

MINUTES

**Wednesday January 13, 2010
Meeting Time 1:00 P.M.
MSRS Building**

Board Members Present: Mary Benner, Ruth Husom, John Kuderka, Robert Lundahl, Dennis Maki, Richard Mesenburg, Lyle Nelson, Peter Obermeyer, Yvonne Ross, Lois Willock

Board Members Excused: Gene Gere, Fred Maurer, Sally Olsen

Board Members Absent: Sandra Hale

Others Present: Dave Bergstrom-MSRS and Laura Dobozenki -MRSEA Service Provider

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

Set and Approve Agenda

Upon a motion and second to approve the agenda with two additions [12a. Review Retreat Memo and Item 12b. AFSCME Informational Handout], the motion carried.

Approve Minutes

November 11, 2009

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

December 16, 2009

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

Accept Financial Report

October 2009 Report

Upon a motion and second to accept the report the motion carried.

November 2009 Report

Upon a motion and second to accept the report the motion carried.

Membership Report

The service provider reported a written report will be given quarterly. The service provider reported the status of the dues renewals. An overwhelming response has caused a backup in processing. The service provider suggested with future renewals to split the mailing in half to prevent the backup during the holiday season.

President Husom recommended the dues renewals follow the fiscal dues year of May to May and to mail future renewals in January as to help prevent the backup we experienced this year.

Upon a motion to follow the recommendation made by Ms. Husom, and, a second the motion carried.

MRSEA Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Mr. Mesenburg reported there will be five seats up for election. At this time Mary Benner will be the incumbent seeking re-election. Three current board members will not be seeking re-election (*Olsen, Nelson, and Ross*), there is one vacant seat which will also expire in May and needs to be filled.

Legislative Committee

Mr. Obermeyer reported he had attended a Pension Commission hearing and reported on the funding deficiency of the State Retirement Plans. Mr. Bergstrom will be joining us later during the meeting to expand on the proposed changes.

Insurance Committee

Mr. Obermeyer reported the Open Enrollment Wrap-Up Meeting was very successful. MMB is very interested in expanding the number of program sites next year.

Mr. Kuderka reported about PEIP (Public Employees Insurance Plan), he had been asked if MRSEA would be interested in having retired employees who opted to not participate in a state health plan participate in PEIP?

Mr. Kuderka will research more information about PEIP and report back in February.

Meeting & Planning Committee

2010 Annual Spring Meeting

Ms. Willock reported she has inquired into several meeting locations and will be calling a committee meeting prior to the February board meeting. The committee will report at the February meeting with a recommended venue for the Spring meeting.

Fall 2010 Outstate Meeting

Ms. Willock and Mr. Mesenburg expressed concerns about the poor turnout for the St. Cloud meeting as well as the cost for a charter bus very few people used. No plans have been discussed for the 2010 Outstate Meeting.

Publications & Communications Committee

Mr. Lundahl reported he has started some conceptual layouts for a new brochure. This has been delayed due to the strategic planning session that also has other objectives that need to be decided which are connected to the brochure that have not been resolved.

The Service Provider reported we are still working on the Non Profit approval from the Post Office. The Winter newsletter was delayed due to the Post Office wanting additional information printed on the newsletter prior to mailing.

Technology Committee

Mr. Maki reported the new accounting software has been received from Quickbooks. Mr. Maki also reported our Web Site Vendor has reduced our monthly service fee as the bulk of our content has been loaded.

Finance Committee

No Report

MN State Retiree Council

Ms. Willock reported the guest speaker for the December 9, 2010 meeting was Terrell Clark, the AFL-CIO endorsed candidate for the U.S. Congress in the Sixth District. The next scheduled meeting is January 27, 2010.

The Annual Fundraiser is May 1st, 2010 at the Sheet Metal Workers Hall in Maplewood. Ms. Willock has Door Prize Tickets that may be purchased at the price of 3 for five dollars.

MSRS Board of Directors

Ms. Benner reported the MSRS Board met in November to review the 2010 Legislative Proposals. The portion relating the funding deficiency was moved to a special meeting called for on December 11, 2010.

Ms. Benner also reported the request submitted by MRSEA to place an ad in the Messenger was tabled to due a board member requesting a rebuttal to the board be run in the same issue of the Messenger, if this was not possible, he would go to the media.

Chapter Liaison Reports

Brainerd

Ms. Willock reported forty four people attended the meeting. The Sub Chapter donated \$100.00 dollars to the Local Salvation Army Food Shelf, and collected canned food and cash donations for the Food Shelf.

Duluth

Next meeting January 27, 2010

Fergus Falls

No Report

Mankato

No Report

Rochester

Next Meeting is May 2010

West Central

Mr. Kuderka reported the Sub Chapter met November 18, 2010 with approximately forty members. The guest speaker was from the local Wellness Center who discussed how to decrease the effects of aging.

Southwest

The next meeting is April 2010

Walker/ Northwoods

The next meeting is June 2010

Old Business

Training for Sub Chapter Officers

Upon a motion and second the item was tabled to the February meeting.

New Business

Dave Bergstrom, MSRS - Funding Status

Mr. Bergstrom explained the proposed changes for MSRS funding deficiency are:

- a. Post Retirement Adjustments: lower COLA to 2% until funding ratio of 90% is reached
- b. Vesting: Changed to Five Years (Correctional Plan will be 10 years)
- c. Deferred Augmentation: 2% for all plans
- d. Contribution Rates None except for State Patrol Plan: .8% for employee and 1.2% for employer
- e. Earning Limit Suspension Accounts: 0% Interest
- f. Refund Interest: 0%

g. Additional Decisions: Lower formula for Correctional Plan new hires

Upon a motion to support the recommended changes to the MSRS Fund Plan and a second the motion carried.

The Legislative Committee will be following this through the Pension Commission and report back on the status. A letter of support will be submitted to the Pension Commission.

Other Items

Review of Strategic Planning Outcomes

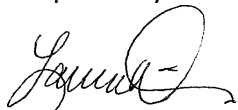
The Service Provider distributed the Strategic Planning Outcomes Goal Sheet for review. This will become an ongoing process to review.

AFSCME Handout

The board received a notice from AFSCME about their new e-Activist Retiree Network.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Dobozenski-Service Provider
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