

Dates to Remember, March 8, 2023 Board Meeting

- April 5, 2023, next board meeting, 10 am
- March 13, 2023, 1:30 pm, membership meeting: Consumers Energy
- March 15, 2023, 2 pm, Straightline Financial Planning; virtual
- April 10, 2023, 1:30 pm, membership meeting: The Rising Cost of Food, David Ortego, PhD
- April 20, 2023, special event hosted by the book club will feature author Jane Vieth

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

In attendance: Rick Vogt, Bill Anderson, Christina DeFouw, Roger Baldwin, Jacqie Babcock, John Forsyth, Bruce Smith, Cheryl Pell, Liz Thomas, Mike Gardner, Dave Brower, Angela Brown, Dan Mackey, Kate Wight

In attendance for Humana presentation, Special Drug Coverage: Sam Gadzichowski, Tina Spencer, Stephanie Heller, Jody Hagewood, Carole Nicholas (MSU HR - Humana Liaison), Sandra Campbell (Pharmacy Director); members of Faculty Emeriti Association (FEA)

Called to Order: 10:00 am

Humana Presentation

Sam Gadzichowski covered the key points of a Power Point presentation that provided an overview of the MSU Medicare Pharmacy Benefit for retirees. Two key points: our MSU Medicare Pharmacy Benefit has not changed; the annual maximum out of pocket pharmacy cost per member is \$1,000.

Sandra Campbell shared highlights of services offered by the MSU Pharmacy.

Review/Approve Minutes February 8, 2023

D. Brower moved and B. Anderson seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

President's Report (Rick Vogt)

2023 Programs – March and April events:

- 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.
- April 10th membership meeting will feature David Ortego; he will discuss the rising cost of food.

R. Vogt welcomed / introduced C. DeFouw to the board. The need to recruit more volunteers continues.

Board Member Election Slate:

President – Jacqie Babcock (one year)

Vice President – open

Treasurer – Dave Brower

Secretary – Kate Wight

At-Large – Mike Gardner

At-Large (replacing J. Babcock) – Christina DeFouw

Past President's Report (Roger Baldwin)

MSURA Scholarship Fundraising Committee: Over \$70,000 has been pledged or contributed to the MSURA Endowment.

Given the amount that has been contributed, D. Brower moved to fund a fourth scholarship, three endowed and the fourth (2022-23 academic year) to be funded from our reserves. J. Forsyth seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower)

Approve January 2023 Financials; Review/Approve February 2023 Financials: February 2023 revenues totaled \$279.22, including \$240 in donations. (Note: - \$1,400 underwriting support from MSU Health still unpaid). Expenditures for February 2023 totaled \$493.97, including \$398.46 for postage. February 2023 expenditures exceeded revenues by (\$214.75).

Through February 28, 2023, revenues totaled \$15,767.05 and expenditures totaled \$15,280.20, resulting in receipts exceeding expenditures by \$486.85. Assuming we receive the \$1,400 underwriting support from MSU Health, we should be in good shape budget wise. 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 \$40,988.90 as of February 28, 2023.

As noted in the footnote, as of February 28, 2023, the MSURA Endowment had a balance of \$171,704.16, an increase of \$175 over the prior month. The income account had a balance of \$6,073.29.

As of February 28, 2023, \$70,014 has been pledged or contributed towards our MSURA Endowment initiative goal of \$60,000, an increase of \$125 from the prior month.

Angie Brown moved, K. Wight seconded to approve the January and February reports. Motion carried.

Wine & Cheese Event at Burcham Hills, May 16, 2023, 3-5 pm: Openings remain for this event.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

Humana will be dropping non-Medicare Advantage plans (for those under 65 years) after the 2024 calendar year. Discussions are ongoing to finalize the details about how and when retirees will be affected.

Some providers (Mayo Clinic, Vanderbilt) are not accepting Medicare Advantage plans. These providers will not bill Humana directly; patients will interface directly with Humana on billing issues.

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

- Due to changing the date of the annual meeting, selection of a keynote speaker is pending. Some form of musical entertainment was suggested as an alternative.
- The reservation form will be included in upcoming newsletter (April/May) and the next e-Notice so that retirees have ample time to submit the form prior to the April 20, 2023, deadline.
- In lieu of dessert, perhaps individually wrapped Sparty cookies will be provided.

- Individual board members will be responsible for inviting their guests and providing guests' meal preferences 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)

More than twenty applications have been received. A. Brown will schedule meeting with Ben Brown and committee (A. Brown; R. Vogt; C. DeFouw; others) to discuss adding a scholarship vs. increasing the amount of the scholarships.

April 20th Book Club Event (Jacqie Babcock)

Jane Vieth is looking forward to this event. 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)

J. Babcock has received one nomination. Nominations are due by early April. Board members are asked to provide nominee names to J. Babcock, R. Vogt, or A. Johanson.

Retiree Meals on Campus (Mike Gardner)

Pilots have been a success; there will be one more in April. This event will be advertised to all retirees for the second Friday in May (May 12). Lunches will be purchased at the door or on 'meal card'.

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

R. Vogt will pursue collecting the underwriting payment (\$1,400) from MSU Healthcare, as he is also working with them to get two articles.

Office Management (Liz Thomas)

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

Membership – Special Interest Groups (Pam Marcis)

Nothing to report

Other Items

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight, MSURA Secretary

April 4, 2023