

Dates to Remember, from April 27, 2022 Board Meeting

- 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 27, 2022, 10 am, Via Zoom

In attendance: Rick Vogt, William Anderson, John Forsyth, Dave Brower, Dan Mackey, Pam Marcis, Neelam Kher, Liz Thomas, Bruce Smith, Jacqie Babcock, Roger Baldwin, Cheryl Pell

Called to Order: 10:00 am

Minutes for April 6, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted.

President's Report (Rick Vogt)

Humana Healthcare Insurance – Mtng April 12th with FEA/HR: The meeting was very productive. Rick thanked key members from HR for their assistance in providing answers to key issues: 1) most retirees are not paying a premium for Part D; 2) Humana developed our plan using a framework that was in place for Blue Care Network coverage; they are changing the policy as needed to eliminate shortcomings that exist; changes are ongoing as the need becomes evident. Dan Mackey confirmed that an article is being put together, with plans of including it in the next MSURA newsletter; the article will provide information about how to go about adding name to DO NOT CALL LISTS (there are up to three lists involved). R. Vogt, D. Brower, J. Forsyth, A. Brown, N. Kher represented MSURA.

Annual MSURA Board Retreat, week of August 22nd: R. Vogt will send out email to ask what day of that week might be best for board members.

Big Ten Retirees Association Conference, August 1 – 3, Evanston, IL, \$1500 PP: Jacqie Babcock, Bruce Smith, Rick Vogt have expressed interested in attending. \$4500 will be identified in a future budget to help cover the expenses.

Volunteer Recruitment: Rick proposes that we host a couple of get togethers during the summer that will aim to identify new volunteers. Details to follow.

Vice President's Report (Neelam Kher)

2022-2023 Programs: Neelam will provide a list of potential speakers to the program committee from those that had to cancel during the 2021-2022 program year, and those that were proposed as possible speakers after the program was in place. Membership meetings are likely to continue to be both virtual and in-person. Liz Thomas will inquire with MSUFCU about the possibility of food at future membership meetings.

Past President's Report (Roger Baldwin)

MSURA Scholarship Fundraising Committee, Quilt drawing: Quilt winner is Susan Cunningham, not currently on the list of attendees to the upcoming annual meeting. Roger will contact her to let her know of win and to invite her to accept the quilt at the annual meeting.

Age Alive, April 21st: The forum took place at the MSUFCU Headquarters Building. L. Thomas, A. Brown, D. Brower, and C. Pell were present to assist. C. Pell reported that about 60 people attended in person. Several stopped by the table.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower)

Review / Approve Financials: March 2022 financial statements were approved as submitted.

Approve tentative budget for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year:

- Dave will put a total of \$9,000 into the 2022-2023 tentative budget for Postage and Printing. This includes an increase of \$1500 for Postage (inflation, more mailings) and \$500 for Printing.
- Other budget changes include: an increase of \$2,000 for Revenues; a decrease of \$1,500 for Equipment; an increase of \$3,500 for Big 10 Conference.
- The 2022-2023 budget will carry a deficit of \$4,000, with Revenues equal to \$18,500 (up \$2,000) and Expenditures totaling \$22,500 (up \$4,000)

Dave moved to accept the tentative 2022-2023 budget with changes indicated above. John Forsyth seconded. Motion approved.

Additionally,

- J. Babcock moved to return underwriting costs, which have been discounted, to full rate for the year 2022-2023. J. Forsyth seconded. Motion approved.
- Rick proposes that we think about raising the rates each year beginning in 2023-2024 to help cover our costs for inflation. Jacqie suggests that we review our entire system for publishing newsletters.

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.

Lugnuts Baseball Game, August 19th: The deadline for signing up is July 15th.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

Nothing to report.

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

Rick Vogt presented the agenda for the meeting. Mike Gardner is making final contact with Alan Haller's assistant about the format for his presentation – all speech, or mainly Q&A, or something in between?

Other details related to the annual meeting:

- Pam Marcis confirmed that she has 16 tables with eight at each table.
- The only camera will remain at the podium.
- Meeting will be broadcast to Zoom audience via wireless microphones that are wired into each of the two available mics.

- Bruce, John, and Neelam will monitor incoming questions from the Zoom audience. They will require a small rectangular table not too far from the podium.
- Re: Election of Officers and Board Members – only four positions are open for this year’s election. They are President (Rick Vogt is running again), Vice President (open), and two At Large openings (those currently held by Bill Anderson and Bruce Smith who are running for re-election to two-year terms).
- C. Pell offered to put final agenda together for attendees at the annual meeting.
- One basket, provided by MSUFCU, will be awarded as the door prize.

Scholarship Committee (Angie Brown)

Per R. Vogt, two of the four scholarship winners plan to attend the annual meeting with family members. These are Jillian Dempsey and Ryan Jordan. Emily Eckhart and Mitchell Kelly will not be in attendance. The June / July Newsletter will include an article on all recipients.

July Social Event at Newman Lofts (Jacqie Babcock)

Event will be July 18th. Attendees will have an opportunity to decorate their own sugar cookie. Further planning is on hold until after the annual meeting.

Volunteer of the Year, Nominations For (Jacqie Babcock)

In addition to Jacqie, N. Kher, R. Vogt, and C. Pell served on the committee. Plaque has been received for presentation at the annual meeting.

June Picnic at Patriarche Park (Pam Marcis)

On hold for some time in the future (maybe 2023).

Bus Tours, Planning (Pam Marcis)

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

Retiree Meals on Campus (Mike Gardner)

Nothing new to report. B. Smith reported that Brody may reopen to the public after the May 2022 graduations.

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

Broad has rejoined as an underwriter. J. Babcock will contact all underwriters after July 2022, for 2022-2023.

Office Management (Liz Thomas)

Nothing to report. L. Thomas will reserve the conference room for the board meetings in 2022-2023.

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

Nothing to report.

Membership – Special Interest Groups (Pam Marcis)

Nothing to report. R. Vogt commented that several of the groups have continued meeting via Zoom.

Other Items:

B. Anderson asked if there is still a committee that is planning on various options for social gatherings. Currently this happens on an adhoc basis with various members stepping forward. More discussion is likely at the board member retreat in August.

A new picture will be taken of board members at annual meeting, per suggestion of C. Pell.

J. Forsyth moved to adjourn meeting; N. Kher seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight, Secretary, MSURA

May 21, 2022