

## Minutes

**Wednesday May 12, 2010  
Annual Meeting  
HAMPTON INN NORTH  
1000 GRAMSIE ROAD, SHOREVIEW, MN**

**Board Members Present:** Mary Benner, Gene Gere, Ruth Husom, John Kuderka, Dennis Maki, Fred Maurer, Richard Mesenburg, Lyle Nelson, Peter Obermeyer, Sally Olsen, Yvonne Ross, Lois Willock

**Board Members Excused:** Robert Lundahl

**Board Members Absent:** Sandra Hale

**Others Present:** Peter Benner-AFSCME, MSRS- Executive Director- Dave Bergstrom,  
Laura Dobozenki -MRSEA Service Provider

President Husom called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon and welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

President Husom introduced all board members, sub chapter officers, former board members and special guests.

### **Minutes and Financial Statements**

The following items were distributed in the guest packets:

2009 Annual Minutes

2009 Annual Financial Summary

### **Annual Election**

Mr. Mesenburg highlighted the procedure of the nominating process. Nominations were opened to the floor. Two nominations are needed to complete the slate. Upon a motion and second Judy Schultz and Marie Milsten Fiedler were nominated and accepted the nomination as a candidate.

Upon a motion and second nominations were closed the motion carried.

The five nominated candidates were introduced individually and each gave a brief statement as to why they would like to serve on the board. The candidates are: Mary Benner, Lorene Dimock, Peggy Hildebrandt, Marie Milsten Fiedler and Judith A. Schultz.

Upon a motion to cast a unanimous ballot and a second, the motion carried. All five candidates were elected to a three year term ending May 2013.

### **Guest Speakers**

**Peter Benner:** highlighted the very lengthy National Health Care Reform Bill.

- the average pension of a retiree and Medicare benefits received per household.
- The targets of Federal and State Reform Legislation (Cost, Quality, Affordability, Access, Public Health and Health Care Workforce), MN Cost of Care variables
- Challenge of Containing Cost, Affordability of Care
- Proposed Medicare Benefit Improvements
- Federal ACCESS Reform Efforts, Federal Affordability Reform Efforts
- MN Quality Reform Efforts
- Federal Quality Reform Efforts
- Individual Affordability, Affordability Standards
- MN Quality Reform Efforts

**Dave Bergstrom:** presented an overview of the status of the pensions and assured everyone their pension is safe. MSRS is confident the market will continue to improve, and we also need to be cautious of the downturn times. Mr. Bergstrom answered many questions from the guests present about the proposed legislative changes and felt confident they should pass through legislative committee process.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative Committee**

Peter Obermeyer highlighted the Pension Commission activities and legislative highlights.

#### **Technology Committee**

Dennis Maki reported on the continued web site and technology improvements.

#### **Meeting & Planning Committee**

Ms. Willock reported the committee is working on the 2010 fall membership meeting to be held in Duluth this October.

#### **Insurance Committee**

Mr. Maurer reported the success of the first Open Enrollment Insurance programs for Retirees. This was a coordinated effort between MRSEA, MMB and the Insurance Providers. Everyone looks for a repeat program for the 2010 enrollment process.

#### **Election of Delegate and Alternate to AFSCME 2010 International**

Ms. Olsen explained the board of Directors had nominated Ruth Husom as the delegate and Peter Obermeyer as the alternate to the 2010 International Conference at the April 2010 meeting. Ms. Olsen called the question if there was a motion to support the board's appointment. Upon a motion and second, the motion to send Ruth Husom as the delegate and Peter Obermeyer as the alternate to the conference carried.

### **Presidents Report**

President Husom reported on the many accomplishments of MRSEA over the last year. This report was also included in the guest packet. President Husom distributed commemorative plaques to the outgoing board members and thanked them for their contributions. Yvonne Ross, Sally Olsen and Lyle Nelson all received their plaques personally. Terry Dempsey was unable to attend and will be sent his plaque. Don Buckner was given a plaque posthumously and the plaque will be sent o his family.


### **Drawings**

Seventeen door prize drawing were distributed.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 3:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



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