

**UMSL Retirees Association
General Membership Meeting
J.C. Penney Conference Center**

June 7, 2018

The general membership meeting of the UMSL Retirees Association was called to order by President Chuck Korr at 12:45 pm.

President Korr thanked Chancellor Tom George and Dr. Barbara Harbach for their attendance and support of this luncheon.

Campus Update:

Chancellor George gave a brief update of campus news. He reported confidence that the recently-passed legislative budget for the University of Missouri would be signed by Governor Mike Parson. After a year of financial hardship and difficult fiscal decisions, the Chancellor expressed confidence that UMSL was on a more solid financial footing going forward.

The Chancellor announced that UMSL graduated its 100,000th student in the May Commencement and applauded the campus on this significant milestone.

Changes in some degree programs were highlighted that reflected enrollment trends as well as consolidations for efficiency.

The Chancellor said to look for some campus improvements in the coming year, including adding a north entrance to the Jefferson Library that faced the quadrangle.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes for the June and December 2017 general meetings were approved as submitted by Clark Hickman.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Spaner presented the treasurer's report that was accepted.

President's Report:

President Chuck Korr thanked the Board for the work of the past year. He then presented a re-cap of the four-campus meeting of Retirees Association officers in Columbia on May 4, 2018.

Joe Martinich gave a report on the status of the pension system and said it was doing well, being 83% funded (good for a public pension fund) with a 7.2% return on investment. He indicated that the Board of Curators manages the pension fund well.

Wendell Smith provided a re-cap of the activities sponsored by the Retirees Association during the 2017-2018 year, including a tour of the Transportation Museum, a presentation by former Chancellor Blanche Touhill, a fall winery tour, an exhibit tour at Missouri History Museum, a tour of Bellafontaine Cemetery, and an exhibit tour at the Mercantile Library.

Cindy Vantine reported on a good experience she and her family had serving as mentors to international students before they arrive for their studies in the United States. She encouraged members to investigate Table Wisdom for more details if interested in participating in this kind of work. The website for more information is TableWisdom.com.

Chuck Korr introduced Debbie Kettler as the incoming president of the Retirees Association. President-elect Kettler thanked President Korr for his service throughout the last year and advised members that the Board would begin planning for the coming year in August. Suggestions were welcomed.

Nominations and Elections:

Lol Barton presented the slate of officers and Board Members for 2018-2019:

President-elect: Michael Murray

Treasurer: Steve Spaner

Secretary: Gloria Leonard

Board Members: Clark Hickman, Tom Schnell, and Zuleyma Tang-Martinez

Additional nominations were solicited from the floor, but there were none.

The slate of proposed officers and board members were elected unanimously.

Adjourn:

There being no further business nor announcements, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Submitted by:

Clark J. Hickman
Secretary