



UMMRA INFO

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FINAL NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SCHULZ

Greetings to all UMMRA members,

I hope you have all survived this long Minnesota winter, certainly different from what we experienced last year. We are fast approaching the end of another UMMRA year. Please check out the calendar in the column on the right for our annual reception honoring retirees, the recognition dinner and June picnic. We hope you can attend our annual meeting on April 4. We will be voting on a suggested by-laws change whereby the secretary/ treasurer board position would be split into two separate positions. Should the by-laws change pass, we will then vote for a treasurer (2 years) and a secretary (1 year). If the by-laws change does not pass, we will vote for a secretary-treasurer (2 years). Nominees will be identified at that time. Under either plan, the board has nominated Dennis Johnson as member-at-large for a second term. Of course, further nominations can be made from the floor.

Two other items I wish to address before closing my final letter to the membership. You may have heard that anyone volunteering to read to residents at West Wind Village needs to fill out a form as part of a background check. The sticking point was that the form requested a Social Security number. We have since found out that providing a SSN is not necessary. Good news! We seniors are always told NOT to give our SSN. The second item is that UMMRA members will soon be given a choice on how they wish to receive their newsletters, by snail mail or through electronic delivery. Watch for the box to choose on the membership renewal page to be sent in June.

Finally, I'd like thank all UMMRA members for the opportunity to serve as your president these last two years. A special thank-you to a group of strong board members who have attempted to keep me on track. The organization is being left in good hands with Andy Lopez as your President. I know you will give him your support.

Lynn Schulz, President

UMMRA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON BUSINESS MEETING

When: Thursday, April 4, 11:45 a.m.

Where: Cougar Room, Prairie Inn, Morris. Choose from the menu.

Speaker: Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson will bring us up-to-date on what's new at UMM.

Business: Election of officers and by-laws vote

OTHER EVENTS

April 4: Annual Meeting. See box above.

April 25: UMMRA reception for retirees, LaFave House, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

April 25: Chancellor-sponsored UMM Recognition Dinner, Oyate, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Complimentary for retiree and one guest. Reservations required. RSVP by Friday, April 19. Call Laura Walton at 320-589-6053 to RSVP or to request special accommodations or reply on-line at morris.umn.edu/recognition_dinner.

May 11: UMM Graduation: Division Receptions 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.; Graduation on the mall at 1:30 p.m. Rain site is the PE Center. Senator Al Franken will be our speaker. Contact Dave Swenson at (320) 589-6080 if you would like to help out.

June 6: UMMRA potluck at East Side Park, 11:45 a.m. Bring a dish to pass. Randee Hokanson of the Stevens County Historical Museum will speak.

For rides or information, contact Lynn Schulz at 589-1795 or lynn@morris.umn.edu. An email will be sent out before events.

SAD NEWS

Ralph Williams, 96, died at his home in Morris on February 2. Ralph grew up in Glenwood and earned his degrees from the U. of MN. He was a naval officer in the Pacific in WW II. Before coming to UMM in 1960, he was the UM St. Paul choral director and director of the Apollo Male Chorus. Ralph was one of the original 13 founding faculty. He organized the band, orchestra, choir and men's chorus. He took the men's chorus to the World's Fairs in Seattle (1962) and New York (1964). He published about 90 choral works, including the *UMM Hymn*. Ralph retired in 1978. *Our sympathy to his family.*

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF BOARD

The **proposed slate** for 2013-2014 board members will be presented and voted on at the April 4 business meeting **after** the by-laws are voted upon.*

Secretary: TBA 1 year term

Treasurer: TBA 2 year term

Member-at-large: Dennis Johnson, 2 year term

Continuing on the board (already approved):

President: Andy Lopez (2 year term)

Past-President: Lynn Schulz (1 year term)

Member-at-Large: Judy Riley (1 year remaining)

Web-Master: Andy Lopez (appointed)

Editor, *UMMRA INFO*: Karla Klinger (appointed)

Volunteer Coordinators: Bernice Erdahl and Cathy Kemble (appointed)

UMMRA TC representative: Laird Barber (appointed)

*Note: In the event the by-laws are not approved, the membership will vote for two positions: secretary treasurer and member-at-large

ADDITIONAL 2013 RETIREES

Bonnie Tipcke, Executive Office and Administrative Specialist, UMM Multi-Ethnic-Student Program, [now Equity, Diversity and Intercultural Programs] retires April 23 after over 43 years.

Jim Togeas, Professor of Chemistry. At UMM from fall 1961 to May 12, 2013.

Sharon Van Eps, Executive Office and Administrative Specialist, Academic Center for Enrichment, with previous assignments with Center for International Programs, Academic Assistance Center and the Registrar's Office. January 1980 until June 7, 2013.

BITS AND PIECES

□ UMM has been named to Kiplinger's Personal Finance List of 100 best values in public colleges for 2012-2013.

□ UMM's Green Prairie Living and Learning Community--the Green Dorm--is under construction.

□ Organic waste will no longer be sent off-campus to be incinerated but will be composted on campus.

□ The December 15 *Morris Sun Tribune* reports that 40 years ago ground-breaking ceremonies officially launched construction work on Phase II of the UMM Library. Among those in attendance were **Barbara McGinnis, Laird Barber, Russell DuBois and John Imholte** and prominent state politicians.

□ The December 8 issue of the *Morris Sun Tribune* shows the officers for the Morris-Hancock Flying Club, including **Arden Granger and Dave Aronson**, inspecting their new plane.

AHERN LECTURE SERIES

The **Wilbert H. Ahern** Lecture Series was inaugurated on March 4, made possible by gifts and contributions to the Bert and Janet Ahern American Indian Studies Enhancement Fund, established in recognition of their retirements. Dr. Jean O'Brien, Professor of History at UMTC, spoke on the topic *Firsting and Lasting: Writing Indians Out of Existence in New England*.

UMMRA BY-LAWS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS—

FOR A VOTE BY THE MEMBERSHIP

Note: The proposed amendment was discussed at the February meeting and will be voted on at the annual meeting. Strike-throughs are used to designate prior wording that is being changed. Underlined wording is the suggested new wording.

The officers of the Association shall be a President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, and a Secretary-Treasurer ~~Secretary, a Treasurer, and two members-at-large.~~ Secretary, a Treasurer, and two members-at-large. ~~who shall serve two year terms.~~

The Association's officers shall be assisted by an elected Board and appointed ex-officio members, constituted as follows:

1. President
2. ~~Secretary—Treasurer~~
2. President-Elect
3. Immediate Past President
- 4 & 5. ~~Two members elected at large~~
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
- 6 & 7. Two members elected at large
- 6-8. ~~Historian/Newsletter Editor ex-officio~~
- 8 on. Ex-officio Board Members

Of the members of the Board, at least two shall be academic and two non-academic. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and members-at-large shall each serve two year terms. The President-Elect shall serve on the Board for one year preceding his/her term as President. The Immediate Past President shall serve on the Board for one year beyond his/her term as President. The members-at-large shall serve for staggered two-year terms. ~~The Historian/Newsletter Editor shall ex-officio members shall serve as a voting members ex-officio~~ with ~~an~~ indefinitely renewable terms.

The officers and the Board shall be elected by the membership of the Association at its annual meeting. The Board shall serve as the Nominating Committee. Vacancies occurring before the annual meeting shall be filled by the Board, with notification to the membership.