

University of Missouri-St. Louis Retirees Association
Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting
June 9, 2009

Association President David Garin thanked UMSL Chancellor Thomas George and Dr. Barbara Harbach for hosting the annual UMSL-RA luncheon and business meeting. He invited Chancellor George speak to the group and give a campus update.

Chancellor George presented the highlights of his recent Chancellor's Report to the Community address:

- UMSL was reaccredited for a full 10 years without qualifications by the Higher Learning Commission;
- Robert Ricklefs, curators' professor of biology, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences ... the only Missourian elected to the Academy in 2009;
- Richard Cook of the English department received a Guggenheim award;
- Fund raising in the past year reached an all time high, \$25 million;
- A budget deal was reached with the Governor to keep UM state funding the same for the next year if UM keeps tuition frozen. This was good news compared to other agencies, but UM is continuing to impose reductions. Nevertheless the renovation to Stadler/Benton Halls to put a "swing" building between them is going forward.

President David Garin next called the annual Retirees Association business meeting to order. He noted that the unofficial minutes of the previous membership meeting had been posted on the UMSL-RA website and asked for any corrections or changes. With no corrections or changes offered, member Norm Flax moved to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion passed on voice vote.

Next President Garin presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Grace Kennedy. No questions were asked. The motion to accept the report was passed. The report is appended to these minutes.

Finally, president Garin called upon past president and nominating committee chair Shirley Martin for the distribution of the ballot prepared for this year's elections. President Garin noted that the name of Grace Kennedy needed to be added to the list of nominees for Directors on the board. Garin then opened the floor for additional nominations for the position being elected: 3 Board Directors, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. Hearing no additional nominations, Shirley Martin moved to close nominations. Motion passed. President Garin instructed the members to indicate their votes on the ballot and pass them to the members of the nominating committee who were collecting them and counting the votes.

[Elected Board members were Sharon Davis, Charles Kuehl, and Fred Wilke. Elected Treasurer was Charles Korr. Elected Secretary was Steven Spaner. Current UMSL-RA officers and board directors and the remaining length of their term are: David Garin, president (1 yr), David Ganz, vice president (1 yr), Charles Korr, treasurer (2 yrs), Steven Spaner, secretary (2 yrs), Shirley Martin, immediate past president (1 yr), L. Sandy MacLean, board director, (1 yr), Larry

Friedman, board director (1 yr), William Webster, board director (1 yr), Sharon Davis, board director, (2 yrs), Charles Kuehl, board director, (2 yrs), and Fred Wilke, board director, (2 yrs)]

President Garin next directed the members' attention to the distributed amendments to the UMSL RA Constitution and Bylaws. One bylaws amendment and 3 constitution amendments were presented and explained. Each was voted on individually and all were passed by voice vote. The amendments were:

1. Bylaws: A proposal to amend the time of election of the nominating committee from the "spring meeting" to "a special meeting in the winter to coincide with the Association holiday luncheon."
2. Constitution: A proposal to amend the word "mailings" to "communications" wherever it appears in Article III – Membership.
3. Constitution: A proposal to add the clarifying phrase, "Persons eligible for Associate Membership are:" to section 2 of Article III – Membership before the list of eligible persons.
4. Constitution: A proposal to add to the Vice President's responsibilities, "The Vice President shall be responsible for membership recruitment." Article V – Officers, (b) Vice President.

It was noted that any member may view the constitution and bylaws on the UMSL RA web site – www.umsl.edu/retirees .

President Garin then called for a motion to adjourn the business meeting of the UMSL RA. Motion was made and approved.

Following the business meeting, President Garin presented guest speaker Michael Paden, UM System Associate Vice President, Benefits, to make a presentation on "Benefits Update: Present and Future." Mr. Paden followed a prepared PowerPoint presentation that highlighted six aspects of change that is and will be affecting retirees. His presentation can be obtained from his office in Columbia.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Spaner,
UMSL RA secretary

**UMSL Retirees Association
Treasurer's Report**

June 9, 2009

ASSETS

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

Due 06/24/09 @ 3.25%	\$ 2,136.46	
Due 07/03/09 @ 3.00%	<u>\$ 1,058.25</u>	
		\$ 3194.71

Note: CD that matured on 5/20/09 was deposited
Into checking account (\$1046.32)

CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Current Balance	<u>\$ 1013.45</u>	
		\$ 1013.45

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 4,692.52

EXPENSES

Spring Newsletter Production (750 copies)	\$ 684.66
S. Davis for supplies	<u>\$ 24.12</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 708.78

REVENUE

New Life Memberships (2)	\$ 200.00
Annual Membership renewals (14)	<u>\$ 140.00</u>

TOTAL REVENUES

\$ 340.00

Submitted by:

Grace Kennedy, Treasurer