UMKC Retirees Association
Minutes : Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting (approved 5/4/2011)
February 9, 2011: 2 – 4 p.m. / Gilham Park Room

Members Present: Marvin Querry, Denny Schemmel, Ted Sheldon, William Morgan, Mary Anne Morgenegg, David Tanquary, Sandy VanEngelenhoven, Rita Messina, Merton Shatzkin, Dick Hetherington, Dale Neuman, Patricia Hovis-French

Members not present: Reaner Shannon, Dorothy Powell, Ronald MacQuarrie, Nancy Mills

Guests: Frances Golden, Lisen Tammeus Mann; Murray Blackwelder

Call to Order: President Querry called the meeting to order at approximately 2:10 p.m. Before commencing with the items on the agenda, Querry introduced Mary Anne Morgenegg, a new Board member, and members of the Board self-introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: (Patricia Hovis-French) The minutes of the November 3, 2010 Board meeting had been distributed as an email attachment to the Board Members and copies were also handed out at the meeting. Several corrections were noted: Dan Tira rather than Denny Schemmel presented the Benefits Committee report for Ronald MacQuarrie, and Mary Anne Morgenegg’s name was misspelled. Since Dale Neuman does not always include the entire committee report in the newsletter due to space constraints, the group agreed that either full copies of the reports should be attached to the minutes or full copies should be posted on the UMKCRA website. The minutes should be corrected to provide accurate information about the location of the committee reports. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Committee Reports (NOTE: Summaries of the written reports mentioned in this section of the minutes are included in the February 2011 UMKCRA Newsletter – a pdf copy of the Newsletter is available online at: http://info.umkc.edu/umkcra/umkcra-newsletters/ Copies of the full reports have been filed at the same link under http://info.umkc.edu/umkcra/committees) [NOTE: these links will change when the new UMKCRA website goes live.]

1. Benefits Committee: Ron MacQuarrie – MacQuarrie was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a detailed written report that included responses from the survey. Querry noted that the next step the committee will take is to see if the benefits in which the respondents seemed most interested could be added to the UMKCRA benefits package.

2. Communications Committee: Dick Hetherington – Written report submitted; summarized by Hetherington. The IModules Company has started building the framework for UMKCRA’s new website and it will be available for Hetherington to review next week. Then Kathryn Houston can begin populating it with all of the information on our existing websites. The next step will be Communication Committee review and recommendations and finally Board review and approval. The target date to launch the next website in the end of March. Dale Neuman was charged with having UMKC students design a UMKCRA logo for the website. He
has moved on it, but the snow days have caused delays. He is now working with the instructor to work out an alternate plan. Hetherington reported that Kathryn Houston assures that everything we have asked for can be incorporated into the website. The group then reviewed current options available on the UMKC Alumni Association website as examples of potential format that will be used, etc.

3. Ad Hoc Volunteer Committee: Bill Morgan – Written report submitted and distributed to Board members. Morgan summarized highlights from the report, pointing out that a more efficient communications network needs to be established (see item “C” on report). Neuman suggested we consider linking the “Robo-call” option used to notify students and employees when campus will be closed to our listserv to be sure we get information out in a timely manner (e.g. if event has to be cancelled). Morgan then introduced guest, Fran Golden of the Applied Language Institute (ALI), who spoke about the Home Stay program sponsored by ALI. ALI is the ESL resource for UMKC. Students who need ESL help to improve their language skills in order to be able to perform academically at UMKC or Penn Valley enter an intensive foreign language experience. Students live in a family home while in the program and have classes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day, five days a week. Length of time in the program varies from one semester up to two years. Golden encouraged UMKCRA members to consider serving as home stay hosts and outlined the options and responsibilities. Students pay their hosts $600/month if breakfast and dinner are included; $500 for room without food. One requirement is that the host home must be on a bus line so that students can get to ALI. Golden responded to questions from Board members.

4. Committee reports were suspended at this point and the floor was turned over to guests: Lisen Tammeus Mann; Murray Blackwelder. For continuity of reading, however, the remaining committee reports are included here.)

5. Membership Committee: David Tanquary - Written report submitted and distributed to Board members. Tanquary noted there are 311 current members. A week ago Tanquary and Querry sent a letter to 2010 annual members who have not yet paid their 2011 dues. The committee will begin making telephone calls around the first of March.

6. Treasurer’s reports / Finance Committee report: Ted Sheldon – Sheldon submitted written reports, including balance sheets and income and expenses by category for the period July through December 2010. Sheldon proposed the Board accept a proposed UMKCRA Financial Plan for 2011 that includes committee chair requests submitted to him. Sheldon encouraged the Board to see it as a plan against which to monitor income and expenses. (On motion: Morgan / Shatzkin) the board voted unanimously to accept the plan. Sheldon reminded the Board that there needs to be a request to the Chancellor for funds by March 1. Querry will check with Mills for model for the request.

Introduction of Guests:
- Querry introduced Lisen Tammaeus Mann who joined the group to talk about and update the Board on: 1) the Women’s Club proposal discussed at the November meeting, and 2)
Legislative Day on Feb. 24. Speaking first about Legislative Day, Tammaeus Mann indicated that this year is critical because of President Forsee’s departure. The Advancement Office hopes to have a good system-wide representation this year. They are adding a briefing session on Feb. 16 when system staff will be updating potential attendees on issues. Government Relations staff have responded. The bus will leave UMKC campus at 5:30 a.m. and return about 4 p.m. Tammaeus Mann distributed pertinent information about the event.

- Murray Blackwelder then joined the group to talk about the planned capital campaign. He reported they are currently in the “quiet” phase of the campaign, seeking “Leadership Gifts” in the 6 to 7 figure range. He would like to have a Retiree Campaign Committee so that he can bring them up to date on the process, ask for prospects, set a goal, etc. He is doing the same thing for faculty and staff. He wanted to bring the idea up for discussion today and answer questions. Several questions were generated about whether funds generated by retirees could be directed for us; e.g. scholarships, etc. Blackwelder agreed to make a formal presentation at the Board’s May 4th meeting.

- Tammaeus then continued with the Women’s Club topic, reminding the Board that the UMKC Women’s Club voted to dissolve by the end of this fiscal year and had begun conversations about affiliating with UMKCRA. She presented a draft of an affiliation agreement following Women’s Club Dissolution between the UMKC Retirees and the former UMKC Women’s Club. After extensive discussion the following motion (David Tanquary / Bill Morgan, with friendly amendments by Merton / Sheldon) was approved:

The UMKCRA Board approves the Affiliation Agreement contingent upon approval by the Association Membership of the following addition to the Constitution including subsequent changes to the number of existing sections 6 through 8:

**Article III, Section 6. Affiliate Member.** An individual who was a current or former member of the UMKC Women’s Club at the time of its dissolution and would like to participate in the affairs of the Association and receive Association mailings. An affiliate member pays annual dues or the fee required for lifetime membership. Affiliate members will not have any voting rights in UMKCRA nor may they serve in any elective office. They may serve on those standing and ad hoc committees of UMKCRA relevant to the purposes of the affiliation.

On motion (Hetherington / Morgan) Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Patricia Hovis-French, UMKCRA Secretary