

**UMSL Retirees Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Glen Echo Country Club
June 9, 2023**

Attending: *Candi Agnew, Sue Baber, Mimi Duncan, Tom Eyssell, Dave Garin, Melissa Hattman, Debbie Kettler, Helene Sherman, Steve Spaner, Cindy Vantine.*

President Sherman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes of the February 23rd meeting were previously approved by online vote.

UMSL-RA Treasurer Steve Spaner noted that expenses are up-to-date, and income from credit card payments is pending.

Committee Reports

Membership. Issues discussed included (a) parking for UMSLRA members-a hangtag is needed; (b) membership cards to be mailed shortly. Steve has blanks he will provide to Mimi. (c) New members: the postcard campaign has yielded ten new members so far. The UM System will maintain a Sharepoint database of retirees going forward.

Planning and Events. Sixty-two lunches have been paid for. Debbie Kettler noted the need for a reminder email.

Communication. The Spring newsletter went out in May and the next will go out in November, with articles due for submission in October. Sue Baber also urged everyone to sign up for the UMSLRA Facebook page if they haven't already done so.

Nominations. In the absence of immediate Past President Kathie Haywood, President-elect Hattman reported the following candidates and offices:

President-elect: Tom Eyssell	Secretary: Candi Agnew	Treasurer: Steve Spaner
Board members: Mimi Duncan	Debbie Kettler	Cindy Vantine
Grace Kennedy (to complete the term of Candi Agnew)		

Retiree of the Year. President Sherman reported that she had submitted the names of one faculty member and one staff member to Susan Elliott in the UMSL Events office. The date of the announcements is to be determined.

New Business

Roles and Responsibilities of Elected UMSLRA Officers. Discussion of the division of responsibilities followed; it was determined that new member recruitment is the responsibility of the Membership chair, and maintenance of financial records (including membership payments) is the responsibility of the Treasurer. Continued and ongoing communication is important.

Further discussion focused on the new membership renewal process given the participation of the UMSL Alumni Association. It is expected that the Alumni Association will send a single check reflecting membership payments to the Treasurer shortly after the end of the renewal date (currently May 31).

Report on the Four-Campus RA Meeting in Columbia

Officers of the four Retiree Associations met with UM System representatives in Columbia on May 22nd. Discussion centered on improvements to the overall retiree website, how “retiree” will be defined in the future, and the date of the Fall Benefits Town Hall (expected to be either October 4th or 5th).

Old Business

President Sherman announced that the UMSLRA has been granted full affinity status with the UMSL Alumni Association and that the latter has approved the entire amount of funds requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Eyssell, UMSLRA Secretary