

Dates to Remember, From March 9, 2022 Board Meeting

- By mid-March: Pam Marcis, send out annual meeting invitation to guests
- March 16th StraightLine Financial Planning Session
- April 11th, Membership Meeting with cooking demo, Kurt Kwiatkowski
- April 21st, Volunteer Fair / Age Alive Forum, at MSUFCU Headquarters Bldng.
- May 2nd, Annual Meeting
- Early May: Quotes to Rick stating motivation for donating to scholarship fund: (no later than May 5)
- June 13th, proposed date for picnic at Patriarche Park
- July 18th, social event at Newman Lofts
- August 19th, Lugnuts game; Clubhouse tickets, \$39 per person

MSURA Board Meeting minutes: March 9, 2022, 10 am, Via Zoom

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

Called to Order: 10:00 am

Minutes for February 2022 meeting were approved as submitted. J. Forsyth moved; B. Anderson seconded.

President's Report (Rick Vogt)

Humana Healthcare Insurance: NTR. A meeting will be set up in the next few weeks.

StraightLine Financial Planning Session: Meeting is scheduled for March 16 at 2 pm. Remaining meetings will be scheduled in June, September and December.

Nomination Committee Chairperson: Dave Brower will chair this committee. We must recruit for a person to fill the position of Vice President. Let Dave know if interested OR suggest possible candidates. Bill Anderson and Bruce Smith will run again for At-Large positions.

Jacqie Babcock has agreed to fill in for Pam Marcis (At-Large Board position). Rick Vogt moved; John Forsyth seconded. Change approved.

Broadcast Membership Meetings: Will we continue to broadcast meetings after we begin to meet in-person again?

Vice President's Report (Rick Vogt for Neelam Kher)

2021-2022 Programs: Our presenter for March meeting, Raj M. Wiener, J.D., is prepared for a virtual meeting. John Forsyth will set up.

In-Person or Virtual Zoom Only for April meeting? Our presenter for April meeting, Kurt Kwiatkowski, is set for a virtual presentation, which will be a cooking demonstration from Brody Hall. Mike Gardner will ask if in-person is possible, and follow up on setting this up if necessary.

Broadcast Membership Mtngs: Once we meet in person will we broadcast meetings too?

Past President's Report (Roger Baldwin)

MSURA Scholarship Fundraising Committee: The deadline is approaching. \$54,909 has been raised for the scholarship fund since the beginning of the campaign on April 1, 2021. Winner of the Big 10 quilt will be chosen by a drawing to take place at the annual meeting. With the death of Janet Munn, who was planning to

help us with another quilt (Spartan themed) for the coming year, we need to choose other incentives. Any board members who donated to the Scholarship Fund and who wish to withdraw from the drawing should send Dave Brower an email.

Quotes for MSURA Communications from donors for articles: **Brief, simple quotes from scholarship donors are needed.** Quotes for article for June / July issue are needed by early May, no later than May 5, 2022. (What is the main motivation for contributing?) Send quotes to Rick so that he can forward to Marco Schimizzi, who is writing the article.

Volunteer Fair: Age Alive is planning a forum, to take place on April 21 at the MSUFCU Headquarters Building. Lori Strom has invited organizations to participate. MSURA will participate and have a table, 'manned' by Jacqie Babcock and Dave Brower. Roger Baldwin will confirm availability of table for MSURA with Lori Strom. We will help with advertising the forum. Rick Vogt will send next e-Notice to Roger for possible revisions.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower)

Review / Approve February Financial: February 2022 revenues totaled \$130.05, including \$128 in donations. All budgeted underwriting income has been paid. Expenditures totaled \$801.31, including \$364.84 in postage charges. February expenditures exceeded revenues by \$317.24.

Through February 28, 2022, revenues totaled \$13,848.83 and expenditures totaled \$10,071.98 resulting in an excess of revenues over expenditures to date of \$3,776.85. At this point we are within the parameters of the revised FY2021-22 budget.

As noted in the footnote, as of February 28, 2022 the MSURA Endowment had a balance of \$147,639.16, an increase of \$1,005 over the prior month. The income account had a balance of \$6,245.58.

As of February 28, 2022, we have raised \$54,909 towards our endowment Initiative goal of \$60,000, an increase of \$955 over the amount reported last month.

The February 2022 Financial Report was approved. Dave Brower moved; John Forsyth seconded.

Related Issues:

- Pending: Dave will contact StraightLine about underwriting a portion of the cost for annual meeting (\$2000).
- Dave will pursue reserving Clubhouse tickets (\$39 per person), including food, for a Lugnuts game on Friday, August 19th. Proposal was approved. Dave Brower moved; Angie Brown seconded.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

- Expect a name change: Humana Pharmacy will soon be called Centerwell Pharmacy. Retirees will be informed the end of March. No other changes are expected (contact numbers, prescription ID cards).
- After more than 11 years, the Retirement Form is being upgraded / revised, by mid-March. The new form will be on the Adobe platform.
- Most employees are still working remotely. The university is considering a policy for remote working in the future.

Annual Meeting, May 2, 2022, MSU University Club (Liz Thomas and Pam Marcis)

Survey results indicating plans for attending: 32 Yes, 15 Zoom, 25 No. We will plan on a live meeting. Tickets will be \$28 per person. The registration form will indicate an option for canceling reservation. Anyone who cancels must do so by Monday, April 25, if they want a refund.

Cheryl Pell will update the registration form to indicate this. Pam Marcis will provide the wording.

Other commitments related to the annual meeting:

- Pam Marcis confirmed guest names. Steve Harsh (President of FEA) will be added. She will mail guest invitation letters by mid-March.
- Rick Vogt will include announcement in e-Notice. He will highlight on the front page that it will be an in-person meeting, including an overview on Alan Haller (provided by Mike Gardner).
- Dave Brower will contact StraightLine for \$2,000 check.

Scholarship Committee (Angie Brown)

Angie has twelve applicants. A review indicates that a fourth award of \$2500 is financially feasible. If warranted by the committee's study of applicants, John Forsyth moved giving the committee the option of awarding a fourth candidate \$2500; Kate Wight seconded. Motion approved.

July Social Event at Newman Lofts (Jacqie Babcock, Pam Marcis)

Event will be July 18th. Neelam will check with Rich and Linda Triemer for their availability / interest in providing entertainment. Pam Marcis will ask Carl if he will again be the chef. Menu will be hot dogs and bratwurst. The \$200 that Newman Lofts is providing will be used for drinks. Dave Brower proposed that \$200 be allocated from our funds to cover the cost of food; Jacqie Babcock seconded. Approved.

Volunteer of the Year, Nominations For (Jacqie Babcock)

Jacqie has received no nominations. A request for nominations will be included in the next e-Notice.

June Picnic at Patriarche Park (Pam Marcis)

Pam requested \$550 to cover rental of the covered pavilion / park area and food (sub sandwiches). June 13th was proposed as a possible date. Should we advertise at the annual meeting or perhaps by email?

Bus Tours, Planning (Pam Marcis)

Still on hold. We need to find a new bus company. Should we try a trip to the Purple Rose Theater? Maybe by bus? Fall 2022?

Retiree Meals on Campus (Mike Gardner)

On hold

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

Jacqie Babcock reported that she has been working with The Broad, and that they are considering underwriting us. She would offer them 50% off for this year.

John Forsyth will send the list of recently deceased retirees to Rick Vogt for inclusion in e-Notice.

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:

No new items

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 am; next meeting, April 6, 2022, 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight, Secretary, MSURA

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