

Dates to Remember, October 9, 2024 Board Meeting

- October 15, Tuesday, memb'p mtng, MSU Human Resources, Benefits Open Enrollment
- October 18, Friday, 6 pm, Homecoming Parade; post-parade celebration @ Coral Gables
- November 6, 2024, Wednesday, **next board meeting**
- November 8, Lunch at Brody
- November 12, 2024, Tuesday, memb'p mtng, International Travel with Kurt Richter

MSURA Board Meeting minutes: October 9, 2024, 10 am

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

Called to Order: 10:01 am

Item(s) Requiring Discussion and a Vote

- Re: Post-parade celebration / dinner at Coral Gables following the homecoming parade, J. Forsyth moved that up to \$750 be approved to cover the cost of pizza and salad bar; K. Wight seconded. Motion was approved. Attendees will pay for their own drinks.
- Efforts towards providing more support for MSURA board work continue. Support for administrative tasks is particularly desirable. D. Brower distributed a memorandum from the University of Iowa Retiree Association. He asked that we review the memorandum and send notes / comments to him with our thoughts. D. Brower will refine further with assistance of a committee.

Review/Approve Minutes of September 4, 2024 Annual Meeting

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

President's Report (Dave Brower)

- Date for Annual Meeting is undecided, pending response from President Guskiewicz. If he is available to be our keynote speaker on May 7, then we may change date from May 6, Tuesday, to May 7, Wednesday.
- The motion that was approved during the September meeting, to move unused scholarship money to the endowment will be executed at year end, June 30, 2025.
- The Lugnuts game will again be scheduled between mid and late August. The date chosen will be a Friday night that includes a fireworks display at game end.
- Efforts towards providing more support for MSURA board work continue. Support for administrative tasks, technology (website), and communications (newsletters and eNotices) is particularly desirable. D. Brower distributed a memorandum that was shared by the University of Iowa's Retiree Association (UIRA). The memorandum outlines an agreement made among UIRA, UI, and UI Human Resources. D. Brower asked that we review the memorandum, and send notes / comments to him with our thoughts. D. Bower will refine further with assistance of a committee.
- Wharton Center has agreed to move event date of discussion / tour to January 23, 2025.

Vice-President's Report (Angie Brown)

- Membership meetings for the 2024 – 2025 year are set.
- Bios for some speakers have been received.
- Dan Mackey and Sherry Van Campen will present / answer questions at the October 15 membership meeting. D. Mackey will provide the bios.
- P. Marcis will make coffee for the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Humphrey)

Through September, 2024, revenues totaled \$8,278.19; expenditures totaled \$10,445.21, resulting in a deficit of \$2,167.02. Total assets are \$34,131.79. The MSURA Endowment's balance is \$206,789.16, a \$2,200 increase from the prior month. The income account's balance held steady at \$11,399.23

J. Forsyth moved to approve the August and September reports; C. DeFouw seconded. The Treasurer's Reports were approved.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

The Benefits Fair, October 4, 2024, went well. Over 400 surveys were completed by attendees; approximately 125 of the surveys were completed by retirees. A presentation by Personify Health was offered to non-Medicare retirees.

Homecoming Parade / Float Update (Bill Anderson)

- Plans for parade float are underway; theme is "Capture the Hawkeyes". Parade will begin at 6 pm on October 18. Kriss Ostrom will provide her garage as building and storage site for the float's flatbed trailer. Challenges: Riders for the float and walkers to distribute candy are needed. A. Brown will help out in any way needed. Request for volunteers will be made at the membership meeting. B. Anderson will investigate ways to display the MSURA banner.
- B. Anderson will check with Coral Gables about options for gathering there after the parade (such as, might a room be available and how many must be in attendance to reserve a room?). He proposed that MSURA pick up the tab for a meal for those able to attend an after-parade celebration.
- J. Forsyth moved that up to \$750 be approved to cover the cost of pizza and salad bar; K. Wight seconded. Motion was approved. Attendees will pay for their own drinks.

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

As noted above, the MSU University Club is holding both May 6 and May 7 pending response about availability from MSU President Guskiewicz. After the date is definite, Interest Groups will be invited to share information during the social time, prior to dining. The number of members from each interest group that can be accommodated, given limited available space, must be determined.

Scholarship Committee (Angie Brown)

The same committee members will help with selection of candidates as in 2024, per A. Brown.

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

Membership (Jacqie Babcock) / Volunteers and Interest Groups (Chris DeFouw)

- Six volunteers helped at the Benefits Fair on October 4.
- Volunteers are needed to help with registration at the February 10, 2025 membership meeting.
- Following discussion about the practicality of offering t-shirts or something similar to MSURA members, it was decided to have a committee explore further. Likely committee members will be: D. Brower; C. Pell; A. Brown; R. Vogt; J. Babcock; B. Humphrey. Committee will pursue:
 - T- shirt, golf shirt, or sweatshirt? Or a combination of these?
 - Design: How elaborate? Include a slogan?
 - Cost: Sell at cost or increase the cost, with the difference going to fund a scholarship?
 - Time-frame: Have shirts available for sale at annual meeting or before?

Events Committee (Chris DeFouw)**

Events added since last meeting:

- Williamston Theater, on Sunday, December 8, 2024, with dinner at Zynda's following the performance.
- Wharton Center Discussion / Tour, January 23, 2025
- Additional Events are being planned for 2025, and can be viewed in the attachment.

Retiree Lunch on Campus (Mike Gardner)

Lunch at Brody will take place on Friday, November 8, 2024.

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

C. Pell will include the two-page pamphlet that highlights MSURA activities in the next newsletter. Copies of the program / activity / event grid will be available at the October membership meeting.

Underwriting revenues from Advancement, Humana, and Health Team are still pending.

Office Management (Liz Thomas) Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report.

Other Items / Announcements Nothing to report

Next Meeting: November 6, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

** See additional information in attachment

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight
MSURA Secretary

October 19, 2024

Volunteer / Interest Group / Special Events Report – submitted by Chris DeFouw

Volunteer Report

MSURA provided 6 volunteers for the October 3 MSU Benefits Fair. We brought along MSURA trifold brochures stuffed with a program schedule grid.

Gale Gower, Neelam Kher and Eric Crawford will be assisting at the October 15 Membership Meeting.

We need additional volunteers to assist with the Homecoming Float: building, handing out candy, carrying the banner and riding in the back of the pick-up that will be pulling the float. I have reached out to Craig Gunn regarding getting students to carry the banner for us.

Interest Group Report

Are we going to have the Interest Groups at tables during the social time at the Annual Luncheon on May 6? If yes, would like to start contacting them so they can prepare.

Special Events Report (Jacqie Babcock, Pam Marcis, Ralph Pyle, Chris DeFouw)

Jacqie, Pam and Chris work as a leadership team. We have a new committee member on the Special Events Committee, Ralph Pyle who will be assisting us with RSVPs. The Special Events Committee would like 2 additional members.

Upcoming Scheduled:

October 18, 2024 Homecoming Parade, Bill Anderson

December 8, 2024 Williamston Theatre & Dinner @ Zynda's, Jacqie Babcock

December 2024 Safe Place Gift Collection, Bill Anderson

January 22, 2025 Wharton Center Tour, Dave Brower

April 16, 2025 Saving Lives by Learning CPR & AED Skills, Bill Anderson

To be Scheduled:

March 2025 MSU Football Building Tour, Chris DeFouw

May/June 2025 Bus trip to Detroit, Jacqie Babcock & Pam Marcis

July 2025 MSU Planterium, Chris DeFouw - can do Pink Floyd "Dark Side of Moon" and short Startalk afterwards; or can choose another program with a slightly longer Startalk afterwards.

Cost is \$3.00 per person pay upon arrival, \$60.00 minimum. Theater holds up to 140 people.

Friday programs start at 1:30 p.m., people to arrive 15 minutes early.

August 2025 Lugnuts Game, Dave Brower

Completed:

July 10, 2024 Lunch at Newman Lofts

August 16, 2024 Lugnuts Game, Pam Marcis

September 10, 2024 Michigan Capitol Tour, Pam Marcis