

Dates to Remember, November 9, 2022 Board Meeting

- November 14, membership meeting; Ron Porritt, on wolves and moose of Isle Royale
- December 12, membership meeting; Geri Zeldes, School of Journalism, on her award-winning documentary
- Straightline seminar, December 14, 2022
- Virtual meeting (date TBD) to discuss celebration of 75th anniversary of establishment of MSURA
- Virtual meeting (date TBD) to discuss hosting 2027 Big10 Retirees Association Conference
- Inclusion in the December newsletter of an article with information about the drawing for the quilt (including a photo) that will be given away to one of the donors to the scholarship fund

MSURA Board Meeting minutes: November 9, 2022, 10 am, Hybrid (In-person and Via Zoom)

In attendance: Rick Vogt, John Forsyth, Kate Wight, Bruce Smith, Dave Brower, Dan Mackey, Liz Thomas, Roger Baldwin, Jacqie Babcock, Angie Brown, Mike Gardner

Called to Order: 10:07 am

Review/Approve Minutes October 5, 2022

Angie Brown moved and J. Babcock seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Minutes approved.

President's Report (Rick Vogt)

2022-2023 Programs - October, November and December events:

- Links will be provided in the eNotice for places of interest in Michigan highlighted in the presentation during the October 11 membership meeting.
- Ron Porritt, a volunteer researcher, will speak about the wolves and moose of Isle Royale during the membership meeting on November 14, 2022. J. Babcock will be MC. A. Brown will bring donuts. L. Thomas will work the front table. J. Forsyth and B. Smith will set up for Zoom and record the meeting.
- Geri Zeldes, a professor from the School of Journalism will discuss her award-winning documentary at the December 12, 2022, membership meeting. C. Pell will be MC.
- The next Straightline seminar is scheduled for December 14, 2022.

Working with other groups (FEA, Mid-Michigan Alumni, MSU Community Club, etc.): Efforts to connect with other groups, and to promote social events to retirees will continue.

Committee for 75th Anniversary of MSURA: R. Vogt will set up a virtual meeting with those who have expressed an interest in helping with this event (M. Gardner, N. Craig, C. Pell, A. Brown, D. Brower, and N. Kher). Results of the discussion will be presented during the December board meeting.

Committee for Hosting 2027 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference: Initial discussions will take place soon. Focus will be discussing the budget for the conference and setting up a timeline. The following are interested in participating in early discussions: A. Brown; D. Brower; R. Vogt; J. Babcock.

Past President's Report (Roger Baldwin)

MSURA Scholarship Fundraising Committee, Quilt drawing: The scholarship fund is over \$61,000. Anyone who donates to the fund between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023 will be included in the drawing for the quilt. A. Brown will contact P. Marcis about getting a photo of the quilt for inclusion in the December newsletter. R. Baldwin and R. Vogt will resolve content of the December article with Marco Schimizzi.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower)

Review / Approve October 2022 Financials: October 2022 revenues totaled \$2,571.78, including \$1,000 in underwriting income (from Broad Art Museum) and \$1,528.00 in donations. **However, a review made of all gifts over \$100 recorded in our gift account (donations) from July-October, resulted in corrections that will be processed in the November ledgers that will transfer \$1,990 of gifts recorded in September and October to the Endowment Fund. \$1,940 of these gifts are new gifts that will increase the amount received for the Endowment Fund. The next financial report will reflect these corrections.**

Expenditures for October totaled \$1,254.89, including \$917.92 for postage and \$280.51 for printing. Expenditures for October exceeded revenues by \$1,316.89.

Through October 31, 2022 revenues total \$13,019.17, including \$9,500 in underwriting income and \$2,777 in donations **(to be reduced by \$1,990 in November)**. Expenditures through October 31, 2022 total \$10,991.19, including \$4,178.32 for postage; \$2,327.13 for printing; and, \$2,051.11 incurred for board members attending the Big10 Retiree Association meeting. Year-to-date revenues exceed expenditures by \$2,027.78 **(to be reduced by \$1,990 in November)**. 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.

As of October 31, 2022 the MSURA Endowment had a balance of \$165,389.16, an increase of \$200 over the prior month. The income account had a balance of \$9,659.81.

As of October 31, 2022, \$61,599.00 has been pledged or contributed towards our MSURA Endowment initiative goal of \$60,000, no change from the prior month.

K. Wight moved to approve the financial report; J. Babcock seconded. Financials approved. R. Vogt noted that Postage and Printing costs are still within budget; though our costs are up, the number of mailings has decreased.

Other:

- Contributions for underwriting from Humana and MSU Healthcare are still pending; D. Brower will pursue later if necessary.
- The wine and cheese tasting event will take place at Burcham Hills on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The event is planned for up to 50 people. The 'presentation' takes about an hour and a half.

- D. Brower will finalize date for a Lugnuts game after he knows the schedule for fireworks. He plans to request seating for 40 individuals for this event.

MSU Human Resources (Dan Mackey)

Open enrollment (Humana) completed on October 31. More than 200 participated in presentations held at the Breslin on October 19th.

Desired changes to retirement plans (mutual funds) should be made by mid-December.

MSU Homecoming Parade MSURA Entry (Bill Anderson)

Participation in parade was a success. B. Anderson, R. Baldwin, A. Brown, N. Kher, and R. and L. Vogt participated. More people are needed to pass out candy if we participate in the parade next year. Other options were proposed for 2023: open air trolley? a truck or tractor pulling a flatbed trailer? And for 2024: a float in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the retiree association?

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

D. Brower will confirm our reservation. We must confirm Theresa Woodruff as speaker at our annual meeting considering her recent promotion to Interim President.

Scholarship Committee (Angie Brown)

No report

July Social Event at Newman Lofts (Jacqie Babcock)

Perhaps consider in the future. Alternatively, the possibility of a picnic at a local venue was suggested.

Bus Tours, Planning (Rick Vogt)

After the meeting J. Babcock provided the site for EL Prime Time. R. Vogt will include this in future eNotices: <https://www.cityofeastlansing.com/823/Seniors-Program-Prime-Time>

Retiree Meals on Campus (Mike Gardner)

The earliest that a meal can be scheduled at Coral Gables is likely the end of January. M. Gardner needs suggestions for day of the week (other than Wednesday) and time. Brody is now serving the general public. M. Gardner has not pursued setting up a retiree meal event at Brody.

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

The next newsletter, due out between Christmas and New Years, will announce that Theresa Woodruff will be the speaker at annual meeting, IF she is still able and willing to do this.

Guest writers have come forward to help with the newsletter.

Office Management (Liz Thomas)

L. Thomas will purchase more name tags.

Our request to reserve the meeting room at MSUFCU for meetings occurring in 2023 will not be fulfilled before December 1, 2022.

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

J. Forsyth reported that MSU Shares is working to report issues with incorrect mailings.

Membership – Special Interest Groups (Pam Marcis)

No report

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Wight, Secretary, MSURA

November 11, 2022