

**UMSL Retirees Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022
Glen Echo Country Club**

Attending: Candi Agnew, Sue Baber, Mimi Duncan, Tom Eysell, Dave Ganz, Dave Garin, Melissa Hattman, Kathie Haywood, Debbie Kettler, Helene Sherman, Steve Spaner, Cindy Vantine. Guests: Harry Harris and Shirley Porterfield, UM Total Rewards Advisory Committee members.

President Sherman called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Minutes of the August 17th meeting were approved with one amendment.

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

Committee Reports

Communications Chair Sue Baber asked that items for the upcoming newsletter be submitted by the end of the following week.

Planning and Events Chair Debbie Kettler noted that the upcoming St. Louis Zoo excursion had fourteen spaces and that ten RSVPs had been received. Discussion of parking arrangements followed.

New Business

A. UMSL Retiree Association Constitution and Bylaws

President Sherman and Treasurer Spaner proposed several changes to the Retiree Association Constitution and Bylaws documents. The proposed changes include the following:

Change the due date for Retiree of the Year nominations: following substantial discussion, Professor Garin moved to move the due date up to May 15th of each year; Ms. Hattman seconded and the motion was approved.

Membership Chair Duncan asked about maintenance of the UMSL-RA membership roster. The group decided that the Treasurer and the Membership Chair should collaborate, with the former having overall responsibility for maintaining the roster.

B. UMSL Alumni Association

The UMSL Alumni Association agreed to send invitations for this year's Holiday Luncheon using a membership list consisting of names generated by the Alumni Association and the UMSL-RA. RSVPs and payments can be made online via credit card or via mail and check.

Discussion of UMSL-RA use of the office space provided by the Alumni Association followed.

C. Guests from the Total Rewards Advisory Committee

Guests Harry Harris and Shirley Porterfield described the activities of the UM Total Rewards Advisory Committee (hereafter TRAC), noting that the committee was set up to oversee the administration of all employee benefits, with retirement-related benefits being only one portion of the total. TRAC meets monthly, and minutes are intended to be posted online (<https://www.umsystem.edu/trac>). Among the items noted in the discussion:

Dr. Porterfield and Mr. Harris are UMSL's faculty and staff representatives, respectively. TRAC has two retiree representatives who are charged with the representation of retirees across all four campuses: Dr. Elizabeth Garrett (UMC) and Dr. Robert Piepho (UMKC).

General benefits-related questions may be addressed to Dr. Porterfield and Mr. Harris; more specific questions should be addressed to the UM Human Resources staff member assigned to UMSL – Ms. Shannon Leigers (leigerss@umsystem.edu).

Old Business

The UMSL-RA Holiday Board meeting will be on **Friday December 16th** at **10:00 a.m.** in the Glen Echo Board Room.

The UMSL-RA Holiday Luncheon will be on **Friday December 16th** at **11:30 a.m.** at Glen Echo. The luncheon speaker will be Phil Donato, Executive Director of the UMSL Alumni Association.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Eyssell, Secretary