

## UMSL Retiree Association

Board of Directors Meeting August 18, 2021

Attending: Susan Baber, Lol Barton, Tom Eyssell, Dave Ganz, Dave Garin, Melissa Hattman, Kathie Haywood, Clark Hickman, Steve Spaner, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, Cindy Vantine.

I. **Minutes** of the June 17, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Steve Spaner presented the **Treasurer's Report**. He noted that the Association's funding situation is good, and reported that he, Ganz, and Hattman had been working to ensure that the database of RA members is up to date. Spaner noted that he has sent letters to 85 members currently in arrears. He also reported that he had investigated the possibility of taking online payments for membership. Options were discussed, and it was decided that Hattman will explain the situation to RA members at the next General Meeting. Ganz suggested that members be encouraged to renew their memberships at the meeting by cash or check.

### III. Committee Reports:

- a. **Membership:** Efforts to reach preretirees have been hindered by the recent resignation of UMSL Human Resources Director Jim Hertel. Hattman reported that she has been successful in having Retiree Association information added to the information that will be provided to preretirees in the fall. She will also meet with Interim Human Resources Director Julie Wood to discuss ways to reach UMSL preretirees.
- b. **Planning & Events:** Zuleyma Tang-Martinez reported that this year's fall RA event will be a presentation by E. Desmond Lee Professor Patricia Parker on her work in the Galapagos Islands. The Zoom event is scheduled for **September 24th, 2021 at 2 pm**.

The UMSL RA Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Debbie Kettler will meet with Glen Echo representatives in October to discuss details. The UMSL RA Board will meet to discuss the status of the Holiday Luncheon via Zoom on **November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am**.

IV. **Retiree of the Year Awards:** Kathie Haywood announced that Steve Spaner will be the recipient of the faculty Retiree of the Year Award, to the congratulations of the group.

### V. New Business:

- a. Solicitation email regarding retirement planning: Haywood noted that the email received by many RA members recently was a business solicitation from an entity not associated with the University of Missouri.
- b. Town Hall webinar: a UM retiree health benefits webinar will be presented on **October 7, 2021 at 1 pm**.
- c. The UM Retirees Leadership Meeting will be held in mid-October. Date to be determined. Haywood, Spaner, and Eyssell will attend.
- d. Next meeting: the UMSL RA Board will meet next on **November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am**.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Eyssell  
Secretary