

**The USI MPA Society** meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Brenton at 10:07 am Saturday, Sept. 7 at Central Library.

Members attending: Marilyn Brenton, Ramona Harvey, Marsha Salee, Susan Sauls, Katrina Blaser, Andrea Deutsch, Ken McWilliams, Kathy Oeth; Matt Hanka, advisor.

President Marilyn Brenton announced Kathy Oeth would serve as interim secretary for the organization as Tricia Tieken has resigned due to completing her MPA degree.

Vice President Ramona Harvey stated that she and Kathy Oeth would be reviewing the organization's bylaws and making recommendations at a future meeting.

Treasurer Marsha Salee reported the current treasury balance of \$335.70.

Susan Sauls and Brenton are developing an MPA Society brochure. A photo shoot is scheduled for Thursday, 4:30 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Center. Cost of printing the brochure is \$329 which will be underwritten by the USI Foundation.

David A. Bower, Director of Development and President of the USI Foundation, will be the featured speaker, 4:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in Kleymeyer Hall. His topic will be the USI Foundation and he will discuss careers in the field of development. Sauls will create a promotional flyer and handle PR for the event. Mr. Bower is the first in a series of speakers the society hopes to bring to campus. Additional ideas for speakers and a name for the speaker series was discussed, but no decisions were made.

An MPA alumni event is being considered for November. This event will be more of a cocktail hour/foundation event.

Harvey requested that we develop a standard meeting schedule for the semester. It was agreed monthly meetings would rotate between Saturday mornings and a weekday meeting. Social gatherings will continue to be held at the conclusion of each semester.

The use of campus Org Sync and status of the USI MPA society as an "official" campus organization was discussed. Society advisor Dr. Matt Hanka, said he thought at one time the MPA society was a university organization, but since it was inactive as a unit until its renewal in Spring 2011, we may need to verify organization status with Student Development.

Dr. Hanka reminded society members that there would be volunteer opportunities with the McNaughton House in the near future and that as part of Volunteer USI, the organization might want to participate in citywide litter pick up on the first Saturday of each month. MPA student Michael Below is now in charge of that effort in his position as Deputy Director of the Parks Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am by Brenton.