



**University of Southern Indiana
Master of Public Administration Society
Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2014**

Present: Marilyn Brenton, Rachel Gumble, Matt Hanka, faculty advisor; Ken McWilliams, Kathy Oeth, Marsha Salee and Patrick Seib.

The USI MPA Society met January 11, 2014 at Central Library, Evansville. President Marilyn Brenton called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

A motion was made by Ken McWilliams to approve meeting minutes of the November 9 and the November 23 meetings. The motion was seconded by Brenton.

Treasurer Marsha Salee reported the most recent treasury statement shows \$417 in the account. Following a discussion that considered the impact of increasing student dues, and a possible tiered system where MPA alumni are asked to pay a slightly higher rate for membership, Brenton made a motion to increase dues from \$20 to \$30 per year; Patrick Seib seconded.

Spring Alumni Event

Brenton reported that David A. Bower, president of USI Foundation would like to sponsor a cocktail event for alumni. His office would provide an alumni mailing list and allow current MPA members to review the list for the names of individuals they have a connection with. MPA members would be encouraged to write personal notes on the invitations.

Possible dates for the event, which would be held in the McCutchan Art Gallery, are Wednesdays, March 19, April 2 and April 9. Oeth agreed to assist Brenton with organizing the event.

MPA Society as Official USI organization

Rachel Gumble reported that she can process the needed information, with Dr. Hanka's assistance in his role of advisor, to make the MPA Society a sanctioned USI organization through Org Sync. Gumble will give a presentation on Org Sync at the 5 pm Feb. 13 meeting of the MPA Society.

Brochure

The society brochure was sent by email for review before publication and it will be finalized by USI Publications. The group will decide at the next meeting the number of brochures to have printed.

Election of officers

Secretary and Treasurer positions are open for spring elections, as well as the role of President. Election of these offices will take place at the 5 pm meeting Tuesday, April 8. This will allow time to publicize the vacancies/ call for nomination among the membership.

New students

Dr. Hanka reported there are nine new students beginning the program in Jan. 2014. A discussion followed about ways to engage and recruit membership. We will compile a list of campus events where having an information table might be appropriate, as well as compile a listing of undergrad gatherings (POLS class, etc.) where we might be able to give some brief information about the program and society. A USI career fair will be held February 19 and Gumble will staff an MPA table at that event.



Hanka Scholarships

Hanka announced he has established two new scholarships. An undergrad award will be granted to a USI political science major pursuing a career in public service. Another scholarship will be a "Best Paper Award" for MPA students.

Letters for Literacy

Hanka, Gumble and McWilliams will represent the MPA Society at Letters for Literacy, a Scrabble tournament benefitting The Literacy Center in February.

Welcome Week

McWilliams will take care of Welcome Week cookie distribution for the Society. Cookies will be made available to MPA students Monday and Thursday the first week of class.

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Oeth
Interim Secretary