

Lois,

My letter was signed by both Tama and Mike. I don't know if Shirley got a letter. They just told her she was out and that they would keep her on the payroll for another 2 weeks.

I hope you have a good canoe trip. The weather doesn't sound too bad. We are staying home. We've talked about taking a trip or 2 on the Grand or Looking Glass river.

Did I ever tell you the following story? Yesterday, I emailed it to the Board:

I created the MERS Intranet, our internal website, long before we moved to the new building, and I was responsible for maintaining it until I retired in May 2004. On many occasions, I also served as the staff photographer. The Open House for MERS' new building was June 11, 2002 and Ron told me Anne wanted me to take pictures. A professional photographer had been hired, but he was going to be there only from 3:00-6:00, and the Open House was from 3:00-8:00. Also, she wanted some "casual" pictures. So I took about 30 pictures. When I had them developed, I also got them put on a CD, and I gave the CD to Shelly McMahon so she could add them to the Photo Gallery page on the MERS Intranet. She did so, and she added a few pictures of the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

On June 24, Ron Beaton came to me and said that from now on, Anne did not want anything put on the Intranet without her approval. He said this came up because she didn't want the pictures of Dorothy Stevens and Gordon Lindsay, the former MERS executive directors, on the Intranet. Ron gave no further explanation. He said he had already had them removed.

We can only speculate about Anne's motive. Did she want to be Executive Director for Life, and felt that the memory of past directors would detract from her magnificence? Keep in mind that the Intranet is seen only by MERS employees (and whatever consultants have access to our network). Maybe she didn't realize this.

Steve