

Dates to Remember, from April 6, 2022 Board Meeting

- April 11th, 2 pm, Membership Meeting via Zoom with cooking demo, Kurt Kwiatkowski
- April 21st, 9 am – 2 pm, Age Alive Forum, at MSUFCU Headquarters Bldng.
- April 27th, 10 am, next board meeting, virtual
- End of April / Early May, At-Large Board Members will convene to come up with potential speakers / presenters for membership meeting programs. All are welcome to share ideas.
- May 2nd, Annual Meeting
- Early May: Quotes to Rick stating motivation for donating to scholarship fund (no later than May 5)
- July 18th, social event at Newman Lofts
- August 19th, Lugnuts game; Clubhouse tickets, \$39/person; July 15th deadline for purchasing tickets

MSURA Board Meeting minutes: April 6, 2022, 10 am, Via Zoom

In attendance: Rick Vogt, Angela Brown, John Forsyth, Dave Brower, Dan Mackey, Pam Marcis, Liz Thomas, Bruce Smith, Bill Anderson, Mike Gardner, Neelam Kher, Kate Wight

Called to Order: 10:00 am

Minutes for March 2022 meeting were approved as submitted. J. Forsyth moved; N. Kher seconded.

President's Report (Rick Vogt)

Humana Healthcare Insurance: A meeting with FEA and MSUHR has been set for April 12th. D. Mackey has reserved a room for the meeting.

StraightLine Financial Planning Session: The March 16th meeting went well. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th, followed by meetings in September and December.

Vice President's Report (Neelam Kher)

2021-2022 Programs: Our April meeting will be via Zoom. Kurt Kwiatkowski is set for a virtual presentation, which will be a cooking demonstration from Brody Hall.

Additionally:

- We will keep speakers who had to cancel during the 2021 – 2022 year on our list as potential presenters at future membership meetings.
- The membership meeting speakers' committee (At-Large Board Members) will convene at the end of April or early May to discuss additional ideas for speakers for future meetings. They will send ideas to Rick and Neelam.
- This committee will handle the program for the membership meetings until the position of VP is filled.
- Rick suggested considering other venues (that allow for more space) for future membership meetings; he stressed the importance of resuming in person meetings but in a space that allows for more social distancing; he welcomes ideas about possible venues.

Broadcast Membership Meetings: For the April meeting, John Forsyth and Bruce Smith will be at Brody with Kurt; they will ensure that broadcasting the April meeting runs smoothly. They will use multiple cameras. Rick Vogt will host. Mike Gardner will introduce Kurt. Rick Vogt and John Forsyth will record the presentation.

Past President's Report (Rick Vogt for Roger Baldwin)

MSURA Scholarship Fundraising Committee, Quilt drawing: Roger and Dave Brower will handle the drawing, with a couple of back-up drawings in the event that the first name drawn chooses to decline accepting the quilt. Winner of the Big 10 quilt will be announced at the annual meeting. All board members have requested that their names be withdrawn from the drawing.

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.

Age Alive Forum, April 21st, 9AM – 2PM: The forum will take place at the MSUFCU Headquarters Building. MSURA will have a table. Angie Brown is leading the effort for MSURA. Dave Brower will arrive before 9 to help. Others who plan to attend are also willing to help if needed. MSURA will distribute scholarship brochures, newsletters and pamphlets. A placard, prepared by Cheryl Pell, that highlights MSURA activities will be displayed at the table.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower)

Review / Approve Financials: Dave will send out report next week.

Additionally:

- Broad has agreed to underwrite MSURA with a contribution of \$175.
- Dave will update the scholarship donation list (delete board member names and add most recent contributors), in preparation for the drawing for the quilt.
- Dave will update the list of those who have registered and paid for tickets for the annual meeting. He will also identify those requesting a vegetarian meal, and notify Pam Marcis.

Nomination Committee: Rick Vogt is running again for President; Bill Anderson and Bruce Smith are running again for two of the four At-Large positions. The Vice President position will be open. Nominations for all positions will be taken from the floor. To facilitate voting at the annual meeting Dave will provide 'ballots' with names of the candidates.

Related issue: Rick suggested that partnering potential future volunteers with board members might work as an approach to recruiting people for board positions.

Lugnuts Baseball Game, August 19th: Dave has placed a 10% deposit, based on an estimate that at least 40 individuals will opt to participate in the event. There is capacity in the clubhouse for up to 50 participants. The deadline for signing up is July 15th.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

Dan confirmed that Humana prescription coverage is such that out of pocket costs are capped at \$1,000 annually per member.

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

Rick Vogt suggested that Alan Haller speak for 30 minutes, at approximately 12:45 pm. Mike Gardner will confirm that Haller's schedule can accommodate this and ask if he will be in attendance for lunch.

Other commitments related to the annual meeting:

- Pam Marcis confirmed the menu with University Club. The count of attendees is now up to 71, with only four guests included. Once scholarship recipients have responded and with the deadline for signing up extended to April 15th, the total could rise to between 80 and 90. Maximum capacity is 120.
- Bruce Smith will set up to broadcast the meeting, similarly to the November membership meeting.
- Dave will give list of attendees requesting a vegetarian meal to Pam; these individuals will be given a ticket when they check in.
- University Club event planner will update Pam on road construction closer to the date of meeting.
- Pam has asked the University Club to hold May 1, 2023 for the 2023 annual meeting.

Scholarship Committee (Angie Brown)

From twelve applicants four have been selected for the \$2500 scholarship. Two alternates have been chosen in the event that any among the four do not enroll at MSU. Invitations to the annual meeting will be sent out as soon as Ben confirms that scholarship recipients will enroll. Angie also mentioned that the current application process offers very little information, and that a form designed by MSURA specifically to meet our objectives in awarding scholarships may help the selection process as well as increase the diversity of students. For future consideration, as college costs rise, she also questioned whether the amount of the scholarship should be increased.

July Social Event at Newman Lofts (Jacqie Babcock))

Event will be July 18th. Neelam has checked with Rich and Linda Triemer for their availability; they will be in Italy in July. Further planning is on hold until after the annual meeting.

Volunteer of the Year, Nominations For (Jacqie Babcock)

The selected nominee will be announced at the annual meeting.

June Picnic at Patriarche Park (Pam Marcis)

Estimated cost for pavilion rental and a light lunch is \$600. This event will be reintroduced at some time in the future (maybe 2023). The consensus is that June is a very busy month; more than half the board will not be in Michigan for at least part of June 2022.

Bus Tours, Planning (Pam Marcis)

On hold, pending success at finding a new bus company.

Retiree Meals on Campus (Mike Gardner)

Nothing to report. Perhaps consider an outside event in the fall.?

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

Jacqie Babcock reported via email update that The Broad will underwrite MSURA at \$175.

Office Management (Liz Thomas)

Nothing to report

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

The new link for meetings has been provided in the most recent eNotice.

Membership – Special Interest Groups (Pam Marcis)

Nothing to report

Other Items:

Jacqie Babcock will be meeting with Broad representatives April 11th. She plans an article for future inclusion in MSURA newsletter highlighting The Broad's 10th anniversary, being celebrated by The Broad this year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 am; next meeting, April 27, 2022, 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight, Secretary, MSURA

April 7, 2022