

**Minutes of the UMSL Retirees Association
Holiday Luncheon and Special Meeting
December 7, 2010**

The Annual UMSL Retirees Association Holiday Luncheon was held at the Glen Echo Country Club. RA president Dave Garin opened the event with the announcement and recognition of the 90th birthday (in November) of long time campus and RA member John Perry. Garin next asked UMSL Chancellor Thomas George to provide a summary of news and updates on campus and system conditions and events. The report covered the items from the Chancellor's latest two presentations: [The Next Decade of Challenges for Higher Education](#); [State of the University 2010 Address](#).

Special Meeting

Following the lunch, UMSL RA president David Garin opened a Special Meeting to conduct business of the UMSL-RA. First to be recognized was Rick Blanton, treasurer [report attached]. The Treasurer's Report was presented for acceptance. Rick noted that the RA is experiencing higher expenses than income. Motion to Accept was Approved.

A member questioned if we could go to an electronic newsletter to save on postage. Garin answered "not now" due to a sizable number of members who do not have email accounts. A second question focused on the current RA dues and when will dues increase. Garin answered "dues increase in January 2011 so renew before the increase" The increases were approved by the membership at the UMSL-RA Annual Meeting last June 8, 2010. The new annual dues will be \$15 and lifetime membership will be \$125. The effective date for these increases is January 1, 2011.

Garin announced that under the Bylaws the past president is the chair of the nominating committee. On behalf of past president Shirley Martin, Garin asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. The committee presents a slate of nominees for the 2011-12 Elections that take place at the June UMSL RA meeting. RA member Don Phares volunteered. Garin requested that any additional members interested in serving / willing to serve, please contact either he or Shirley Martin.

Garin closed the Special Meeting with thanks to Director of University Events Cindy Vantine for her flawless organization of this first-time use of the Glen Echo Country Club for the UMSL RA lunch and meeting. Members were asked to share their reactions with board members regarding the use of this venue for future UMSL-RA lunches.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven D Spaner
UMSL Retirees Association Secretary

**UMSL Retirees Association
Treasurer's Report
7 December 2010**

<u>Assets</u>		
Checking Account		\$4,671.09
Includes: Donations (+)	\$ 525.00	
Membership Dues	\$ 370.00	
Total		<u>\$ 4,671.09</u>

<u>Expenses</u>		
Printing of 700 Newsletters	\$ 162.33	
Mailing Seals	\$ 8.95	
Postage	\$ 308.60	
Retirees' Directory	\$ 512.94	
Total		<u>\$ 992.82</u>

Current Balance **\$ 3,678.27**

(+) Donation made by Board member and former Board Officer Sharon Davis to cover the cost of printing and mailing the Directory.