**MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

**CARILLON CONFERENCE ROOM, MSU STADIUM**

Present: John Forsyth, Jacqie Babcock, Louise Selanders, Al LeBlanc, Ron Smith,

David Brower, Darlene Wenner, Rick Vogt, Etta Abrahams, Patrick Scheetz, Chuck Webb, Jerry Hull, Nancy Craig, Michael Gardner, Trish Horn, Angela Brown, Gale Gower

The meeting was preceded by the Board having a picture taken for the Impact Magazine, to go along with an article about the new MSURA scholarship.

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by President Angela Brown.

eNotices: Trish Horn reported that she had sent out eNotices to members, and will be sending out eNotices again in two weeks. Angela met with Steven Ruthenberg from the MSU Golf Course about including information about the golf course on our site that might be helpful to members. Also, a new masthead will appear on the next newsletter. Please let Angela know if you have suggestions.

MSU Speakers Programs: Etta Abrahams and Rick Vogt have met about membership meeting speakers. The January membership meeting speaker has been changed from TIAA CREF to Marilyn Rothert. The TIAA CREF speaker will present at another meeting.

United Way: Darlene Wenner has been trying to get separate United Way forms mailed to spouses of members, but was unable to get forms for this year. She will have forms available at the November membership meeting, and will have Anders Johanson put a notice on the website.

President’s Report

A motion was made by John Forsyth and seconded by Jacqie Babcock to approve the October board meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Partnership with MSU Golf Course: Steve Ruthenberg met with Angela Brown, Patrick Scheetz, Trish Horn, and Rick Vogt to discuss ways that the MSU Golf Course can provide support to MSU retirees, as well as have our communication channels get information out to retirees. Robert Wenner will be the liaison from the MSURA. A woman liaison is also needed. Please forward names to Angela Brown.

MSU Funding Meeting: David Brower reported that the Association is classified as a 501C5, not a 501C7, and that the bylaws should be updated at the next annual meeting.

It was decided that there will be a discussion only of funding development at the December 2, 2015 meeting, which will start at 9:00 a.m.

Clinical Center Meeting: The meeting has been rescheduled for November 17. Angela and Marilyn Rothert will attend.

Sharon Butler, Vice President of MSU Human Resources, has been voted the Michigan Human Resources Executive of the Year.

Vice President’s Report:

Rick Vogt will use the MSURA facebook page to share pictures of MSU retiree volunteers. He will work with the current communications committee to get the word out.

Treasurer’s Report:

David Brower reported that $37,500 was available in the budget at the end of October. MSUFCU, Straightline and MSU Advancement have all made donations. Jacqie Babcock is working on finding donors. David has filed the annual tax return and it was accepted. He is researching director and officer liability insurance policies. Lyman Sheets Agency is the current carrier. A motion was made by Jacqie Babcock and seconded by John Forsyth to authorize David Brower to change agencies if needed. The motion passed.

Past President’s Report:

Patrick Scheetz reported on the success of the September 20 golf outing that helped raise money for the new MSURA scholarship. He will put together a committee to begin planning for the 2016 golf outing.

MSURA Student Scholarship:

Chuck Webb was interviewed by the Development Office for a cover story in their magazine about the new scholarship.

Communications:

Newsletter: Al LeBlanc reported the next newsletter will go out to 4,750 members. The information on how to donate to MSURA, endowment information and the newsletter subscription form will be published several times a year. Al invites members to share thoughts on the new masthead.

IT Retiree Database Management: John Forsyth reported that everything is working well with the system.

Membership Committee: There was no report at this time.

Human Resources: There was no report.

Office Management:

Gale Gower reported for Liz Thomas that the office coverage is very good through December.

Other Items:

Ron Smith would like names for nominees for MSURA Volunteer of the Year Award for Meritorious Service to him by February 29, 2016.

There was an article in the State News about the Knitters Group.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.