**MSURA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 2015

125 Nisbet Building, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Present: Angela Brown, Chuck Webb, Al LeBlanc, Louise Selanders, Ron Smith, Etta Abrahams, Jerry Hull, David Brower, Nancy Craig, Brenda Spackman, Marilyn Rothert, Liz Thomas, Darlene Wenner, Trish Horn, John Forsyth, Gale Gower

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice President Angela Brown in the absence of President Patrick Scheetz. A revised agenda was approved.

The minutes of the March 4, 2015 minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer David Brower distributed the March financial statement. Although revenue is less so far this year, so are expenditures, so we come out about even. David will meet with the financial committee after April 23 to create a 2015-2016 budget and will bring results of their discussion back to the Board.

President’s Report:

 Member Survey: Louise Selanders met with the survey committee to discuss the need for a member survey. The question was raised as to what is the best way to connect with members on specific areas. After discussion, the Board decided to review the summary of the previous survey before deciding if another survey should be undertaken, or if other formats and topics should be considered.

 Annual Luncheon: Plans are progressing for the Annual Luncheon. David Brower said that he has reservations for over 30 members so far. The committee will meet again on April 13.

 Student Scholarship Endowment: Chuck Webb thanked Board members for their support of the Student Scholarship Endowment. So far, there is $33,000 in gifts and pledges. April 30 is the deadline for pledges from Board members. In May a mailing from University Development will be mailed to all retirees.

 New Appointees: Etta Abrahams will represent MSURA on the EAPAC committee, a consortium of individuals from across campus whose purpose is to support staff and retirees with counseling and referrals free of charge.

 Jacqueline Babcock has accepted a position as Underwriting Manager and news contributor for the Newsletter. She will work with Al LeBlanc.

 Elections: Angela Brown handed out a list of proposed officers for 2015-2016. We are still in need of a Vice President. Anyone with suggested names should contact Angela.

 Two-Factor Authentication: John Forsyth reported that the Two-Factor Authentication system for accessing on-campus computer systems is for active employees only. Retirees do not have to use it.

Vice President’s Report: Angela Brown reported that the committee is working hard and has accomplished quite a bit of planning for the Big Ten Retirees Conference. All speakers have been determined, the meal planning is done, and the program for attendees will be created by Rick Vogt. Ron Smith has received attendee gifts from the MSU Federal Credit Union. The next meeting of the committee will be April 23 at 9:30 at 932 Harrington Lane, East Lansing.

 Etta Abrahams is working on speakers for next year’s member meetings. Gary Hoppenstand has again agreed to be a speaker.

Human Resources Report: There was no report.

Past President’s Report: Ron Smith reported that the Volunteer of the Year Award plaque has been made.

Health Benefits Committee Report: Marilyn Rothert reported that she has not had any feedback about the new hearing aid program.

Membership Committee Report: Nancy Craig reported that the date for the Lugnuts game has been changed to June 26. The deadline for sign-up is May 15.

Communications Reports:

 Newsletter Report: Al LeBlanc has agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor next year. There are now several MSURA members who will help with reporting and proofreading next year, along with the new Underwriting Manager. Angela Brown thanked Al for his work on the Newsletter and for continuing as editor next year.

 IT Retiree Database Management: John Forsyth reported that everything is all right with the system.

 eNotices Operations: Trish Horn reported that eNotices will go out tomorrow, April 9.

 Website/Facebook Operations: Anders Johanson reported to Angela that there are 174 “likes” on Facebook. He has requested that Board members forward ideas to him for inclusion on the website.

 Office Management: Liz Thomas reported that the office coverage is very good through April.

 United Way: There was no report.

 Old Newsboys: Brenda Spackman reported that the Old Newsboys raised $161,700 this year, up from $160,000 from last year. There were 7,436 children helped with boots and socks. The next program will be in the first part of December.

The next Board meeting will be April 29, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.