

MRSEA-South Central 12/7/09 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Curt Martinson, Subchapter Secretary/Treasurer. He began the meeting by explaining that Faye Krohn, Subchapter President, had passed away since the last meeting. The Subchapter sent flowers to honor her service to MRSEA. He also noted that preparations for this meeting were planned and accomplished by the following committee members: Carrine Sprague, Barb Lamont, Mike Smith, and Curt Martinson as arranged during the last Subchapter meeting.

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The minutes from the 9/14/09 meeting was made available to the membership at the meeting. After a review of the minutes, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passes.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker was State Representative Margarate Anderson-Kelliher who grew up in the Mankato area, has served as the speaker of the house during recent legislative sessions, and has recently announced her candidacy of the upcoming governor's race. The Representative underscored the value of her local upbringing and went on to discuss budgetary difficulties facing the State as the next legislative session approaches. Her presentation emphasized the need to build a better, brighter future for Minnesotans even in the face of a substantial projected budget short fall. She emphasized the need for a balanced approach in resolving the state's budgetary difficulties. The Representative also took questions regarding her proposals related to the matter.

MRSEA Update: Fred Maurer, MRSEA Board member, attended the meeting to give an update on MRSEA Board activity. Fred explained that he is on the Board's insurance committee. The committee was instrumental in arranging for the State's open enrollment meetings to include three meetings set up specifically for the retired members of the State Insurance Program. Meetings were held in Brainerd, Rochester, and the metro area, and all three meetings were very well attended. Indications are that this is an approach to open enrollment that may be expanded next year. Fred indicated that he had been invited to participate in a series of federal conference calls seeking local input on the health care reform debate. He noted that AARP has now come out to endorse the house bill and the senate bill continues to move forward. A several week period of compromise in the matter is anticipated. Fred also took input and questions related to health care reform.

Election of Officers: The election of both Subchapter officers was scheduled for the September meeting. The membership decided that it wasn't ready to hold elections at the September meeting, and chose to re-consider the matter at the December meeting. Nominations for president were thus again sought from the floor. After a period of reflection, Barb Lamont indicated that she would accept the nomination for president. She was immediately nominated for president and the nomination was seconded. No further nominations were made. A motion to close nominations passed and Barb was elected president of the South Central Subchapter. Nomination for secretary/treasurer were then sought from the floor. A motion to nominate Curt Martinson was made and

seconded. He agreed to accept the nomination. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations and elect Curt by acclamation. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was made available during the meeting. Curt highlighted items presented in the report and answered questions. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as written. The motion passed.

Door Prizes: A drawing for door prizes was held. Six door prizes were provided by the Subchapter and two were donated by the membership anonymously. Each door prize was presented as per drawing results.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed.