

UMSL Retirees Association

Board of Directors Meeting

April 16, 2021

Minutes

Glen Echo Country Club

Attending: Sue Baber, Dave Ganz, Dave Garin, Melissa Hattman, Kathie Haywood (President-elect), Clark Hickman (President), Debbie Kettler, Mike Murray (Past-President), Helene Sherman (Secretary), Steve Spaner (Treasurer), Zuleyma Tang-Martinez.

I. Minutes: The January 15, 2021 minutes were approved as distributed. The minutes from the December 4, 2019 general meeting will be voted on for approval at the June 17, 2021 annual meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report (Steve Spaner)

Steve Spaner submitted the treasurer's report stating that the current checking account balance is \$12,603.95, as of April 16, 2021. There are 428 members listed in the membership directory. There are 184 "paid" members (Life and Annual 2020-2021 memberships). There are 131 listings of unpaid members. The RA received \$90.00 in new membership fees since the start 2021. Steve indicated that the RA executive committee authorized him to apply that amount to those members 2021-2022 membership since the pandemic has halted or restricted the services and events typically offered to paid members.

Steve has asked the system representative, Ashley Rhode, to help us identify those members who have died or are no longer receiving pension payments. Ashley informed him of privacy issue concerns. This issue is being discussed by the Compliance Oversight Committee and we will receive a ruling in several weeks. Clark commented that the UM system pension office is now the final office having records of faculty members who have passed away. The UMSL HR office does not work with those records any longer. Steve is also checking with life members to

ask if their contact information has changed and is sending renewal messages to unpaid members.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Communications Committee - Sue Baber, Chair

Sue Baber reported that the revamped newsletter is now posted at <https://www.umsl.edu/retirees/files/pdfs/spring-2021-ra-newsletter.pdf>. The reformatted recruitment and information brochure is found at <https://www.umsl.edu/retirees/files/pdfs/recruitment-slide-show.pdf>

B. Planning and Events Committee - Debbie Kettler, Chair

Debbie Kettler reported that the Annual Spring Luncheon is planned for June 17 at 11:30 and will be held at Glen Echo Country Club. The Chancellor will fund the event. The invitations will be sent to members via snail mail and we expect approximately 75 reservations. Attendees must wear facemasks. The December 2019 minutes and current treasurer's report will be included on the luncheon tables along with the proposed slate of officers and board members. The agenda for the business meeting will be:

- Clark Hickman's Welcome Remarks
- Lunch Served
- Chancellor's Presentation
- Mike Murray's Presentation for voting on slate
- Clark's introduction of new officers and board members (new and current). He will recognize all past presidents with a certificate and Mike as outgoing president. He will also pass the gavel to Kathie.
- Kathie Haywood's comments

C. Membership Committee -Melissa Hattman-Chair

Melissa Hattman reported that the new membership folder will include the new application. There is no update on pre-retirees' letters as yet. Letters to members will be sent by May 6 regarding lapsed membership renewals and life time memberships. Melissa will check on progress for a pre-retirement event.

IV. President's Report -Clark Hickman

Clark Hickman reported that an important accomplishment during this past year was that the issue of removing retirees' UMSL emails was resolved. Our members will be grandfathered in the system so that our UMSL email addresses are not deleted. New retirees' emails will be deleted unless those individuals justify keeping their emails for 6 additional months following retirement. Emails will then be removed. Clark also explained that he would like the newsletter to include pictures and thumbnail descriptions of those members who have passed away.

V. Retirees of the Year Award Winners: Clark Hickman

Our chapter needs suggestions for staff awardees. We do have the faculty awardee named. The deadline for nominations is the June 17 luncheon.

VI. Nominations Committee – Mike Murray

Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members:

- President Elect: Helene Sherman
- Treasurer: Steve Spaner (re-election)
- Secretary: Tom Eyssell
- New Board members:
 - Cindy Vantine, (replacing Brenda Shannon Simms),
 - Debbie Kettler (re-election)
 - Melissa Hattman (re-election)

VII. New Business:

1. A photograph was taken of the current Board Members and officers. It will be published in the newsletter and on the RA Facebook page.
2. A board meeting for June 17 at 10:30 was scheduled. The meeting will be held in the Olympic Room at Glen Echo.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helene J. Sherman

Secretary