

MINUTES

**Wednesday April 8, 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 Robert Lundahl, Dennis Maki, Richard Mesenburg, Lyle Nelson, Sally Olsen Peter Obermeyer, Yvonne Ross, Lois Willock

Board Members Excused: Terry Dempsey, Fred Maurer,

Others Present: Laura Dobozenski -MRSEA Service Provider

Guests Present: Brian Pennington and Tina Armstrong from the Dept. Of Commerce

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

Set and Approve Agenda

Motion to approve with the following additional items; Add 12.a Renew membership with Senior Federation; Add 12.b. Renew membership the State Retiree Council; Add. 12c. Private Data

Approve Minutes of March 11, 2009 Regular Meeting

Upon a motion to approve and second motion carried with minor corrections.

Accept Financial Report

February 2009 Report

Upon a motion to approve and a second, the motion carried.

2009 Membership Report

Upon a motion to approve, motion carried.

MRSEA Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Ms. Ross reported five incumbents are seeking reelection; the interested party will have until April 16, 2009 to respond if he would like to have his name placed on a ballot. The elections are all set for the April meeting.

Ms. Ross suggested an interim director to fulfill a vacancy or leave of absence. Mr. Kuderka also thought a group of interested people could be ready to be appointed, or to set up a system of alternates. Ms. Olsen suggested interested parties start out on a committee as our governing documents do not provide for an interim director to fill in during a leave of absence.

Legislative Committee

Mr. Gere reported the Pension Commission met last Tuesday the Omnibus Pension Bill is two hundred pages. There was not a lot that affects retirees. Article VI deals with TRA and employer changes. This will come out of State Aid funding. The status of the Health Care bill by Senator Marty is unknown at this time.

Insurance Committee

Mr. Obermeyer reported he has contacted the Senior Federation and MNAARP to establish a connection to discuss mutual health care concerns.

Long Term Care Insurance

Brian Pennington & Tina Armstrong, Dept of Commerce reported on the Amendments to comply with Federal Regulations as well as reviewing the Inflation Protection Models and Medical Assistance Asset Protection. MN is ranked 11th for Long Term Health Care Insurance.

Meeting & Planning Committee

Annual Meeting

Mr. Mesenburg reported the Annual meeting is all set, the cost will be (\$17.00) seventeen dollars per person and the guest speaker is James Gelbmann, Assistant Secretary of State.

Publications & Communications Committee

Mr. Lundahl reported the newsletter should be in the mail by mid April.

Technology Committee

Mr. Maki reported on the web site statistics. MRSEA is having more “hits” each month.

Constitution & By-Law Committee

Ms. Olsen reported there will be two proposed changes, both a minor corrections for the annual meeting.

Finance Committee

Mr. Maki reported the search is still ongoing for an auditor. The Committee is also working on a budgeting program.

MN Senior Federation

Mr. Nelson reported on the Development Committee and reported cash flow problems. A fundraiser to attract baby boomers was being proposed by Alliance.

MN State Retiree Council

a. Fundraiser Donation Request

Ms. Willock requested a (\$200.00) two hundred dollar donation for the fundraising committee for the AFL-CIO for the upcoming April event. Upon a motion and second; the motion was opened for discussion. Concerns were raised about the status of a non profit (501) (c) 5 making political donations. The PAC committee, a separate entity makes all political donations. The MRSEA status may be jeopardized by donations do due some of the funds are used for voter registrations.

The motion was called and the motion failed on a vote of 4 (yeas) to 7 (nays).

Mr. Kuderka expressed he was not satisfied with the explanation of the tax exempt status and felt further research should be done to clarify this issue.

MSRS Board of Directors

Ms. Olsen reported they met on March 19th, 2009. MSRS was audited by OET.

OLA also did an audit on Internal Controls State wide. The OLA report is that the state lacked internal controls over financial reporting. MSRS is establishing stricter controls for 2010.

Investments are down 30% since the start of the fiscal year. MSRS is also looking into Divesting in Iran.

PEPC

No report.

Chapter Liaison Reports

Brainerd-March 19, 2009

Ms. Willock reported 42 members in attendance, the guest speaker for June will be food nutrition.

Duluth- April 22, 2009

This is the Annual Meeting for Duluth

Fergus Falls- June 2, 2009

No Report

Mankato –June 1, 2009

No Report

Rochester-May 8, 2009

No Report

West Central- Spring 2009

No Report

Southwest- April 28, 2009

No Report

Walker/ Northwoods- June 11, 2009

No Report

Old Items

Scholarship Update

Mr. Kuderka is continuing to contact a variety of organizations and developed a good database to continue to design and do further research to establish a scholarship. Mr. Kuderka proposed an ad hoc committee to develop the scholarship further. The question was raised as to how a scholarship would further the mission of MRSEA; and how would that fit into the retreat and discussion of the mission of MRSEA.

Mr. Nelson replied most organizations have a scholarship.

Retreat Planning

Mr. Kuderka reported he contacted someone to facilitate the retreat. Mr. Kuderka met with the facilitator and distributed hand out to distribute. Ms. Husom asked for all board members to turn in the questionnaire mailed in their packets. Mr. Mesenburg and Mr. Kuderka met to review the facilitator's handouts. This demonstrated

several models for a retreat. Ms. Husom distributed copies of the 2005 retreat. Ms. Husom felt we needed to have more people involved with our committees.

Upon a motion for board members are to fill out the retreat questionnaire and turn them into President Husom at the May meeting and a second the motion carried.

President Husom Appointed a committee of John Kuderka, Richard Mesenburg, Yvonne Ross, Sally Olsen, Gene Gere and Laura Dobozenski to review the handouts with the facilitator in advance of the retreat.

Donation for Use of June Retreat Facility at St. Augustana Church

Upon a motion to donate \$300.00 for the use of the facility for the retreat and a second the motion carried.

Other Items

Renew membership with Senior Federation

Upon a motion and second the motion carried to renew the membership.

Renew membership the State Retiree Council

Upon a motion and second the motion carried to renew the membership.

Private Data

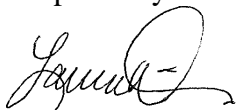
Ms. Husom reported she continues to work a couple hours a week for the DNR. Recently she received a letter from the MMB stating a programming error resulted in the unintended release of your home city, as you know this is private data. The file was removed from the recipient's website and was accessed fewer than a dozen times. MMB deeply regrets the unintended error.

Next Meeting Date May 13, 2009

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting Adjourned 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Dobozenski
MRSEA Service Provider
Platinum Professional Management, LLC