**MSU RETIREES ASSOCIAITON BOARD MEETING**

**MARCH 8, 2017**

**ROOM 125 NISBET BUILDING**

Present: Nancy Craig, Pam Marcis, John Forsyth, Bruce Smith, Patrick Scheetz, Ron Smith, Jim Anderson, Al LeBlanc, Angela Brown, Gale Gower

President Angela Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes from the February Board meeting were approved.

President’s Report:

 -MSU Retiree Housing Survey: the University is still surveying different groups to see if there is interest retiree housing.

 -MSURA Student Scholarship: Amanda Pohl, last year’s winner, has had her scholarship renewed for next year. A committee made up of Bruce Smith, Etta Abrahams, Patrick Scheetz, Dan Chegwidden, Rick Vogt, and Angela Brown met to evaluate applications for the second scholarship for next year. There were 16 new applications. The committee will review the top 5. Recipients will be invited to the May annual luncheon.

 -Slate for 2017 Election: Open board positions are vice president, secretary and at-large. Nancy Craig is again interested in being an at-large board member. Mike Gardner will be retiring from his position. Please see Angela if you are interested in any of the positions.

 Liz Thomas and Angela are reviewing the job description for the Office Manager’s position.

 -MSURA Website Change: There have been some problems with MSU IT restructuring. Anders had worked on the website. He had to go to a new service that is through MSU. The setup charge if $50, with a $10 a month storage fee.

Vice President’s Report:

* The April meeting with President Simon speaking has been moved to the Kellogg Center Auditorium to accommodate a larger group.

Treasurer’s Report:

* There was no treasurer’s report.

Past President’s Report:

 -Patrick Scheetz reported that the planning for the golf outing is progressing. A preliminary message is to go out for sponsors. Please let Jacqui Babcock know who you are contacting so we do not have duplicate requests. Please let Nancy Craig know if you have donations. She hopes to get one gift for each golfer, approximately 75. Please let Patrick know the names of golfers who might be invited so he can send them invitations.

Communications:

 -Newsletter: Al LeBlanc reported that the deadline for the March/April edition was last Friday. He said that columnists do not have to publish in every edition. John Forsyth is reviewing the database and emailing those members with subscriptions running out in 2015-2016 to let them know about the change in the subscription/paper copy changes.

 -eNotices: March 16 will be the date of the next ieNotice.

 -Office Manager: the May annual luncheon is all set.

* Human Resources: Dan Mackay reported that the Florida Retirees’ meeting was attended by approximately 30-40 members. President Simon spoke at the luncheon.
* Some problems with processing Blue Cross/Blue Shield claims occurred due to a systems change. These claims are being reprocessed. A letter will go out to those affected to alert them to what happened.
* The ACA 1095C tax form went out late and does not have to be included in 2016 tax information.

Other Items:

 -Ron Smith reported that the nominee for the Volunteer of the Year Award has been selected and the plaque has been ordered.

 -Nancy Craig announced that the Lugnuts game is June 16. There will be a free meal and fireworks. The cost is $11.00 per person.

The next meeting is April 5.

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