

**UMSL Retirees Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2022  
Glen Echo Country Club**

Attending: Candi Agnew, Sue Baber, Curt Coonrod, Mimi Duncan, Tom Eyssell, Dave Ganz, Dave Garin, Melissa Hattman, Kathie Haywood, Debbie Kettler, Helene Sherman, Steve Spaner, Cindy Vantine. Guest: Elizabeth Niven, UMSL Senior Director of Planned Giving.

President Sherman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with changes.

UMSL-RA Treasurer Steve Spaner distributed the latest Treasurer's Report, which was approved as distributed.

*Committee Reports*

President-elect Melissa Hattman introduced Mimi Duncan as the new chair of the Membership Committee.

Communications Chair Sue Baber suggested that we increase the online presence of the UMSL-RA via Facebook. She also noted that she will be sending a request for newsletter items. New board member Candi Agnew will provide assistance in communicating with our membership.

Planning and Events Chair Debbie Kettler suggested several possible events for consideration: wine tasting, a docent-led tour of the Saint Louis Art Museum, nutrition information from MU Extension, and a private tour of the St. Louis Zoo. Following substantial discussion of details, she agreed to investigate the latter item further.

*New Business*

Campus Liaison Curt Coonrod and Past President Haywood reported on their meeting with Human Resources staff to investigate the possibility of UMSL-RA sharing information with pending retirees via an opt-in feature on the myHR website.

Curt also reported that he has obtained a list of 640 UMSL retirees, which includes both UMSL-RA members and non-members. The board voted to do a postcard mailing to this group, making them aware of the UMSL-RA.

The UMSL Alumni Board has approved the addition of the UMSL-RA as an affinity group. Coonrod and Haywood plan to meet with Phil Donato, Executive Director of the UMSL Alumni Association, to discuss the relationship further.

Elizabeth Niven, UMSL Senior Director of Planned Giving, discussed legacy giving, the 1963 Society, charitable gift annuities, and the possible inclusion of planned giving information in an upcoming UMSL-RA newsletter.

UMSL-RA President Helene Sherman distributed copies of the organization's Constitution and Bylaws, and asked officers and committee chairs to prepare short documents describing the tasks and responsibilities of their positions. These are to be completed by the end of the year.

President Sherman also noted as possible goals (a) increasing the number of UMSL-RA lifetime memberships, (b) UMSL-RA participation with, and use of space in, the UMSL Alumni Office, (c) provision of current retirement policies to retirees, and (d) enhancing communication with current and future retirees.

Past President Kathie Haywood reported that she had asked how UMSL-RA members might assist the UMSL Alumni Office with the 5K run scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. She is waiting for a list of tasks for UMSL-RA volunteers.

UMSL-RA Historian Dave Garin reported on his attempts to obtain an answer to his question regarding the cost of UM postretirement medical insurance.

### *Old Business*

Discussion of this year's Holiday luncheon (December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022) focused primarily on cost and communication. Planning and Events Chair Debbie Kettler reported that the luncheon cost is \$36 per person, but that members are charged \$24.50 per person. Following discussion, the board voted to increase the luncheon charge to \$35 per person. President Sherman noted that, as a result of our relationship with the Alumni Association, we are able to take credit card payments, and the Alumni Association will take care of the recordkeeping. She will follow up to obtain details as to the flow of funds.

The board also agreed that it will not hire a bartender for the Holiday luncheon, to reduce expenses. Members will be directed to the Glen Echo bar for drinks.

Following discussion of printing and mailing costs, the board determined that printed invitations and reply cards for the Holiday luncheon will sent only to current UMSL-RA members.

The board agreed to continue the practice of soliciting in-kind donations from luncheon attendees for a campus organization, which will be publicized. Cindy Vantine agreed to contact possible recipient organizations.

The board discussed the possibility that there be no speaker at the Holiday luncheon (although the Chancellor's office will be comped two tickets, per past practice).

UMSL-RA Treasurer Steve Spaner noted that, per past practice, a nominating committee should be formed at the Holiday luncheon. The committee should consist of four UMSL-RA members. These people are not eligible for nomination.

The next meeting of the UMSL-RA board will be at the Glen Echo Country Club at 10:00 a.m., **Wednesday, October 12th, 2022.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m. Substantial discussion of the process by which Holiday luncheon invitations will be sent continued.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Eyssell, Secretary