

**MSU Retirees Association Board Meeting  
April 4, 2018**

Present: Rick Vogt, Angela Brown, Ron Smith, Michael Gardner, Dan Mackey, David Brower, John Forsyth, Bruce Smith, Pam Marcis, Liz Thomas, Gale Gower

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Vogt at 10:02 a.m.

The March 7, 2018 Minutes were approved with the addition of the February Treasurer's report.

Past President's Report:

Angela Brown reported that she has spoken with Glen Brough about the selection of the new scholarship recipients. The MSURA committee will meet soon to make the selection of the new recipients. The selection should be all set for announcement at the May Annual Luncheon.

Angela requested that members forward names to her for the Volunteer of the Year Award. Please include information about why you are nominating them.

President's Report:

President Rick Vogt has found a new person to edit the newsletter. More information to come.

Rick will be meeting with the AARP representatives to talk about plans for next year's programs for retirees at IM East. You do not have to be a member of AARP to attend the MSURA events.

The premiere of the movie, Through the Banks of the Red Cedar, will be held on April 14 at the DIA in Detroit. It is about the 1965-66 football team.

The Military History group will meet May 16 to hear Richard Thelen speak about his World War II service. They will meet at the MSUFCU Farm Lane Branch.

The Lugnuts game will be June 15. Sign up sheets are available for members.

The slate of officers for the 2018-2019 year is: President – Rick Vogt; Vice President - Roger Baldwin; At-Large Members – Bruce Smith and Pam Marcis. They will be voted on at the Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting.

We are looking for a new editor for the eNotices. Trish Horn would like to step away from this assignment.

Rick attended the Florida MSURA meeting. There were 35 attendees. Terry Curry and June Youatt spoke. President Marsh Hestenes has indicated that he will be president for one more year. There was discussion about keeping retirees in other states involved in the organization.

Vice President's Report:

Ron Smith reported that Monday's April membership meeting is all ready to go.

Rick announced that the tour of MSU Archives at Conrad Hall will be on May 14 at 1:30 p.m.

The members' survey is on hold.

#### Treasurer's Report:

David Brower reported that the endowed scholarship fund has a balance of \$99,257,80. We must get the balance up to \$114,000 in order to sponsor two scholarships. We are all right for next year for two \$2,500 scholarships.

The question was raised as to whether we would like to offer a third scholarship next year (two from the endowed fund, one from the general fund), or investigate other things we should do for the membership. The Board will look at options over the next month. Rick will send out a note to the Board asking for suggestions. One suggestion from John Forsyth was to have a monthly luncheon for members at Brody Cafeteria in a separate room paid for by MSURA.

There was a discussion on altering the wording in the endowed scholarship document to consider any MSU student eligible for a scholarship instead of limiting them to incoming students only. Rick will put a proposal together for the next Board meeting.

Dave reported that there are 20 members signed up so far for the Annual Luncheon on May 7. He will have a final count by May 1. Kellogg Center needs a final count by May 3.

#### Human Resources:

Dan Mackey reported on a new diabetes monitoring program for staff using a new app. It might expand to pre-1965 retirees in the future.

#### Office Management:

Liz Thomas reported that we have adequate office coverage for the rest of this year. There is no coverage in the summer, although Liz, Pam and Gale check the office periodically.

#### Annual Meeting:

Pam Marcis reported that she is collecting items for the raffle. She has some knitted items, but would like the Board to help her find some other items, for example something from the golf store. Please let her know if you can help her with this.

The 2019 Annual Meeting will again be held in the Kellogg Big 10C Room next year.

#### Other Business:

Ron Smith suggested that an article be put in the Newsletter to let members know what their retirees' ID is, and how to get one if they do not have one.

Rick announced that the next Big Ten Meeting will be at the University of Illinois in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.