MSU Faculty Emeriti Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
209 Olds Hall
July 25, 2007, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Stone, Funk, Fischer, Ishino, Adams, Wickert, Nelson, Medick, Greenbaum, Sparrow, Gliozzo, Harper-Jones and Shaw

I. Welcome Chair Stone welcomed the new members to the Steering Committee. He noted that the next three meetings of the Steering Committee will be on:

August 22

September 18

October 24

It was noted that this meeting would largely be devoted to a review of the Bylaws and an introduction to the new members to the various projects that the FEA has been involved in over the past years.

II. The new members of the Steering Committee introduced themselves. The new members in attendance were Professors Linda Nelson, Pauline Adams, Larry Fischer, and Al Sparrow. Several new Steering Committee members were out of town and unable to be at the meeting. The group looks forward to them also joining the FEA. Chair Stone welcomed each to the FEA and noted that they bring a diverse and broad experience to the organization.

III. The minutes of the June 20, 2007 meeting were approved.

IV. FEA Bylaws Chairman Stone indicated that the FEA needed to implement the newly approved Bylaws. He indicated to the new members of the Committee that during the past academic year, the FEA had been granted a voice without vote on both the Academic and Faculty Councils. This was an important step in being able to represent the emeriti faculty in the University.
The Nominations Committee will need to develop a slate of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer) to be available for the Steering Committee to elect for the upcoming year. This election should be done no later than the September meeting. He will ask at the next meeting (August) for interest in the members to be available for these positions. It was also noted that the Steering Committee must appoint Chairs to the Awards, Communications, Nominations and Lecture/Seminar Committees for the 2007-2008 Academic year.

V. Updates:

A. Lecture/Seminar Series

Professor Gliozzo reported that the speaker for the scheduled lecture on September 19 has had to cancel his presentation because of a move from MSU. After some discussion, it was determined that another speaker on a related topic would be asked about giving the lecture on that date. A report will be given at the August meeting as to the status of lecture.

B. Other Updates

1. A brief discussion on the potential for collecting magazines for distribution to groups such as nursing homes, prisons etc. Professors Stone and Gliozzo met with Karen Casey the Director of the Center for Academic Services about the use of her office in the project. She was enthusiastic about the idea and her office would provide much of the administrative, collecting, sorting and distribution of the magazines to worthy institutions. A motion was made to approve an email to faculty emeriti to determine the interest in the project. The motion was passed. Stone and Gliozzo will see how this can be done. A report will be given at the next meeting.

2. Professor Wickert reported on the recent meeting of the MSU Retirees Association. He said that if we could get information to them for the next newsletter on upcoming lectures, that it would be published. He also noted that on September 24, the Retiree Association would be providing a tour of the Cyclotron facility on campus and that all were welcome to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30