

# **Constitution of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Retirees Association (UWMRA)**

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Retirees Association.

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The purpose of the Association shall be to foster close relations between the University and its retirees, enabling the retired members to continue with their personal and collegial contacts, and to promote the interests of its members.

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

All UWM retirees and their spouses or partners are eligible for membership.

The amount of dues or assessment shall be determined by a vote of the members at a meeting of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Editor of the Retirees' Newsletter and Directory. Their duties shall be those normally associated with their positions. Terms are for one year, and may be repeated.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers (as listed above), the immediate past president, three members elected at-large to staggered three-year terms, plus the chairs of all standing committees. The University representative, as provided in ARTICLE VII, shall be a non-voting member. The Executive Committee shall have responsibility for the planning of membership meetings, and for general supervision of Association affairs between membership meetings, including the power to call special meetings, to establish committees as needed, to fill vacancies in offices for the remaining part of the term, and to approve expenditures. Election of officers shall be at the Spring Meeting, and terms of office shall commence immediately following that meeting.

## **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES**

Committees, standing or special, shall be established as the Association or the Executive Committee deems necessary. Committee chairs shall be appointed annually by the President with the consent of the Executive Committee.

The standing committees shall include a Sunshine Committee, an Economic Benefits Committee, a Membership Committee and an Internet Communications Committee. The Chairperson of each standing Committee shall serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee.

A nominating committee appointed by the President shall prepare a slate of candidates to be submitted for election at the regular Spring Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

#### ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

At least two meetings shall be held - one in the fall and one in the spring. Members present shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VII LIAISON WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

The Association maintains liaison with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee through the office of the Vice Chancellor for Development & Alumni Relations. The University representative appointed as Liaison shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in attendance at a meeting, provided that no vote shall be taken on the proposal to amend the Constitution unless notice thereof was given in advance.