

Dates to Remember, April 26, 2023 Board Meeting

- May 2, 2023, 11:30 am, MSURA annual meeting; speaker will be Thomas Glasmacher, PhD
- May 16, 2023, 3 to 5 pm, Burgdorf Winery Event at Burcham
- June 14, 2023, 2 pm, Straightline Financial Planning; virtual
- June 21, 6 pm, Summer Circle Theater
- July 12, 2023, 5:30 pm, MSU Carillon concert
- July 20, 2023, 2 pm, Wharton backstage tour
- August 18, 2023, 7:05 pm, Lugnuts Baseball Game
- August 30, 2023, 10 am to 2 pm, MSURA board retreat, Newman Lofts
- September 6, 2023, 10 am, next board meeting
- September 11, 2023, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, membership meeting; kick-off for MSURA's 75th anniversary year
- September 22, 2023, 5 pm, Homecoming Parade

MSURA Board Meeting minutes: April 26, 2023, 10 am, Hybrid (In-person and Via Zoom)

In attendance: Rick Vogt, Christina DeFouw, John Forsyth, Jacqie Babcock, Bruce Smith, Cheryl Pell, Nancy Craig, Liz Thomas, Mike Gardner, Dave Brower, Dan Mackey, Kate Wight

Called to Order: 10:05 am

Review/Approve Minutes April 5, 2023

J. Forsyth moved and J. Babcock seconded motion to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

President's Report (Rick Vogt)

2022-2023 Programs – Recording & Broadcasting Events: Zoom Broadcasting Committee will review efforts to record and broadcast membership meetings during the past year. They will consider what is required to continue this effort and determine if more equipment is required.

2023-2024 Program Committee, Sept 11th Kick-off 75th Anniversary: The first membership meeting will kick off the 75th Anniversary year celebration of the MSURA; Interim President Teresa K. Woodruff, PhD, will speak. The committee, comprised of R. Vogt, and the four at-large members (B. Smith, C. DeFouw, M. Gardner, B. Anderson), will consider speakers for membership meetings for the remainder of the 2023-2024 year. The 2023-2024 program will be announced in the July newsletter.

75th Anniversary Committee, Event September 11, 2023, MSU President: The 75th year of the MSURA will begin July 1, 2023. A larger venue (Community Room, Headquarters Building 2, MSUFCU) has been reserved for the membership meeting on September 11, 2023 (see above), which will kick off the year of celebratory events. More planning will occur over the next several months. Committee members are: M. Gardner, N. Craig, C. Pell, A. Brown, D. Brower, N. Kher, and R. Vogt.

2023 Board Retreat Date and Topics (Jacqie Babcock): The board retreat will take place on August 30, 2023, at Newman Lofts, from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be catered.

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

MSURA Scholarship Fundraising Committee: Final payment has been received from Straightline on its commitment to the scholarship fund. Progress continues towards funding a fourth scholarship.

Board Member Election Ballot 2023:

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

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower)

Review/Approve Continuation Budget for July-August 2023: D. Brower presented a draft budget for fiscal year 2023/24. Revenues increase \$1,000 (Newsletter Underwriting), to \$22,400 from 2022/23. Expenditures increase \$3,500, to \$26,400 from 2022/23. The greatest portion of this increase is due to an increase of \$1500 to cover the cost for a third person to attend the July 2023 Big 10 Conference; J. Babcock, A. Brown, and B. Smith will attend the conference. Additional dollars to cover costs for 75th Anniversary events and more newsletter article writers make up most of the remaining increase in expenditures.

J. Forsyth moved, J. Babcock seconded to approve draft budget for FY 2023/24. Budget approved.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

There will be no major changes to the fall open enrollment process (Humana).

From previous meetings:

Humana dropping non-Medicare Advantage plans after 2024 calendar year

Mayo Clinic is not accepting Medicare Advantage plans, including Humana.

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)

- D. Brower will provide list of names for attendees to J. Forsyth who will print name tags. Dietary requirements will be clearly communicated.
- Thomas Glasmacher, PhD, Director of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) will share a power point presentation.
- Set up committee will ensure that attendees receive raffle tickets, programs, cookies, and mints.
- D. Brower has received payment for 70 attendees; complimentary count is at 16.
- Two tables will be for reserved seating, plus a table with equipment for recording the event.
- The University Club will need a final count of attendees 3 to 4 days prior to May 2.

Scholarship Committee (Angie Brown)

Only one of four scholarship recipients plans to attend the annual meeting, with his father as his guest. Replies from two recipients are pending.

April 20th Book Club Event (Jacqie Babcock)

Presentation by author Jane Vieth was a success.

Special Events Committee (Jacqie Babcock, Christina DeFouw, Pam Marcis)

Several events are being planned / considered: Summer Circle Theater; MSU Carillon concert; Wharton Center discussion and tour (D. Brower); bus tour to Henry Ford Museum and the Rouge Plant (November 9); tour of the Michigan Capitol (perhaps in two parts – first at membership meeting followed by a tour at the capitol).

Volunteer of the Year Award, Nominations (Jacqie Babcock)

Plaque for volunteer award is completed and available for presentation.

Retiree Meals on Campus (Mike Gardner)

Announcement will appear in the August / September newsletter about informal retiree lunches at Brody, on the second Friday of each month, beginning in October. Lunches will be purchased at the door or on 'meal card.'

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

2023-24 Newsletter & e-Notice Content Deadlines: A schedule with content deadlines and dates available online for newsletters and e-Notices was distributed at the meeting.

Underwriter Rates for 2023-24: Rates will remain as they have been; over the summer committee will consider increasing the rates

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 11:29 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight
MSURA Secretary

July 5, 2023