

Dates to Remember, September 3, 2025 Board Meeting

- September 8, 1:30 – 3 pm, Membership Meeting, with Abby Richey; topic will be senior nutrition
- September 11, 2 pm, StraightLine seminar
- September 12, 11 am to 1 pm, Lunch at Brody
- October 8, 10 am, board meeting, Rm 125, HR Building
- October 10, 11 am to 1 pm, Lunch at Brody
- October 10, 6 – 7:30 pm, Homecoming Parade
- October 14, TUESDAY, 1:30 – 3 pm, Memb’p Meeting, with MSU staff and MSU Health Care Pharmacy; topics include: changes to health insurance; employee assistance; services offered by the pharmacy.

MSURA Board Meeting Minutes: September 3, 2025, 10 am

In attendance: Dave Brower, Bill Anderson, Angie Brown, Sandra Buike, Jennifer Decker, Richard Houang, Bill Humphrey, Dan Mackey, Bob Patterson, Bruce Smith, Liz Thomas, Rick Vogt, Kate Wight

Called to Order: 10:00 am

Item(s) Requiring Discussion and a Vote

- S. Buike moved to accept revised budget for FY2025-26; J. Decker seconded. The budget was approved. See additional notes under the Treasurer’s Report section and in reports that follow the minutes.
- B. Smith moved to increase the scholarship amount from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for the 2026-27 school year; R. Vogt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Follow-up Actions

- D. Brower will schedule meeting with Alumni Office to discuss building an ongoing relationship.
- D. Brower will attempt to find a speaker who has the expertise to discuss genetic testing; this will be a topic for a membership meeting in January, February, or March, 2026.
- J. Decker will confirm availability of basketball coach to present at April 13 member meeting.
- D. Brower will follow through on the printing of business cards.
- S. Buike will explore options and prices for name tags for board members.
- A. Brown will check into giving board members and retirees a choice between a long sleeved or a short sleeved MSURA shirt.

Review/Approve Minutes of April 30, 2025 Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes was made by R. Vogt and seconded by B. Patterson; minutes were approved.

Review/Approve Minutes of Annual Meeting, May 5, 2025

R. Vogt moved to approve the minutes; S. Buike seconded. Minutes were approved.

President's Report (Dave Brower)

- **Big 10 2027 Planning Committee:** S. Buike and A. Brown will co-chair; B. Anderson, J. Babcock, D. Brower, M. Gardner, P. Marcis, C. Pell, B. Smith, and R. Vogt will participate in the planning. Meetings will begin soon. D. Brower will be requesting support from the Alumni office -- firstly to help with registrations as the Alumni office is able to accept payment using credit cards and secondly to share their experience because they will have hosted their own Big 10 meeting.
- Further, D. Brower will be **developing a relationship with the Alumni office** for future events beyond our planning for the Big 10 Meeting. He and J. Decker will be meeting with the Alumni Office.
- **Access to MSURA Office (Room 110) and HR Building:** A thank you to D. Mackey; S. Buike now has building access.

Vice-President's Report (Sandy Buike, Angie Brown, Dave Brower)

- **Update 2025-26 Program Update**:** Membership meeting programs are set through December. Plans for January through April must be finalized. We are awaiting confirmation from MSU Women's Basketball head coach, Robyn Fralick, for the April 13, 2026, meeting. Dates for two additional topics must be firmed up: Sustainability; and Library Special Collections. Both potential presenters are available in January, February, and March. Two additional possibilities are: Genetics Testing; and Infrastructure / Land Use /Construction on the MSU campus. D. Brower will pursue finding a presenter for Genetics Testing before contacting Dan Bowman (Infrastructure / Land Use / Construction).
- **September 8, 2025 Meeting Planning:** BYOB program continues. Coffee and doughnuts will be handled by A. Brown and D. Brower, respectively. The Walking Special Interest Group will have a table. S. Buike will introduce our speaker, Abby Richey. The following individuals will be assisting at the meeting: Dave Brower, Angie Brown, Chris DeFouw, Pam Marcis, Jeannette Robertson, and Liz Thomas. Bruce Smith will be recording the meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Patterson, Bill Humphrey)

- **6/30/2025 Financial Report:** B. Humphrey presented the year-end financial statement for fiscal year 2024-25. K. Wight moved to approve the report; B. Anderson seconded. The year-end 24-25 FY report was approved.
- **7/31/2025 and 8/31/2025 Financial Reports:** B. Patterson presented the July and August financial statements. R. Vogt moved to approve the reports; J. Decker seconded. Reports were approved.
- A revised **budget for FY2025-26** was presented, with budgeted revenues and expenditures of \$27,650, an increase of \$3,500 over FY2024-25, based on identified changes in underwriting income and operating expenses. Following a discussion of upcoming needs, budget categories were further revised. S. Buike moved to accept the budget; J. Decker seconded. The budget for FY2025-26 was approved. **

Events Report (Jennifer Decker, Rick Vogt, Bill Anderson, Chris DeFouw)

- **Update 2025-26 Event Planning****
- **Homecoming Planning:** The Homecoming subcommittee is making final decisions about the float design. Expenditures for Homecoming (float supplies, banner, post-parade pizza meal) are included in the budget under the Special Events category.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey),

D. Mackey confirmed that there will not be any major changes to the retiree health plan. The fair held during open enrollment is scheduled for October 21, 11 am to 6 pm.

Annual Meeting, May 5, 2026, MSU University Club (Pam Marcis, Liz Thomas, Dave Brower)

University Club has received a deposit of \$500 to hold the date (May 5) for the 2026 annual meeting.

Scholarship Committee (Bruce Smith)**

After D. Brower explained the finances necessary to support scholarships, B. Smith moved to increase the scholarship amount from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for the 2026-27 school year. R. Vogt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Volunteer of the Year Award and Nominations (Bill Anderson) Nothing new to report

Membership (Jacqie Babcock)

Distribution of gift cards (Biggby and Dairy Store) at membership meetings will continue.

Volunteers (Jeanette Robertson, Chris DeFouw, Dave Brower)

- **For Open Enrollment on 10/21/2025:** D. Brower would like to have between 10 and 12 volunteers from the retiree group to help at the event. D. Brower, A. Brown, C. DeFouw, B. Humphrey, and B. Smith have volunteered.

Interest Groups (Chris DeFouw) Nothing new to report

Retiree Lunch on Campus (Mike Gardner)

Lunch at Brody will take place on September 12, 2025, at 11 am; lunches will continue the second Friday of each month, from 11 am to 1 pm. Dates: September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12.

Communications/Underwriters (Cheryl Pell, Rick Vogt, Jacqie Babcock)

- Updated design for **Business Card** was discussed. Further revisions were agreed upon. D. Brower will pursue getting cards printed.
- R. Vogt reminded the board that Friday is the deadline for the October newsletter. Moving forward, future issues of the newsletter will focus on high value content. To avoid redundancy in the newsletter readers will be steered towards the website.
- Underwriting revenues have been received from five of our seven underwriters, totaling \$11,700. Thanks to J. Babcock for pursuing this. MSUFCU, MSU HR, MSU Advancement, StraightLine, and Personify Health have paid. Revenues from Humana and MSU Health have not been received.

Office Management (Liz Thomas) Nothing new to report

Remember: L. Thomas will be retiring as Office Manager at the end of the 2025-2026 year.

MSURA Technology, website, Facebook (John Forsyth, Cheryl Pell, Bruce Smith, Rick Vogt)

- **Discuss website update:** Nothing new to report; stay tuned.
- **Status of Facebook recovery:** After our Facebook page was locked in June, and remains locked, we will drop our Facebook page. All relevant information can be found on our website.

Other Items

B. Smith is continuing to pursue initiating a life-long learning type of program; he is working with the Faculty Emeriti Association (FEA).** Stay tuned for more information.

B. Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting; S. Buike seconded. Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.

Next Board Meeting: October 8, 2025, 10:00 am

** See additional information in the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight
MSURA Secretary

October 8, 2025

Report submitted by Angie Brown**Proposed 2025-26 MSURA Monthly Speakers**

MONTH	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	MSURA CONTACT											
2025														
8-Sep	Senior Nutrition		Lori Strom	Confirmed										
14-Oct	MSU HR Benefits Update/Emp. Assistance	Dan Mackey	Rick Vogt	Confirmed										
	MSU Pharmacy													
10-Nov	Technology Scams	MSUFCU	Angela Brown	Confirmed										
8-Dec	Lomotive PM 1225	William Struck	Bill Anderson	Confirmed										
2026														
12-Jan														
9-Feb	MSU Library Collections	Leslie McRoberts	Angela Brown	Tentative										
9-Mar														
13-Apr	MSU Women's Basketball Head Coach	Robyn Fralik	Jennifer Decker	Confirmed										
5-May	Annual Meeting	Athletic AD J Batt	Jennifer Decker	Tentative										
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Outcome of FY2025-26 Budget Discussion as Summarized by Kate Wight

Total Revenues and Total Expenditures did not change. Only categories under Expenditures were changed as a result of discussion during the board meeting. R. Vogt has learned of a new way for sending out the newsletter which greatly reduces the amount required for postage; Postage is reduced by \$2,100, from \$7,000 to \$4,900. D. Brower wants to purchase MSURA shirts for the board members. Additionally, name tags and business cards will be provided to board members; Supplies is increased by \$2,000, from \$400 to \$2,400 to cover these expenses. Special Events is increased \$100, from \$2,500 to \$2,600. Homecoming, the Wrap Party, and the year-end Volunteer Thank You event are covered by this category.

Incidentally, \$150 was in the budget for the 2024 Wrap Party.

Report Submitted by Jennifer Decker and Chris DeFouw

2025/2026 Upcoming Special Events

October 10, Homecoming Parade, Rick Vogt

November 15, "A Sherlock Carol," Williamston Theatre and Lunch at Niko's, Jacqie Babcock

December, MSU Safe Place and possible "Wrap-up" Party, Bill Anderson

January 20, STEM Building and Mass Timber Tour, Jacqie Babcock

February, Michigan Civil Flags Restoration, Pam Marcis

July, MSU Carillon Presentation and Concert, Jacqie Babcock

Possible Events

"Murder on the Links," Purple Rose Theatre, Pam Marcis

"Seniors Prom," Bill Anderson

Cowles "Open House" with President or Mrs. Guskiewicz and host/speaker, Dave Brower

Completed Events

August 15, LugNuts, Dave Brower, ~30/31 attendees

Report Submitted by Bruce Smith

Scholarship Committee

Email sent to the scholarship committee. Most replied and those that did all supported the changes including the scholarship increase for the 26-27 school year. If approved, I would promptly notify admissions (Ben Brown).

Age-Alive / Life-long Learning Program

On the MSURA college idea, I am in process of recruiting a task team and am making progress. The MSURA survey yield 25 responses, with seven indicating interest in offer at least one course a year. There were a couple more showing interest, but they did provide contact information. But it was just an exploration survey. Additionally, FEA broached this idea. I talked to John and he was going to explore an FEA contact. I did some digging and saw in the FEA April 2025 minutes discussion of the concept. I will follow through with making that connection in this process. The Big Ten RA survey yielded varied activity, but not what we are exploring. However, University of Iowa does have some of this activity, but not under the Iowa RA. I will probably investigate that further. foriowa.org/senior-college/