

Dates to Remember, September 4, 2024 Board Meeting

- September 9, Monday, 2 pm, membership meeting with Alesha Williams of Prime Time
- September 10, Tuesday, 10 am, Michigan Capitol Tour
- September 12, Thursday, 2 pm, Straightline, virtual
- September 13, Friday, 11 am to 1 pm, Lunch at Brody
- October 9, Wednesday, 10 am, **next board meeting**
- October 11, Friday, 11 am to 1 pm, Lunch at Brody
- October 15, Tuesday, memb'p mtng, MSU Human Resources, Benefits Open Enrollment

MSURA Board Meeting minutes: September 4, 2024, 10 am

In person: Dave Brower, Chris DeFouw, Cheryl Pell, Bruce Smith, Liz Thomas, Dan Mackey, Angie Brown, John Forsyth, Rick Vogt, Bill Humphrey, Kate Wight

Called to Order: 10:05 am

Item(s) Requiring Discussion and a Vote

- Motion for approval of revised MSURA Budget FY24-25 made by K. Wight, seconded by C. DeFouw. Motion approved.
- One of the four scholarship winners announced in Spring 2024 will not be attending MSU. J. Forsyth moved to send the scholarship money to the endowment; A. Brown seconded. Motion approved.

Review/Approve Minutes of April 24, 2024 Board Meeting, and May 7, 2024 Annual Meeting

Motion to approve minutes made by A. Brown and seconded by B. Smith; minutes approved.

President's Report (Dave Brower)

J. Forsyth moved to approve Committee Assignments; R. Vogt seconded. Motion approved.

The June 30, 2024 financial statement was audited by Eric Crawford.

Notes from the retreat held on August 21, 2024, were distributed. Dave highlighted three issues that he will pursue further. They are:

- Discuss with HR the possibility of obtaining a part-time staff member to support MSURA operations that include record maintenance, communication and technology support, and other functions. Iowa and the University of Michigan have such support. We have a handout from Iowa; D. Brower will pursue getting related documentation from U of M.
- Further explore pending questions over how we handle our scholarships: Should we increase number of scholarships? Should we increase endowments? To what extent should we promote?
- Explore how the alumni association and/or advancement might coordinate with or support our activities.

President Guskiewicz, who has been invited to be our keynote speaker for our May 6, 2025 annual meeting, has another commitment on that day but may be able to speak. Should we consider changing the date? This decision is tabled for the present time.

Vice-President's Report (Angie Brown)

Thank you to all who helped with the 2024-2025 program. A. Brown asked:

- 1) that all who reached out to and secured a speaker ensure that the speaker is aware of the date and location for their presentation;
- 2) that those who secured a speaker ensure that the speaker provide a one-paragraph introduction (bio); copies of each bio should be sent to Eric Crawford and C. DeFouw;
- 3) that the speakers be asked to arrive no later than 1:30 pm;
- 4) that we think about who else might have an interesting topic, and keep a list of possible back-up speakers.

Other tasks related to membership meetings: C. DeFouw will send out reminders to those helping at membership meetings (speaker intro / registration / coffee). D. Brower will emcee the membership meetings, and will introduce Eric Crawford, who will introduce the speaker. B. Smith confirmed that each speaker will sign a release form so that our Zoom copy of the meeting can be broadcast. R. Vogt and A. Brown will handle donuts and coffee respectively. P. Marcis will back up A. Brown if necessary.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Humphrey)

- The ledger for August was just received; the August report will be shared/approved at the October board meeting.
- The revised budget was distributed and discussed. K. Wight moved to accept the revised budget; C. DeFouw seconded. Motion was approved.
- R. Vogt and J. Forsyth will consider need for additional technology for membership meetings.
- The July report was distributed. K. Wight moved to accept the July 2024 report; R. Vogt seconded. Motion carried.
- The annual tax report for FY23-24 has been filed.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

- Non-Medicare retirees (under 65) will be covered by Personify Health (medical) within the Aetna Network [more providers], and by CVS Caremark (prescriptions), effective 1/1/2025.
- Retirees who are eligible for Medicare will continue to be covered by Humana's Medicare Advantage plan through 2027.
- Open enrollment material should be received by the end of September.
- The Benefits Fair is scheduled earlier this year, on October 3, 2024.
- D. Mackey and/ or his staff will speak at the October membership meeting.
- HR will send out notification that effective 1/1/2025 weight loss drugs will no longer be covered for retirees UNLESS the retiree is diabetic.

Homecoming Parade / Float Update (Bill Anderson) Nothing to report.

A meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2024, 2 pm. Stay tuned.

Annual Meeting, May 6, 2025, MSU University Club (Pam Marcus, Liz Thomas)

A payment of \$500 is holding May 6, 2025 as the date. Objective for 2025 meeting will be to select menu options that are closer in price than for previous annual meetings, while also keeping the overall price per ticket down. We have received positive feedback on the cookies that were provided as a dessert at the 2023 annual meeting.

Scholarship Committee (Angie Brown)

J. Forsyth moved to send the scholarship money that was awarded to a student who later decided not to attend MSU to the endowment; A. Brown seconded. Motion carried.

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

Nominations (Bill Anderson) Nothing to report

Membership (Jacqie Babcock) Nothing to Report

Volunteers (Chris DeFouw)

C. Defouw proposes that we engage prospective volunteers in meaningful work that then may lead to fuller engagement in leadership roles.

Interest Groups (Chris DeFouw) Nothing new to report

Events Committee (Chris DeFouw)

Planning continues. Revisit the responses on Fall 2023 surveys before distributing a new survey.

Retiree Lunch on Campus (Mike Gardner)

Lunch at Brody will take place on Friday, September 13 and October 11, 2024.

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

Events are posted twice in the newsletter – approximately 3 months and 1 month prior to event. Events are posted up to 2 months prior to event in eNotice. R. Vogt and J. Forsyth will strategize how to best streamline / downsize the amount of information provided in the eNotice.

Straightline and Human Resources have committed to continue to underwrite MSURA.

Office Management (Liz Thomas) Nothing new to report.

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

Nothing new to report.

BYOB (Cheryl Pell, Bill Anderson)

D. Brower will inquire about the availability of gift cards from the Dairy Store for non-coffee drinkers.

Other Items

- D. Brower would like a list of members participating in each committee.
- B. Smith will pursue investigating possible options / approaches for restarting some form of the Life-Long Learning program that was dropped many years ago. His interest leans toward finding a university sponsored and funded program, with an evening college format as a model.

Next Meeting: October 9 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight
MSURA Secretary

September 16, 2024