

UMSL RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 13, 2015

Draft Minutes

The board met at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015 in Woods Hall on the UM-St. Louis campus. Members present: Sandy MacLean, David Garin, David Ganz, Steven Spaner, Judi Linville, Harry Gaffney, Sharon Davis, Fred Wilke, and Cindy Vantine.

Linville volunteered to draft minutes since Ilene Wittels was absent. The minutes of the December 2 business meeting, drafted by President MacLean, were approved as circulated.

The Treasurer's report was received, and a copy is appended to the secretary's copy of the minutes. The balance as of Feb. 13, 2015 is \$5,768.94. Since December 2 the Association received membership dues of \$1,296.00 and the expense of the Holiday Lunch was \$1,455.00.

The Board accepted the resignation of member Nancy Forbes. President MacLean will appoint Linda Royal to serve the remainder of her term.

David Garin reported that the nominating committee will poll present officers and members of the board whose terms are expiring in June concerning their willingness to serve another term, and then begin to construct a slate to be submitted to the membership at the annual meeting on June 4.

There was general discussion about managing e-mail for the Association. David Ganz and Judi Linville will meet with campus web office staff about the EMMA system at the suggestion of Cindy Vantine.

There also was general discussion about funding for retiree associations on other campuses and whether it would be feasible to eliminate the dues system and find an alternative source of income. This item and the preceding one will be on the agenda for the next board meeting.

The Events Committee reported that responses to the questionnaire circulated at the Holiday Luncheon suggest interest in luncheon excursions and a speakers series. Topics of interest included the Natural Bridge Great Streets project, and a tour of the Wellness Center under construction. The board suggested that a follow up article on this should be in the Spring Newsletter.

Officers reported no new information about the discussion with UM concerning the retention of e-mail privileges by retirees.

Steve Spaner will send an e-mail reminder to those former members who did not renew for 2014-15, as he has those records. All annual memberships should be renewed on June 1.

President MacLean reminded board members that the Listening Tour by UM for medical insurance changes will be in St. Peters on March 10 and on campus on March 11. We can register for one of four time slots online at <http://umurl.us/listen>. The current timeline has the new plan being developed in 2016 for implementation January 1, 2017.

The annual meeting and Spring luncheon will be Thursday, June 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The speaker will be Betsy Rodriguez, vice president, Human Resources, followed by an optional tour of the new Wellness Center.

Consensus is to hold the next board meeting in April. President MacLean will poll board members about their availability for April 10, 17 or 24. The Spring Newsletter will go out toward the end of April.

Members planning to attend the UM Retirees meeting with the system president on April 29, 2015 are MacLean, Ganz, Garin, Davis and Wilke.

Respectfully submitted, Judi Linville