RECEPTION - SPRING LUNCHEON

BUSINESS MEETING – ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, April 14, 2007 - Pierson Auditorium - University Center
Reception – 11:00 a.m. Luncheon – 12 Noon

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS Monday, April 9, 2007

*************************** Wine! Food! Entertainment! ***************************

Annual Spring Reception, Luncheon and Meeting
Reservation Form
Saturday, April 14, 2007

Name______________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip____________________________ Phone _______________________

Number Attending ___________ @ $13.00 each.  Total $____________________

Make check payable to UMKC Retirees Association and mail to:

UMKC Retirees Association
5100 Rockhill Road
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Kansas City, MO 64110-2499

Deadline for Luncheon Reservations is April 9, 2007. Your check is your reservation.
Proposals for Three Revisions of Bylaws

1. Proposal for Life Associate Membership Category

It is proposed by the Membership Committee that the Association Constitution, Article III, Membership, Section 3, Associate Member which reads,

“individuals who are not eligible to be regular members but who want to participate in the affairs of the association and to receive all of its mailing may become an Associate Member. Such members pay annual dues but are not entitled to vote or to hold office.”

be amended by addition of the following sentences:

“An Associate Member who pays the life membership fee is a Life Associate Member. A Life Associate Member is not subject to annual dues.”

2. Proposal for Revision of Duties of Vice President/President and Membership Committee

The Board recommended the following changes to the Bylaws be presented for approval to the membership at the April Luncheon meeting:

1. Under “The President shall” insert:
   “c. appoint the Chairperson of the Program Committee” and reletter the present c. – g. and d. – h.”

2. Under “The Vice-President/President Elect shall” insert:
   “a. fulfill such responsibilities as may be agreed upon by the President and the Vice President, or as designated by the President in the event that agreement is not reached:
   b. assume the responsibilities of the President in his/her absence.
   c. be a member of the Program Committee”

3. Under “Section 3, Standing Committees” change c. to read [omitting the highlighted text]
   “c. The program Committee shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and recommend to him/her and the Board the annual program in two categories:
   1. social and educational events or trips, and
   2. the two annual receptions and luncheons meetings of the Association.
   It shall provide arrangements and logistics for program events including:
   1. reserving Pierson Auditorium, or if Pierson’s not available, other appropriate locations for the necessary years in advance,
   2. selecting menus and coordinating with the food service people for the meetings,
   3. arranging luncheon programs,
   4. making reservations and arranging transportation for other program events,
   5. preparing news letters or mailed announcements for all events
   6. coordinating, as necessary, program events with other University agencies.”
Proposals for Three Revisions of Bylaws (cont...)

3. Proposal for Standing Committee for Recognition of Retirees’ Outstanding Contributions

I. Committee Membership

The committee shall be comprised of three members of the Association appointed by the president, plus the immediate past president who shall serve as chairperson of the committee.

II. Procedures for Recognition of Outstanding Contributions by a Retiree

A. The committee shall inform the membership of the UMKC Retirees Association of the process by which individual retirees may be nominated for recognition of outstanding contributions in any of the following areas of service:

1. Outstanding contributions to the effective operation of the UMKC Retirees Association
2. Outstanding contributions to the welfare of all retirees in the University of Missouri System
3. Outstanding contributions to the quality of UMKC-Kansas City community

B. Members of the UMKC Retirees Association may submit their recommendations for a retiree with supporting rationale for the retiree’s nomination to the Standing Committee for recognition of that retiree’s outstanding contributions to one of the service areas identified in II A.

C. The Standing Committee shall review all nominations for recognition and submit the Standing Committee’s decision for acceptance of approved nominees to the Board of Directors.

D. The Board of Directors shall review the approved nominees of the Standing Committee and vote to submit no more than two candidates for approval by the members of the Association attending the April luncheon each year.

E. Each retiree approved for Outstanding Contributions shall receive a Certificate of Recognition at the April luncheon.

F. Each awardee’s name shall be added to a Wall of Recognition for Outstanding Contributions by individual retirees to be located in the UMKC Administrative Center.
Retirees Association Membership Survey Overview

Thanks to responses from more than one-third of those to whom we sent the surveys, we now have a better idea of member preferences for programs and other matters. Some of the answers were not surprising, but all will be helpful as we map out things to do in the coming years. We would like to share the basic results with our members at this time.

Most felt at least a moderate level of connection to both UMKC and to the Retirees Association. Those who felt most highly connected were also most likely to come back to UMKC events and to Retirees Association events. About half indicated they would be likely to use the new Retirees Association web site.

Enrichment and entertainment programs drew most support while local interest jazz, gardens and flowers drew the least support as activities Retirees Association members would like to do. Mid-morning and mid-day are the preferred times for these events among more than 50% who chose a time, but more than one-third indicated that they had no time preference.

Fifteen dollars seems to be the maximum felt reasonable to charge for a Retirees Association local event; $40 for a day trip. About two-thirds were willing to car pool to RA events and slightly more than half were willing to drive others if the events were daytime events.

There was very little support for a Retirees Fair and demonstrating or exhibiting one’s hobby. And there was also little support for volunteering either on or off campus. This last result requires comment, however. Many told us they were already volunteering and had no more time to give at this time, but might consider something later. Others said it would depend on what and where the volunteering effort would be – a reasonable caveat.

We also received offers to help the Retirees Association in a variety of ways and we will be calling on those who offered. We also got suggestions, complaints and calls for action which we have inventoried and will attempt to act on in some fashion. The Retirees Association Officers and Board have already held a morning-long retreat discussing the results of the survey and have begun plans to use it in planning programs starting this year.

Thanks again to those who shared their views and opinions with us. And if there are still some comments or additional thoughts you would like to share with your Board, feel free to contact Leo Sweeney or Dale Neuman and we will carry your message forward.

Nominating Committee Recommendations

FOR VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT: Dorsey Moore (becomes President 2008)
FOR SECRETARY: Selma Dreiseszen (term expires 2009)
FOR BOARD MEMBERS: Nancy Mills (term expires 2008); and Martha Hatten, Richard Hetherington, and Dennis Schemmel (terms expire 2010)
BY APPOINTMENT: Marilyn Burlingame-Historian