick Scheetz introduced Angela Brown as the nominee for vice president for next year. Patrick said that he will volunteer to be nominated for president next year. He is still looking for two members for at-large positions, and for a treasurer.

Health Benefits Committee Report: Marilyn Rothert reported that the committee will not meet again until fall when open enrollment comes up.

Office Management: Gale reported that plans for the annual luncheon are moving ahead. The committee will have one more meeting in April to finalize plans. Invitations will be sent out to the following guests: Dan Chigidden, April Klobes, President Simon, Craig Gunn, Jeff Brody, Acting Provost June Youatt, Sharon Butler, Renee Rivard, and Steve Wright from Straightline.

United Way: Darlene Wenner reported that $55,076 has been raised so far. MSURA will do a mailing again next year.

Communications Reports: Al LeBlanc noted that there are three editors for communications: Anders Johanson for facebook and the website, Gordon Williams for enotices, and Al for the Spartan Senior Newsletter. March 7 is the deadline for information for the April newsletter. May 30 is the deadline for information for the summer newsletter.

Other Items: Nancy Craig announced that the date for the Lugnuts game will be June 20. It will be noted in the April newsletter.

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