Minutes of the General Meeting of the UMSL Retirees Assn, June 6, 2014

President of the Board David Garin welcomed attendees. He thanked Chancellor Tom George and Professor Barbara Harbach for sponsoring the lunch. Chancellor George gave an update of campus activities, which was very upbeat. Included in his remarks was a 5% increase for the UM operating budget, an additional $1.5M equity adjustment for UMSL, and capital construction matching funds. There is more construction on campus including a recreational wellness center, a science learning building and even $20M to enhance Natural Bridge Road.

President Garin presented the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, which were designed to have more members participating in events and in running the organization. These proposed changes will also bring our administrative structure more in line with that of related organizations. President Garin moved acceptance of the changes to the bylaws. After a second, there were no meaningful additions or changes and the vote to approve was in favor. Garin then moved acceptance of the changes to the Constitution. After a second, there were no meaningful additions or changes and the vote to approve was in favor.

The treasurer’s report was distributed by Steve Spaner and accepted. The minutes from the previous general meeting of December 20, 2013 was introduced by Garin in the absence of Secretary Saunders and was accepted.

Shirley Martin introduced the nominees for President, Vice President and Secretary (to fill the last year of the two year term). Voted in by acclamation were Sandy MacLean, Dave Ganz, and Ilene Wittels, respectively. Also elected for two-year terms to the board were Judi Linville, Lol Barton and Gary Berger.

President Garin thanked the outgoing board members for their service: Shirley Martin who was the longest continuous member of the board in recent memory, Dennis Saunders and Don Phares. He also thanked Sharon Davis for once again producing the newsletter and even taking it to the post office.

President Garin then recognized the guest speaker, Kelley Stuck, Associate Vice President for Total Compensation, UM system. VP Stuck gave a brief, informative presentation and then requested questions. The question and answer period was continued after the meeting was adjourned.

President Garin thanked Cindy Vantine and her staff for their assistance in organizing the day’s event.

Reported by David Garin in the absence of the Secretary.