

Dates to Remember, October 5, 2022 Board Meeting

- October 11, membership meeting; David Lorenz, representing Pure Michigan, will speak
- October 14, homecoming parade
- October 17 and 19, Humana in person seminars; October 25 and 27, virtual seminars
- November 14, membership meeting; Ron Porritt, on wolves and moose of Isle Royale

MSURA Board Meeting minutes: October 5, 2022, 10 am, Hybrid (In-person and Via Zoom)

In attendance: Rick Vogt, John Forsyth, Cheryl Pell, Kate Wight; Bruce Smith, Dave Brower, Dan Mackey, Liz Thomas, Roger Baldwin, Bill Anderson, Jacqie Babcock

Called to Order: 10:02 am

Review/Approve Minutes September 7, 2022

Two changes to minutes for September 7 meeting, per R. Vogt:

- 1) Under **President's Report**, Big Ten Retirees Association Conference, August 1 – 3, Evanston, IL: Proposed changes to the by-laws were approved. New additions / changes to the bylaws were not made. These will be reviewed by a committee and presented for approval at the conference next year.
- 2) Under **Bus Tours, Planning**, the Program Committee consists of: J. Babcock; B. Smith; D. Brower; C. Pell; B. Anderson; A. Brown; P. Marcis; M. Gardner; R. Vogt.

D. Brower moved and J. Babcock seconded to approve the minutes with the two changes noted above. Minutes approved.

President's Report (Rick Vogt)

2022-2023 Programs, October and November events:

- The speaker for October's membership meeting, TUESDAY, October 11, will be David Lorenz, a representative of Pure Michigan. The meeting will be in person and via Zoom.
- Ron Porritt, a Volunteer Researcher, will speak about the wolves and moose of Isle Royale during the membership meeting in November (November 14, 2022).

Working with other groups (FEA, Mid-Michigan Alumni, MSU Community Club, etc.): All groups may gain by sharing information / efforts among groups: the MSU Alumni group may participate in events posted in the e-Notices; volunteer efforts could be shared.

Committee for Hosting 2027 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference: R. Vogt will send out an email to set up a virtual meeting with those who have agreed to participate in initial conversations re: planning the conference. These are: A. Brown; J. Babcock; D. Brower; R. Vogt. Rick is interested in setting up a timeline. Funding the conference must also be discussed.

Committee for 75th Anniversary of MSURA: M. Gardner, N. Craig, C. Pell, A. Brown, D. Brower, N. Kher, and R. Vogt have expressed interest in helping on the committee. A written version of the retiree association history up to 1997 exists. R. Vogt has captured some of the history from 1997 on (35 pp.). What is the best way of adding to the history?

2022 AROHE Conference, September 22nd: R. Baldwin reported that this year's meeting was limited to one day at about three and a half hours. The main topic of discussion revolved around issues of aging.

Other:

- R. Vogt added that there may be two tours, both in 2023. Let him know if interested in heading the tours.
- D. Brower shared information about a wine and cheese tasting event that he attended recently at Burcham Hills. The 'presentation' takes about an hour and a half. He will look into planning an event for the retiree association in May 2023, 2nd or 3rd week.
- We will decline invitation that C. Pell received to view a Performing Arts event put on by a group in Chelsea.

Past President's Report (Roger Baldwin)

MSURA Scholarship Fundraising Committee, Quilt drawing: The scholarship fund is over \$61,000. The MSUFUCU and Straightline final installments of their pledges will be billed in April of 2023. A future newsletter will include an article about one of the 2022 scholarship winners.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower)

Review / Approve September 2022 Financials: September 2022 revenues totaled \$1,118.68, including \$1,068.00 in donations. Expenditures for September totaled \$5,449.68, including \$3,260.40 for postage and \$2,046.62 for printing of the summer (sent to all members) and fall newsletters. Expenditures for August exceeded revenues by \$4,331.18.

Through September 30, 2022 revenues total \$10,447.39, including \$8,500 in underwriting income and \$1,249 in donations. Expenditures through September 30, 2022 total \$9,736.30, including \$3,260.40 for postage, \$2,046.62 for printing and \$2,051.11 incurred for board members attending the Big10 Retiree Association meeting. Year-to-date revenues exceed expenditures by \$711.09. Note: some Lugnut ticket revenues and expenses were recorded in last year, so this accounts for the difference between Lugnut revenues and expenses recorded this year. The Lugnut outing costs are fully covered by the attendees.

As noted in the footnote, as of September 30, 2022 the MSURA Endowment had a balance of \$165,189.16, an increase of \$425 over the prior month. The income account had a balance of \$9,659.81.

As of September 30, 2022, \$61,599.00 has been pledged or contributed towards our MSURA Endowment initiative goal of \$60,000, an increase of \$425 over the amount reported last month.

J. Babcock moved to approve the financial report; J. Forsyth seconded. Financials approved.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

Humana will present seminars on October 17 (MSUFUCU Headquarters) and October 19 (Breslin Center). Virtual seminars will be offered on October 25 and 27.

HR has sent letters out regarding changes to the retirement plan. Any questions should be referred to the appropriate retirement plan vendor.

MSU Homecoming Parade MSURA Entry (Bill Anderson)

The car is ready. C. Pell has designed two magnetic signs that will be attached to the sides of the car. B. Anderson will drive the car. A. Brown and R. Baldwin will ride with Bill. There is one open spot remaining in the car. R. Vogt, B. Vogt, and N. Kher will walk in the parade. Should we build a float for next year's parade?

Annual Meeting, May 1, 2023, MSU University Club (Liz Thomas and Pam Marcis)

No report

Scholarship Committee (Angie Brown)

No report

Bus Tours, Planning (Rick Vogt)

No report

Retiree Meals on Campus (Mike Gardner)

Per R. Vogt, M. Gardner has explored having a regularly scheduled breakfast or lunch at the Coral Gables Restaurant with thoughts of moving to campus once staffing in the campus cafeterias is no longer an issue. R. Vogt suggested announcing this in the newsletter, and initiating in January.

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

J. Babcock may inquire about underwriting support from the College of Music, though she suspects that the College of Music is able to maintain strong audiences without advertising in our newsletter.

Newsletter dates will be provided to University Advancement.

Students who submit articles to the newsletter will be paid \$200 per article.

Office Management (Liz Thomas)

We need to follow-up with people who express an interest in helping, particularly when we have a very specific need.

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

J. Forsyth asked for how long we should mail copies of the newsletters to new retirees. Should we look more closely at this in November / December? Again, how best to engage new retirees?

Membership – Special Interest Groups (Pam Marcis)

No report

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight, Secretary, MSURA

October 12, 2022