

**MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD RETREAT
AUGUST 31, 2017
ROOM 125 NISBET BUILDING**

Present: Rick Vogt, Roger Baldwin, Al LeBlanc, Ron Smith, Michael Gardner, Bill Anderson, Liz Thomas, David Brower, Bruce Smith, Pam Marcis, Angela Brown, Dan Chegwidan, John Forsyth, Trish Horn

President Rick Vogt called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

The minutes of the April 26, 2017 board meeting and May 1, 2017 Annual Membership meeting were approved with correction.

Treasurer's Report:

-David Brower distributed copies of the May & June financial statements; 2017-18 Proposed Budget; July's financial statement; and comparison of fiscal years 2014-18. A detailed report of these will be provided for the October board meeting for board acceptance and approval. September's board meeting Dave will be out of town. The board should plan to accept and approve the proposed 2017-18 budget at the September board meeting.

Past President's Report:

No Report.

Communications:

-Newsletter: Al LeBlanc announced and provided the board with a schedule for the coming year's newsletters. People should be sure to provide content to Al by the newsletter deadline to allow the Communications team adequate time to produce the newsletter for publication.

-eNotices: Trish Horn. Reviewed obit for Jud Heathcote, to go in next eNotice. Discussed policy for handling death notices. MSURA publishes a list of deceased retirees annually. Beyond this it is at the MSURA President's discretion if recognition beyond this is to be done for a particular individual. It was determined to announce Jud Heathcote's passing in an eNotice with a link to his obituary. The passing of Jud Heathcote and Virginia Stewart, who served MSURA, will be recognized in the President's Message in the October newsletter.

Office Management:

-Liz Thomas. because volunteers in the office have been low, Liz asked that Board members sign up for one day a month. It would be very helpful to make sure the office has coverage.

Other Business:

-Need for additional space to hold monthly membership meetings may arrive in the next year. Angela Brown, will check with the MSUFCU main branch to see if their

Community Room is available to us. MSURA use to meet there. This space would allow up to 200 people versus the 90 or so people allowed in the current space.

- Next year's annual meeting: The committee is beginning to plan next year's meeting. The date is set for Monday, May 7, 2018 11:30AM to 2PM. Mark your calendars.

President's Report:

Review of 2016-17 and thank you to people who chaired and helped with these. It was another very good year for MSURA.

The BigTen Retirees Conference Report will be covered at the next board meeting, due to a shortage of time.

Annual Golf Outing, Tuesday September 19, 2017, 10AM at MSU Forest Akers West. We are looking for additional golfers, prizes for golfers, and sponsors. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this year's event a success again.

There are lots of good things related to retirees occurring in the greater Lansing area and on campus. We would like the board to entertain inviting these groups to present to the MSURA board about themselves and what good things they are doing for retirees. The goal would be make connections with these groups; keep the MSURA board members informed of efforts; and to communicate to MSURA members services and offerings available to retirees through these organizations. Some of these organizations are...

1. Age-Alive: This is a campus based group with people from the MSU campus, Lansing, East Lansing and Okemos looking for ways to make the University more age friendly to seniors.
2. MSU Housing & Food Service: Update on their exploration of offering senior house option on campus.
3. Burcham Hills: Update on their progress of developing additional senior living opportunities.
4. Tri-County Office on Aging: Update on their services and services available to seniors in the Tri-County area.
5. City of East Lansing, City Council, Seniors Commission: Provide an update on services and initiatives for seniors by the commission.
6. City of Lansing: Provide an update on services and initiatives for seniors.

There are a number of ideas for the board to consider in the coming year. I will ask committees to look at these ideas and come up with a proposal to the board. We will need to decide to adopt the proposal, or not.

StraightLine informed MSURA after last year's Golf Outing that it would sponsor the 2017 golf event, but it would not commit to sponsoring one beyond 2017. Reasons for this, September is late in the year to hold the event and we are limited to 100 participants. They are interested in working with MSURA and looking at other fundraising options for the MSURA Endowed Student Scholarship. A committee will be

formed in October to look at continuing the golf outing fundraiser or to develop a plan for another fundraiser. StraightLine is interested in helping the committee look at options.

Vice President's Report:

Roger Baldwin talked for a few minutes about the research paper on retiree organizations, "Transforming Academic Retirement". Due to shortage of time, he will talk more about this at our next board meeting.

The retreat was adjourned at 3 p.m.