**MSURA Board Meeting Minutes**

August 13, 2014

Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing, Michigan

Present: Patrick Scheetz, Joe Cousins, Gordon Williams, Ron Smith, John Forsyth, Louise Selanders, Anders Johanson, David Brower, Al LeBlanc, Brenda Spackman, Angela Brown, Jerry Hull, Gale Gower.

The meeting was called to order by president Patrick Scheetz at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: A motion was made by Dave Brower and seconded by Gordon Williams to accept the minutes from the May 5, 2014 annual meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Dave Brower presents a financial statement for July 31, 2014. Revenue for the year was $18,294.90, leaving a surplus of $5,171.03 after expenses. A motion was made by John Forsyth and seconded by Ron Smith to accept the statement. The motion passed. Dave will draw up a proposed budget for the coming year. Dave asked for approval of a motion to have three signers on the MSU Retirees Association account with the MSU Federal Credit Union: Patrick Scheetz, Angela Brown, and Dave Brower. His motion was seconded by John Forsyth. The motion passed.

The nonprofit documents need updating, and Dave asked to be made the agent for MSURA since he is the treasurer. Angela Brown made a motion to give Dave Brower that permission and Gordon Williams seconded it. The motion passed.

In the future, the mailing address for new subscriptions will be Suite 22 Nisbet building. The full address is: Dave Brower, MSURA Treasurer, Suite 22 Nisbet Building, MSU, 1407 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823-5239.

The yearly audit of financial records for the MSU Retirees Association is still pending. Joe Lessard, Chairperson, and Larry Cole will be performing the audit within the next 2-3 weeks.

Dave will draw up a budget for the 2015 Big Ten Conference at MSU to be held August 14-16, 2015. Angela Brown and Dave Brower attended this year’s conference at Minnesota and have some feedback for next year’s conference at MSU.

President’s Report: Patrick Scheetz welcomed new board members Louise Selanders and Joe Cousins.

Angela Brown and Etta Abrahams will be in charge of programs this year. Liz Thomas is the new office manager.

Vice President’s Report: The upcoming programs include Deb Feltz in September, Doug Noverr in October, Renee Rivard in November, and President Lou Anna Simon in December.

Entertainment for the evening meeting of next year’s Big Ten Conference has not been decided. Choices may include Young at Heart, or a bluegrass band.

Human Resources Report: There was no report.

Past President’s Report: Ron Smith proposed a future discussion on MSURA policies and procedures.

Health Benefits Committee Report: The committee will meet in September. Open enrollment is in October.

Membership Committee Report: Nancy Craig will work on a MSURA member volunteer survey to document how retirees are a benefit to MSU and to the community.

Newsletter Report: There will be two expanded editions of the newsletter, October and February. Al LeBlanc is now doing the formatting for the newsletter. He will investigate adding color to the front page of the newsletter, and having full color on white paper for the fall edition. The subscription form has been streamlined so that only the main address for subscribers is requested.

IT Retiree Database Management: John Forsyth will be rewriting the program for mailing labels.

eNotices Operations: Gordon Williams stated that we have 3,620 recipients of email.

Interest Groups: Joe Cousins will be the operations manager for the interest groups.

Website: Anders Johanson said that there are 139 “likes” on facebook.

Twitter: Gordon Williams said that in the last two and a half years, there have been 316 postings on Twitter, with 83 followers, of which only 28 are members. Most of the others are advertisers. He felt Twitter messages are not reaching out membership and recommended suspending it for the present time. Its use can be re-evaluated in the future.

Office Management: Liz Thomas is the new office manager.

The next MSURA board meeting will be September 3, 2014 at the Nisbet building.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.