

Minutes
MRSEA BOARD MEETING
Wednesday March 11, 2009
Meeting Time 1:00 P.M.
Retirement Systems Building
60 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN

Board Members Present: Don Buckner Gene Gere, Sandra Hale Ruth Husom, John Kuderka, Dennis Maki, Richard Mesenburg, Lyle Nelson, Peter Obermeyer, Lois Willock

Board Members Excused: Terry Dempsey, Robert Lundahl, Fred Maurer, Sally Olsen, Yvonne Ross

Others Present: Laura Dobozenski -MRSEA Service Provider

President Husom called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Set and Approve Agenda

Motion to approve with the addition of three items [1] Accept 2006 Audit; [2] Leave of Absence Request for Terry Dempsey [3] Scholarship Update. Upon a second, the motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the February 11, 2009 regular meeting minutes with minor correction, upon a second the motion carried.

Accept Financial Report

Motion to accept the January 2009 Financial Report, upon a second the motion carried.

Accept 2009 Membership Report

Motion to accept the January 2009 Membership Report, upon a second the motion carried.

MRSEA Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Richard Mesenburg presented the slate of candidates for the 2009 election. There are five incumbents and one letter of interest. The nominating committee reviewed the application letter of interest. The committee recommended the incumbents be endorsed. Mr. Mesenburg moved to endorse the five incumbents, upon a second, the motion carried.

The unendorsed candidate will have the option to be placed on the ballot, if so requested.

Legislative Committee

Mr. Gere reported the Pension Commission has held three meetings, typically meeting Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings. The statutory change bill to dissolve the Post Fund Bill passed the Pension Commission and will be included in the Omnibus Pension Bill.

The Minnesota Health Care Act has thirty four authors in the House; it has passed a few Senate Committees. The focus is on balancing the budget. The Omnibus Pension Bill is expected to be finalized in a couple weeks.

Insurance Committee

Mr. Obermeyer has contacted the Senior Federation and is trying to connect with the MN AARP to discuss possible interest in the same health care issues.

The board reviewed an email received concerning changes in Long Term Health Care. The board directed the Service Provider to research who is handling long term care, and to forward the email to the said person, as well as notify the member of our actions and invite the appropriate party to our next meeting.

Meeting & Planning Committee

Mr. Mesenburg is continuing to try to schedule a speaker for the annual meeting. The meeting is confirmed with Jimmy's Banquet Center in Vadnais Heights.

Publications & Communications Committee

The Business Service provider reported the newsletter will be incorporating a new column listing all the sub chapter meetings for the balance of the year. All articles need to be submitted by March 20th, 2009. The annual meeting registration will be in this six page newsletter.

Technology Committee

Mr. Maki reported on the encryption software, as well as the full Adobe program. The color coded calendar on the website is now functioning. The website has received 622 hits for the month of February. One of the computers will need to be sent in for repairs.

Mr. Kuderka suggested the technology committee look into using the emails we have collected for electronic mailings and hot issues. Mr. Maki will look into what volume of emails the web vendor is capable of handling.

Constitution & By-Law Committee

No Report

Finance Committee

Mr. Maki reported the finance committee met to discuss options for preparing the tax returns, and budgeting for the association and locating an auditor.

MN Senior Federation

Mr. Nelson reported there was a Metro Regional meeting March 11, 2009. Some agenda items included property tax issues, property tax seminars, and prescription drug seminars.

MN State Retiree Council

Ms. Willock reported she is on the fundraising committee and would like to have the board consider a donation. Their Annual Fundraiser is April 25, 2009. The request will be considered at the April meeting. The next regular meeting is March 17, 2009.

MSRS Board of Directors

No Report (next meeting March 19, 2009)

PEPC

No Report

Chapter Liaison Reports

Brainerd-March 19, 2009-(Willock)

Duluth- April 22, 2009-(Lundahl)

Fergus Falls- March 3, 2009

The business service provider reported about forty people attended, they voted to continue the quarterly MRSEA business meetings.

Mankato –June 2009-(Maurer)

Rochester-May 8, 2009 (Buckner)

West Central- Spring 2009-(Kuderka)

Southwest- April 23, 2009-(Ross)

Walker/ Northwoods- June 11, 2009-(Kuderka)

New Items

Richard Thorkee Memorial

Former board member Richard Thorkee passed away. The board has traditionally sent flowers or memorials. Upon a motion to send a [\$100.00] one hundred dollar memorial, and a second, the motion carried.

Retreat Planning

Ms. Husom suggested the board do some brainstorming for the retreat and to be prepared with ideas for the April meeting. Mr. Kuderka reported he has a contact that is willing to facilitate the retreat. Ms. Husom has the facility reserved at Augustana Church. Ms. Husom suggested a donation for the use of the facility should be discussed at the April meeting.

Other Items

Accept the 2006 Audit

Roy Muscatello, long time auditor for MRSEA completed the 2006 audit however was unable to attend to present the audit. Dennis Maki, chair of the Finance Committee presented the audit. Upon a motion and second to accept the audit, the motion carried.

Leave of Absence Request

President Husom reported Terry Dempsey has requested a six month leave of absence due to professional conflicts. Upon a motion to approve request and a second, the motion carried.

Scholarship Update

Mr. Kuderka distributed a handout comparing different scholarship models. He will report more for the April meeting. Mr. Kuderka suggested an ad hoc committee be established to review the information further to establish a recommendation to the board.

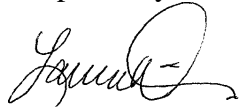
Mr. Kuderka also distributed an article about “Looting Social Security” published by “The Nation”. Mr. Kuderka proposed a link be placed on the website. The consensus of the board was to have more information about the author and publisher prior to linking published articles.

Next Meeting Date April 08, 2009

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



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