

Minutes of the June 12, 2007 UMSL Retirees Association Business Meeting

The UMSL Retirees Association held its Spring luncheon and annual business meeting on June 12, 2007 in the lobby of the JC Penny Conference Center on the campus of the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Chancellor Thomas George and wife Dr. Barbara Harbach graciously sponsored the luncheon and Chancellor George provided the attending retirees and guests with an update on the major developments on the UMSL campus. Primary among these developments was UM Board approval and State funding of major remodeling and upgrading of the science building complex of Benton and Stadler Halls. Additionally, funds have been approved for a new infotech incubator associated with UMSL to be located in an industrial park off Natural Bridge Rd. just west of I-170 containing 56,000 sq ft of space. However, included in the funding legislation is the restriction that future tuition increases will be tied to the consumer price index. And, not least, Chancellor George announced the introduction of a new UMSL mascot, the Triton.

Following Chancellor George's remarks, UMSL Retirees Association President David Garin opened the Association's annual business meeting. President Garin made several announcements relating to UMSL retirees. First was the acceptance by the UM Board to include in the budget a 2% pension adjustment for UM retirees effective September 2007. This request came from a coordinated lobbying effort by the four UM campus' Retiree Associations and the support of parting UM President Elson Floyd. Garin thanked Board members MacLean and Wilke for attending a special meeting in Columbia with Board President Don Walsworth on very short notice. Earlier this year, Garin, Ganz and Wilke met with Chancellor Tom George and members of his administration to discuss retiree issues and potential roles for retirees on campus. Second, President Garin announced that starting with the 2007-2008 performance season, UMSL Retiree Association members will receive a 25% discount on all Touhill-generated performances presented at the Touhill Performing Arts Center (the PAC has less control over the pricing of externally-generated events). To receive this discount the retiree will have to present a current (or lifetime) Retirees Association membership card.

The next business item was the election of Association officers and Board members. Two officer positions and one Board position were made available by the voluntary retirement of Secretary Costa Haddad and Treasurer Sharon Davis along with Board member Doris Trojcak. President Garin thanked these members for their service on the Board. The Association Nominating Committee, chaired by past president Shirley Martin, presented a slate of

nominees for the two vacant officer positions and three open Board positions: Sandy MacLean, Student Affairs, was nominated for Treasurer; Steven Spaner, Education, was nominated for Secretary. The nominating Committee placed Sharon Davis, Optometry, and Fred Wilke, Mathematics & Computer Sciences, in nomination for two of the Board positions. Dave Garin asked for nominations from the members. Steven Spaner nominated Herman Smith, Sociology, for the remaining Board member position. No other nominations were made. Donald Driemeier moved that nominations be closed. Shirley Martin, moved that the nominees be accepted by acclamation. The slate of nominees were unanimously approved by the members present. Since Steven Spaner moved from Board member to Secretary, it will now be necessary to appoint another Board member to fill the last year of his term. President Garin will do so in the near future according to Association Constitution and Bylaws.

Last, Treasurer, Sharon Davis, gave the Treasurer's report. The association has 125 Life members and 62 annual members. She pointed out that there are over 500 UMSL retirees and encourage d members to solicit nonmembers to join. The balance in the Association account as of June 11, 2007 was \$6998.89.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven D. Spaner
Secretary