

Dates to Remember, April 5, 2023 Board Meeting

- April 10, 2023, 2 pm, membership meeting: The Rising Cost of Food, David Ortego, PhD
- April 20, 2023, 2 pm, special event hosted by the book club will feature author Jane Vieth
- April 26, 2023, next board meeting, 10 am
- May 2, 2023, 11:30 am, MSURA annual meeting; speaker will be Thomas Glasmacher, PhD
- May 16, 2023, Burgdorf Winery Event at Burcham, 3 to 5 pm
- June 14, 2023, 2 pm, Straightline Financial Planning; virtual
- August 18, 2023, 7:05 pm, Lugnuts Baseball Game

MSURA Board Meeting minutes: April 5, 2023, 10 am, Hybrid (In-person and Via Zoom)

In attendance: Rick Vogt, Bill Anderson, Christina DeFouw, Roger Baldwin, John Forsyth, Bruce Smith, Cheryl Pell, Liz Thomas, Mike Gardner, Dave Brower, Angela Brown, Dan Mackey, Anders Johanson, Nancy Craig, Pam Marcis, Kate Wight

Called to Order: 10:04 am

Review/Approve Minutes March 8, 2023

Angela Brown moved and A. Johanson seconded motion to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

President's Report (Rick Vogt)

2023 Programs – April and beyond events:

- April 10th membership meeting (1:30 pm social time; 2 pm presentation) will feature David Ortego, Agricultural Economist. J. Forsyth, C. Pell, A. Brown, L. Thomas, and D. Brower will ensure that the meeting runs smoothly.
- The next Straightline Financial Planning meeting is June 14, 2023, at 2 pm. This will be virtual.

75th Anniversary Committee, Event September 11, 2023, MSU President: The 75th year of the MSURA will begin July 1, 2023. A kick-off event, featuring MSU's President, will be planned for the first membership meeting, on September 11, 2023. A larger venue than the Community Room at MSUFCU will be found. More planning will occur over the next several months. More discussion (particularly budget) will take place during next board meeting on April 26, 2023. Events planned to celebrate MSURA's 75th Anniversary will wrap up at the annual meeting in May 2024. C. Pell shared her design of the logo for the 75th Anniversary. The committee: M. Gardner, N. Craig, C. Pell, A. Brown, D. Brower, N. Kher, and R. Vogt.

Past President's Report (Roger Baldwin)

Board Member Election Slate:

President – Jacqie Babcock (one year)
Vice President – Rick Vogt
Treasurer – Dave Brower
Secretary – Kate Wight
At-Large – Mike Gardner
At-Large (replacing J. Babcock) – Christina DeFouw

MSURA Scholarship Fundraising Committee: D. Brower reported that he is still anticipating receipt of \$10,000 toward the scholarship fund that donors have committed to contributing. He suggested writing off the final \$600 promised from one contributor who is now deceased. J. Forsyth moved and B. Smith seconded motion to write off the \$600. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower)

Review/Approve March 2023 Financials: March 2023 revenues totaled \$2,762.00, including \$258.50 in donations (\$150 will be reclassified to Endowment in April) and \$2,450.00 in receipts for our annual meeting (includes \$2,000 from Straightline as a sponsor). (Note: \$1,400 underwriting support from MSU Health still unpaid). Expenditures for March 2023 totaled \$608.26, including \$312.22 for printing and \$137.24 for postage and \$100 in contingency (for article written by student). March 2023 revenues exceeded expenditures by \$2,153.74.

Through March 31, 2023 revenues totaled \$18,529.05 and expenditures totaled \$15,888.46, resulting in receipts exceeding expenditures by \$2,640.59 (increase mainly due to annual meeting receipts recorded ahead of annual meeting expenses being charged). The overdraft in "Contingency" is mainly due to payments made to various individuals writing articles for newsletters, which were not budgeted. 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 \$43,142.64 as of March 31, 2023. Again, the increase over the prior month is mainly due to annual meeting receipts recorded ahead of annual meeting expenses being charged.

As noted in the footnote, as of March 31, 2023 the MSURA Endowment had a balance of \$171,724.16, an increase of \$20 over the prior month. The income account had a balance of \$6,073.29.

As of March 31, 2023, \$67,034 has been pledged or contributed towards our MSURA Endowment initiative goal of \$60,000, an increase of \$20 from the prior month.

R. Baldwin moved, K. Wight seconded to approve the March financial report. Report approved.

MSURA Scholarship, Annual 2021-2022 Account Summary: D. Brower provided a summary of the financials from MSURA's 2021-22 Endowment Fund Financial Report and the Annual Donor Report, included as attachments in the board meeting packet.

Also:

- A new budget will be proposed during our board meeting on April 26, 2023 to incorporate a budget for MSURA 75th anniversary events, student writers, and any other needs.
- Wine & Cheese Event at Burcham Hills, May 16, 2023, 3-5 pm: There are still openings. D. Brower has heard from 22 people. He would like to have more than 30 in attendance.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

The 2023 MSU Service and Retirement Awards program will be in person this year and is scheduled for May 15, at 4 pm, at the Kellogg Center. D. Brower and L. Thomas will help at the event.

Clarification: 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. D. Brower understands that this affects only patients of these providers in Florida and Arizona.

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

- Thomas Glasmacher, PhD, Director of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) will speak.
- The reservation form has been in two e-Notices and will be in upcoming newsletter (April/May) so that retirees have ample time to submit the form prior to the April 20, 2023, deadline.
- Sparty cookies will be provided in lieu of a served dessert. P. Marcus will order the cookies.
- Most invitations for guests are out and responses are being received. R. Vogt will extend invite to Interim Provost. Final date for guests' meal preferences is April 20th.
- J. Forsyth will print name tags.
- The University Club will need a final count of attendees 3 to 4 days prior to May 2.

Scholarship Committee (Angie Brown)

Twenty-four applications have been received. Three candidates have been chosen. The fourth will be decided upon by April 8. A. Brown, R. Baldwin, C. DeFouw, N. Kher, P. Scheetz, B. Smith, and R. Vogt served on the selection committee.

April 20th Book Club Event (Jacqie Babcock)

Social time at 1:30 pm; presentation by author Jane Vieth, *Tempting All the Gods: Joseph P. Kennedy, Ambassador to Great Britain, 1938 - 1940*, at 2 pm. Rebecca Townsend will welcome guests; J. Babcock will introduce Jane Vieth. The event will be live and not recorded. Handouts will be available.

Volunteer of the Year Award, Nominations (Jacqie Babcock)

J. Babcock has received two nominations. Nominations are due this week. J. Babcock will confirm choice with R. Vogt and A. Johanson so that plaque can be ordered.

Retiree Meals on Campus (Mike Gardner)

There will be a final pilot lunch on April 7, at 11:30 am, in Brody. 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 with the accountant.

Two volunteers have been identified for our spotlight feature, for future newsletters.

We have a new student writer, a sophomore.

Office Management (Liz Thomas)

Nothing to report

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

Instructions on signing up for two factor authorization (EBS) will be provided in an e-Notice.

Membership – Special Interest Groups (Pam Marcis)

Nothing to report

Other Items

- P. Marcis, J. Babcock and C. DeFouw will meet on April 10th to discuss ideas for future MSURA membership activities, events, and / or excursions. Some possibilities include tours of: the Wharton Center; the Lansing Capitol; Historical center(s).
- Dates for upcoming events will be updated prior to board meeting on April 26, 2023.
- With several new MSU administrators, share any ideas about how best to reach out to them with R. Vogt, D. Brower, or J. Babcock.
- L. Thomas will reserve MSUFCU Community Room for October, November, and December membership meetings.
- J. Babcock and B. Smith have expressed interest in attending the Big 10 Meeting in Wisconsin during Summer 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight, MSURA Secretary

April 25, 2023