

MSURA BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2020  
ROOM 125 NISBET BUILDING

**Attending:** Roger Baldwin, Rick Vogt, David Brower, John Forsyth, Angela Brown, Michael Gardner, Ron Smith, Bruce Smith, Pam Marcis, Liz Thomas, Gale Gower

**Guests:** Dan Mackay, HR

**Minutes (Gale Gower for Jacqueline Babcock):** It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. Passed unanimously.

**Discussion:**

**Documenting contributions of retirees to university and community:** Retirees have contributed \$4,286,741.58 to the university during the last five years. A survey will be put on the website asking retirees what they are doing to volunteer on campus. MSURA needs to find out how departments are using volunteers. It would be interesting to compare with faculty and staff volunteering. Roger will contact various units (Wharton Center, Broad Art Museum, Food Bank, the Gardens, Alumni Association, United Way, etc.) for information.

**Strategies to increase and diversify MSURA member participation:** We need to identify groups to contact with the help of Dan Mackey in HR. We could survey attendees at the February meeting to get contact information for new members and have a new members' event before some membership meetings. We can encourage members to attend MSURA Global Day of Service events for more information on our association. We can also become more involved with other groups, such as the labor unions, or ethnic groups on campus and partner with them to encourage more MSURA participation.

**Building a case for part-time MSURA staff support from MSU:** What help do we need? How would this add value to the university? Could we get help with communications and technology? We can work with Alumni Association, Advancement and HR if we have more administrative support. Dave Brower and Roger can let the president and MSU board members know what we do and how we contribute to the university.

**President's Report:**

The brochure has been updated and Cheryl Pell has taken it to the printer's. An updated letter by Liz Thomas and Rick Vogt can be sent to new retirees with the brochure enclosed. Rick can put a link to the new brochure in an E-Notice to members.

A Volunteer Fair will be held April 1 at the MSUFCU on Farm Lane. Teresa Kmetz from the United Way will make opening remarks. A panel of retirees will relate their experiences. There will be tables for organizations. Please sign up with Roger to help at this event.

### **Vice President's Report:**

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha will be the presenter at the February meeting talking about our drinking water. Her book will be available for sale. Dr. Charles Ballard will be the March speaker about how the economy affects retirees. Please contact Rick Vogt with ideas for programs for next year. The newsletter is running all right. Bruce Smith is putting recordings of the general meetings on the website. StraightLine is once again sponsoring the annual meeting with \$2,000. There will be another tour of the FRIB on June 2, limited to 55 people.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Dave distributed the financial statement for January, 2020. He is already getting reservations for the annual luncheon. He has reserved 50 tickets for the June 8 and also the August 21 Lugnugs games.

A motion was made and seconded that the following individuals be approved as both responsible individuals and authorized signers for MSUFCU accounts and incorporate by reference wording required in Section D Business Account Application and Signature Card: Roger Baldwin, MSURA President, Rick Vogt, MSURA Vice President, and David Brower, MSURA Treasurer. Also, that Angela Brown, MSURA past President, be removed as a responsible person and authorized signer. The vote passed.

### **HR/Benefits: Update on MSU Retirement Plans:**

Dan Mackey made a presentation about the new retirement plans from TIAA and Fidelity. The plans will be making investment changes. HR will send out changes if desired. He will provide an article for the newsletter for our members. Members will have three months to decide if they want to make changes before the new changes go into effect.

### **Spring Bus Tour:**

People are able to sign up now. There was no report.

### **Spring Dinner/Theater Events:**

There was no update.

### **MSU Senior Housing Project:**

Plans are at a standstill right now. There was an article in the *Lansing State Journal* proposing that the space be used for research facilities.

### **Annual Meeting May 5:**

Arrangements are all set. Please give Pam Marcis the names of any guests so invitations can be sent out.

### **Communications/Underwriters:**

There was no report.

### **MSU eMail Outlook Conversion, etc.:**

There was no report.

**Office Management:**

The calendar was passed around so board members could sign up to cover the office. Liz may need help with future mailings. Please let her know if the office is out of supplies.

**Membership, Special Interest Groups:**

There was no report.

**MSU Shares/ United Way Campaign:**

There was no report.

**Other Items:**

There were no other items. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be March 4 at 9:00a.m. in room 125 Nisbet Building.