

UMMRA ANNUAL MEETING
University of Minnesota, Morris
April 7, 2016

The April annual meeting was held in the Gazebo Room at Hotel 200. Seventeen members attended. People ordered from the menu.

Minutes of the February 4th Quarterly meeting were tabled.

Chancellor Johnson was the speaker. She addressed UMM's current position in comparison to when she became Chancellor ten years ago. She said the Strategic Plan that had been developed at that time was a deciding factor for her coming to UMM. In her ten-year tenure enrollment, graduation rates, diversity on campus, and sustainability initiatives have all increased. We have gotten more national recognition, and faculty has received more recognition in their research and service to the campus. Morris is in the process of a campaign drive and to date there has been more financial support for the campus. UMM has been the recipient of several grants which will help the campus move ahead in its initiatives. The one place where more effort is needed is in the retention rate which is about 76%, which is slightly behind the U or M campus rate.

Election of officers: Ken Hodgson has agreed to continue as Member at Large to the board. The positions of President-elect and Secretary were not filled. It was suggested the current people continue in that position until a new election can be held. It was also suggested that filling the positions should wait until we have a new Chancellor and perhaps (s)he would have ideas on how the organization could become more effective. The counter of that suggestion would be, being a new person to the campus, (s)he would not have an understanding of UMMRA and we should remain independent of campus administration. However, we still want their support.

Attendance to UMMRA gatherings has been on a slow decline in the past few years. It appears that when people retire, they pay their dues, but do not participate in the organization's activities. It was noted that Morris is not a targeted area to retire in thus we lose many retirees moving out of the Morris area.

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