

MINUTES

Wednesday June 9, 2010
Meeting Time 1:00 P.M.
Retirement Systems Building
60 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN

Board Members Present: Mary Benner, Lorene Dimock, Gene Gere, Peggy Hidebrandt, Ruth Husom, John Kuderka, Robert Lundahl, Dennis Maki, Fred Maurer, Richard Mesenburg, Marie Milsten Fiedler, Judy Schultz, Lois Willock

Board Members Excused: Sandra Hale, Peter Obermeyer (both members were represented via proxy)

Others Present: Laura Dobozenski -MRSEA Service Provider

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

President Husom asked for everyone to introduce themselves as there are newly elected board members attending their first meeting.

Set and Approve Agenda

Upon a motion and second to approve with a meeting date correction the motion carried.

Approve Minutes of April 14, 2010

Upon a motion and second to approve with a minor correction, the motion carried.

Approve Minutes of May 12, 2010

Upon a motion and second to approve the motion carried.

MRSEA Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Mr. Mesenburg reported he had a contact from TRA that may have an interest on serving on the board.

Legislative Committee

The business service provider reported Peter drafted a letter thanking the Pension Commission chairs in regards to their work on the recent legislation.

Insurance Committee

Mr. Maurer reported the committee will be meeting soon, he has been discussing the retiree open enrollment meetings with MMB and they hope to have the fall meetings scheduled in the near future.

Meeting & Planning Committee

Wrap Up 2010 Annual Spring Meeting

Ms. Willock reported that one member did not care for the new venue; overall most people seemed satisfied and felt the meeting was a success.

Fall 2010 Outstate Meeting in Duluth

Ms. Willock reported the cost will be slightly more given Duluth is a destination location and has a higher local tax on events. The cost per person will be twenty dollars; there will be two menu selections. The cost of a bus will be in the one thousand dollar range. The business administrator will arrange for the charter bus. Members will visit the Maritime Museum and have lunch and business meeting at Grandma's Event and Conference Center.

Publications & Communications Committee

Mr. Lundahl reported the committee has not met recently, the newsletter is done electronically now with the vendor. Mr. Lundahl distributed copies of the recent survey and copies of the draft brochure. No action was taken on either item, as they had not been through the committee process.

Technology Committee

Mr. Maki reported the committee meets monthly and is working on adjustment to the web site layout, and opt out language for future list serve email systems.

Finance Committee

Mr. Gere reported the committee is working on establishing a budget structure to present for the board. The committee will be looking at possible reductions as well as an increase in dues to balance the budget.

The financial statements of January, February, March and April 2010 were reviewed. The financial statements are on the new software system and a few adjustments to the format may need to be done.

Upon a motion and second to accept the financial statements subject to audit, the motion carried.

MN State Retiree Council

Ms. Willock reported the Annual Fundraiser was held May 26th.

The State Retiree Council Annual meeting will be held September 26th, 2010.

The next regular meeting of the Council is June 23rd.

MSRS Board of Directors

Ms. Benner reported the meeting was May 20th. There are a couple new board members. The board discussed legislative updates, a positive update from the SBI that the combined fund performance between July 1, 2009-May 2010 was up 18.06 percent (unaudited).

The Retirement Systems also had a lawsuit filed due to the recent Omnibus legislation that was passed addressing the fund deficiencies.

There will be a defined benefit vs. defined contribution study performed by the executive directors of MSRS, TRA, and PERA.

Mr. Gere felt we need to monitor the progress of the defined benefit vs. the defined contribution plan study as this will greatly impact future retirees.

Chapter Liaison Reports

Brainerd

Peggy Hildebrandt will serve as the new liaison for the sub chapter, the next meeting is June 17th.

Duluth- April 28, 2010

Mr. Lundahl reported that the sub chapter responded favorably to attending the outstate meeting in Duluth in October. The next meeting is their annual July Picnic in Moose Lake.

Fergus Falls- June 1, 2010

The Business service provider attended the meeting. The sub chapter had about forty people in attendance; their next meeting will be in August, with the quarterly meeting being held in September.

Mankato –June 7, 2010

Mr. Maurer reported approximately thirty people attended and the guest speaker was from Senior LinkAge.

Rochester-April 30, 2010

Ms. Benner filled in for Peter Obermeyer at the sub chapter meeting held April 30th. Approximately forty five people attended. Ms. Benner reported on the Omnibus Pension Bill and MRSEA Board activities. Ms. Benner asked if anyone had visited the web site, no one responded. The Business service provider reported on the upcoming annual meeting and the outstate meeting being held in Duluth in October.

West Central

No Report, meeting to be scheduled for fall.

Southwest- April 22, 2010

The Business Service provider highlight Ms. Ross' report submitted as an outgoing board member.

Three or four new members showed up and they were responsive when told about our spring annual meeting and some said they would like to come. They were encouraged to get together and drive up to the Northland Inn. They were told them the newsletter would be in the mail about next week and about the fall meeting in Duluth.

The proposed legislation regarding the changes in annual increases and other changes in MSRS, PERA and TRA was discussed in addition that the Board was studying our affiliation with AFSCME and we would report more later.

Walker/ Northwood's- June 10, 2010

Mr. Kuderka reported the meeting date was wrong in the newsletter; however the meeting notice was correct. Their fall meeting will be held in October. There is some concern about their sub chapter possibly having fewer new members due to the Health facility closing.

Old Business

Retreat Review Update

Ms. Husom highlighted the progress of the 2009 retreat goals.

AFSCME Affiliation Update Draft Version 8

Upon a motion and second to bring the item back to for discussion, the motion carried.

Mr. Maki distributed an updated report (version 9) to reflect the actions and recommendations of the committee meeting held after the packets had been mailed.

The report highlighted the pros and cons of the AFSCME International Affiliation.

We have two questions to consider:

1. Are the benefits of AFSCME International worth the cost to MRSEA?

After reviewing the document and further discussion; a motion and a second to disaffiliate was called.

Upon counting hands the motion was tied 6-6, with Ms. Husom voting to disaffiliate as the tie breaker. The Business service provider recognized there was not an accurate reflection of members counted, the vote was taken again and, The motion failed 6-yeahs-7 nays, 1 abstention.

2. Given Council 5's interest in having a retirees member political action program in exchange for access to Council resources, is this something MRSEA is interested in pursuing?

Upon a motion and second to open discussion with council 5, the motion carried. The same task force would continue with the opening discussions with Council 5.

Sub Chapter Officer Training

Mr. Kuderka will continue to work on the training and orientation for the September meeting. Peggy Hildebrandt will be submitting some ideas that would be helpful to the officers in conducting their meetings.

New Business

Membership Renewal Card "Opt Out Language" to be developed

Mr. Maki reported in an effort to work towards a list serve provider we need to develop an "opt out language" for the electronic emails. This could also be included on the renewal cards.

Upon a motion an second to authorize the committee to draft language for the opt out feature, the motion carried.

Election of Officers

President

The business Service Provider conducted the election for President. Nominations for President: Mary Benner and Ruth Husom, a white ballot vote was conducted; Ruth Husom received the majority vote and will continue as President of MRSEA.

First Vice President

Upon a motion and second to nominate Gene Gere as First Vice President, hearing no other nominations, the motion carried.

Second Vice President

No one expressed interest, and several members declined nomination, Fred Maurer accepted nomination and Upon a motion and second to nominate Fred Maurer as Second Vice President, hearing no other nominations, the motion carried.

Secretary Treasurer

No one expressed interest. Upon a motion and second to nominate Peter Obermeyer as Secretary Treasurer, hearing no other nominations, the motion carried.

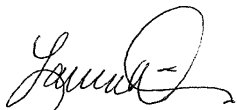
Appointment of Assistant Treasurer

President Husom appointed Peggy Hildebrandt to Assistant Treasurer; upon acceptance by Peggy the officers for 2010-2011 have been fulfilled.

Next Regular Meeting Date September 8, 2010

Meeting Adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Dobozenski

MRSEA Service Provider

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