

Dates to Remember, February 8, 2023 Board Meeting

- February 10, 2023, 11:30 am, second pilot retiree lunch at Brody Hall
- February 13, 2023, 1:30 pm, membership meeting: Opportunities at IM Sports Facilities
- March 8, 2023, next board meeting, 10 am
- March 10, 2023, 11:30 am, third pilot retiree lunch at Brody Hall
- March 13, 2023, 1:30 pm, membership meeting: Consumers Energy
- March 15, 2023, 2 pm, Straightline Financial Planning; virtual
- April 20, 2023, special event hosted by the book club will feature author Jane Vieth

MSURA Board Meeting minutes: February 8, 2023, 10 am, Hybrid (In-person and Via Zoom)

In attendance: Rick Vogt, John Forsyth, Bruce Smith, Liz Thomas, Mike Gardner, Roger Baldwin, Angela Brown, Kate Wight

Called to Order: 10:00 am

Review/Approve Minutes January 4, 2023

J. Forsyth moved and A. Brown seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

President's Report (Rick Vogt)

2023 Programs – February and March events:

- Patty Oehmke will share information about services available at IM Sports at the membership meeting on February 13, 2023.
- A representative from Consumers Energy will discuss plans to switch over to renewable energy at the membership meeting on March 13, 2023.
- The next Straightline Financial Planning meeting is March 15, 2023, at 2 pm. This will be virtual.

MSU Extension, Smart Gardening Classes & Newsletter Articles: A notice about a six-week webinar series was in the e-Notice sent out January 21; look for future notices.

Please let R. Vogt know of other organizations offering opportunities that may be of interest to retirees. Future e-Notices will include links to their websites under the section, **Other News & Events**.

Committee for 75th Anniversary of MSURA: The ideas that were put forth at a virtual meeting will be organized and shared in the future. C. Pell will begin work on a logo in March. The following have offered to participate in planning discussions: R. Vogt; M. Gardner; D. Brower; C. Pell; A. Brown; N. Kher; N. Craig.

Committee for Hosting 2027 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference: Discussions will be scheduled in April. The following will participate in early discussions: R. Vogt; J. Babcock; A. Brown; D. Brower.

Past President's Report (Roger Baldwin)

MSURA Scholarship Fundraising Committee: Due to concern about tax implications for donors, per information from MSU's Development Office, the quilt will be raffled off as a door prize at the annual meeting on May 2, 2023. \$66,889 has been raised.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower)

Review / Approve January 2023 Financials (approval delayed to March 8, 2023 board meeting when D. Brower will be present): January 2023 revenues totaled \$151.57. (Note: \$1,400 underwriting support from MSU Health still unpaid). Expenditures for January 2023 totaled \$1,160.63, including: \$493.96 for postage; \$293.53 for printing; and \$300 for preparation of articles (recorded under contingencies). January 2023 expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,009.06.

Through January 31, 2023 revenues totaled \$15,487.83 and expenditures totaled \$14,786.23, resulting in receipts exceeding expenditures by \$701.60. Note: some Lugnuts' ticket revenues and expenses were recorded in last year, so this accounts for the difference between Lugnuts' revenues and expenses recorded this year. The Lugnuts' outing costs are fully covered by the attendees.

Assets of MSURA total \$41,203.65 as of January 31, 2023.

As noted in the footnote, as of January 31, 2023, the MSURA Endowment had a balance of \$171,529.16, an increase of \$1,425 over the prior month. The income account had a balance of \$5,965.72.

As of January 31, 2023, \$66,889 has been pledged or contributed towards our MSURA Endowment initiative goal of \$60,000, an increase of \$875 from the prior month.

Wine & Cheese Event at Burcham Hills, May 16, 2023, 3-5 pm: A flyer announcing the event will be included in an upcoming e-Notice.

Lugnuts' Baseball Game, August 18, 2023, 7 pm: A save the date notice and flyer announcing the event will be in an upcoming e-Notice.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

No report

Annual Meeting, May 2, 2023, MSU University Club (Liz Thomas and Pam Marcis)

- Due to changing the date of the annual meeting, Theresa Woodruff, Interim President of MSU, will not be available to speak on May 2nd. R. Vogt is considering other possibilities.
- L. Thomas reported results of meeting that decided menu selections: Herb and Garlic Chicken; and Vegan Stroganoff. Both options are gluten-free. In lieu of dessert, perhaps individually wrapped Sparty cookies will be provided. Mints from St. Johns will again be provided.
- The reservation form will be sent to C. Pell for conversion to PDF; the form will include a note that anyone with additional dietary restrictions should contact MSURA (office number).
- The reservation form will be included in upcoming e-Notices, and in the April/May newsletter.
- Final date for submitting a reservation form will be April 20th.
- Individual board members will be responsible for inviting their guests and providing guests' meal preference by April 20th.
- J. Forsyth will print name tags; name tags will include meal choice.
- The University Club will need a final count of attendees 3 to 4 days prior to May 2.

Scholarship Committee (Angie Brown)

Efforts to get feedback from current scholarship recipients (for future article) continue.

Angie Brown will schedule meeting with committee to discuss adding a scholarship vs. increasing the amount of the scholarships.

April 20th Book Club Event (Jacqie Babcock)

The MSUFCU conference room is reserved at the Farm Lane Branch. Social time at 1:30 pm; presentation by author Jane Vieth, "Tempting All the Gods", at 2 pm. Book club will provide cookies.

Volunteer of the Year Award, Nominations (Jacqie Babcock)

Board members are asked to provide nominee names to J. Babcock, R. Vogt, and / or A. Johanson.

Retiree Meals on Campus (Mike Gardner)

The January event was a success. The second pilot will take place on February 10, the second Friday of the month, with board members and friends. Nothing will be announced in newsletter until we are confident that all will run smoothly. Lunches will be purchased at the door or on 'meal card'.

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

J. Babcock has again notified MSU Healthcare about outstanding amount to cover Underwriting (\$1,400). J. Babcock and D. Brower will continue to contact them until payment is received.

Office Management (Liz Thomas)

Nothing to report

MSURA Technology, website, Facebook (John Forsyth, Anders Johanson)

Nothing to report

Membership – Special Interest Groups (Pam Marcis)

No report

Other Items

- MSURA is NOT concerned about the services provided by Humana, as some retirees have communicated. All problems have been resolved. The number of calls with issues has dropped substantially. Individuals with issues / questions should call Humana directly. The contract with Humana has been extended for a fourth year.
- Nothing to report following the January 19, 2023, virtual meeting hosted by Wisconsin for Big 10 Retiree Association board members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight, MSURA Secretary

February 18, 2023