

## **MINUTES**

**Wednesday November 10, 2010**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

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

### **Board Members Present:**

Mary Benner, Lorene Dimock, Gene Gere, Peggy Hildebrandt, Ruth Husom, Robert Lundahl, Fred Maurer, Richard Mesenburg, Marie Milsten Fiedler, Peter Obermeyer, Judy Schultz, Lois Willock.

### **Board Members Excused:**

John Kuderka, Dennis Maki

### **Others Present:**

Laura Dobozenski-Business Service Provider

### **Set and Approve Agenda**

President Husom added two items;

10. a. Board Vacancy and 10.b Service Provider Contract Renewal

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

### **Approve Minutes**

**September 8, 2010**

Upon a motion and second to approve the motion carried.

**October 13, 2010**

Upon a motion and second to approve the motion carried.

### **Membership Report**

The Business Service Provider highlighted the third quarter membership report. Upon a motion to accept the report and a second the motion carried.

### **Financial Reports**

**August Financial Report**

The Business Service Provider highlighted the August income and expenses. Upon motion and second to accept the report subject to audit, the motion carried.

**September Financial Report**

The Business Service Provider highlighted the September income and expenses. Upon motion and second to accept the report subject to audit, the motion carried.

**MRSEA Committee Reports**

**Nominating Committee**

Mr. Mesenburg reported there is a vacancy on the board due to the passing of Ms. Hale. Mr. Mesenburg reported many people have been appointed to the board on an interim basis. Mr. Mesenburg reported an application had been received in August for the board. Mr. Mesenburg highlighted Mr. Beberg's biography.

Upon a motion and second to appoint Mr. Beberg to fulfill Ms. Hale's position the motion carried.

**Legislative Committee**

Mr. Obermeyer stated the news of the SBI return is positive. The Committee will be monitoring reviewing the Design Benefit Committee activity.

**Insurance Committee**

Mr. Maurer reported the Open Enrollment meetings have been going quite well with good attendance. Edina had over 121; MSRS had over 300; Mankato is being held today and Brainerd and Duluth are scheduled for late in November.

**Meeting & Planning Committee**

**Wrap Up Fall 2010 Outstate Meeting In Duluth**

Ms. Willock reported it was a beautiful fall day in Duluth; we toured the Maritime Museum and had lunch at Grandma's Sports Garden.

**Spring 2011 Annual Meeting**

Ms. Husom any suggestion would be appreciated for the upcoming meeting.

### **Publications & Communications Committee**

Mr. Lundahl reported about the articles due in the upcoming newsletter for our spring annual meeting.

### **Technology Committee**

The business service provider distributed and highlighted a report submitted by Mr. Maki. The report highlighted the suggested annual review changes to the website. In addition Mr. Maki reported on a possible vendor to handle emails. The business service provider asked for a consensus that Mr. Maki may make these minor changes to be more user friendly without the full approval of the board. Mr. Maki has done research on a vendor to send emails. He reports there is a free trial available.

The business service provider updated the board on the “opt out” language that would be required.

Upon a motion and second for Mr. Maki to make the minor changes and the consideration to move forward and work with the email vendor to work with the vendor for the required “opt out” language required for email usage, the motion carried.

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Gere highlighted the proposed Finance Committee Budget packet. The committee has been working on obtaining solid data based on historical data from 2005-2009. Mr. Gere reported the committee brainstormed options and costs to set forth the recommendations contained in the packet. The primary issue is to adopt budget to get us on the path of a balanced budget. We are currently spending down our assets. The committee felt it was vital in focusing on funding things important to the organization. Most of our costs are tied to about four specific areas: travel, consulting/staff, AFSCME Affiliation, and Newsletter cost.

Mr. Gere highlighted the package of options and made a motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. Upon a second, Ms. Benner asked for clarification that the motion excluded options 3,5,6,7? Mr. Gere confirmed that is correct. Mr. Lundahl asked for clarification if this was accepting or implementing. Mr. Gere stated as contained in the report, “the recommendation is to accept and approve the report, the committee then would finalize for budget adoption at the December meeting.”

Ms. Benner requested a roll call vote on the motion.

The Business Service Provider called the roll of directors and recorded the votes as follows:

Benner-Abstained	Dimock-Yes
Gere-Yes	Hildebrandt-Yes
Husom-Yes	Maurer-Yes
Milsten-Fiedler-Abstained	Lundahl-Yes
Mesenberg-Yes	Obermeyer-Yes
Schultz-Abstained	Willock-Abstained

The motion to accept the Finance Committee recommendations passed (8-Yes; 4-Abstain)

Ms. Husom highlighted the committee assignment sheets distributed. Ms. Husom did not designate chairs, instead suggested the committees choose their own chairperson.

#### **MN State Retiree Council**

Ms. Willock attended the convention and reported that 28 previous resolutions were passed, and two new resolutions were passed. Betty McCollum, Terrell Clark, Mark Dayton and Al Franken were in attendance. There will be no November meeting. The next meeting is December 8, 2010.

#### **MSRS Board of Directors**

Ms. Benner reported the board met September 16, 2010. The board discussed the Benefit Design Study Committee; the meetings are open to the public. The SBI had a positive report on the funding levels; the board also had an In-Service day regarding GASBY recommendations.

#### **Chapter Liaison Reports**

##### **Brainerd-Sept. 2010**

Ms. Hildebrandt reported about 30 people attended, they elected a new vice president and treasurer. The next meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup> and they will be making a contribution to the local food shelf.

##### **Duluth- Oct., 2010**

Mr. Lundahl reported there were about 20 plus people in attendance at the October meeting. Dave Bergstrom and Laura attended the meeting. The next meeting will be in January 2011. Several people reported disappointed in the Fall Duluth MRSEA Fall trip.

**Fergus Falls- Sept. 2010**

The Business Service Provider attended the fall meeting; they had about 70 people, and voted in two new officers.

**Mankato –Sept. 2010**

The Business Service Provider attended as well as Dave Bergstrom were in attendance. About 30 people were in attendance. They had a difficult time finding volunteers to serve as officers. In addition we were informed Arnie Bentsdahl passed away.

**Rochester**

The Business Service Provider reported and Peter Obermeyer and Dave Bergstrom attended. There were about 50 people in attendance. All current officers were reelected.

**West Central- Sept. 2010**

The Business Service Provider highlighted the report submitted by Mr. Kuderka. Mr. Kuderka reported they were modestly attended with about 35 people. They did elect some new officers and are trying to host two the meetings per year.

**Southwest- Sept. 23 2010**

The Business Service Provider reported she attended the meeting. MSRS sent a representative from the Mankato office for MSRS update. They did elect a new secretary. Their guest speaker was from ‘HOMEINSTEAD’ a hospice home funded by the community.

**Walker/ Northwood’s- Oct. 2010**

The Business Service Provider reported John Kuderka and Dave Bergstrom were in attendance. They had about 70 people in attendance. The sub chapter had about 10 elected officials and candidates present. A new president was also elected; Shirley Frederick.

**Old Business**

**Report on MN State Retiree Council Convention**

*(see State Retiree Council Report)*

**Update on Retreat Goals**

The Business Service Provider distributed the updated report reviewing the progress and completion of the goals established in 2009.

**New Business**

**Service Provider Annual Contract Renewal** *(service provider excused herself from the room)*

Mr. Gere highlighted the recommendation for renewal of the Business Service Provider's Contract. Upon a motion and second to renew the annual contract the motion carried.

**Other Items**

The Board has historically sent a memorial for past board members who pass away. Arnie Bentsdahl and Sandra Hale both recently passed away.

Upon a motion and second each board member will have a \$100.00 donation made in their name.

**Next Regular Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 as a special meeting. January 12, 2011 will be the next regular meeting.

Ms. Benner was recognized by President Husom. Ms. Benner stated due to the AFSCME disaffiliation she has decided to resign. Judith Schultz and Marie Milsten-Fiedler also resigned due to the disaffiliation. Ms. Benner, Milsten-Fiedler and Schultz all submitted written resignations.

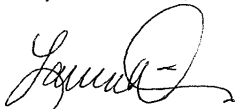
Ms. Willock also submitted a written resignation effective today that contained no specific reason.

Several Board members expressed disappointment in the submitted resignations; the resigned members verbally expressed some opinions about the organization.

**Adjourn Meeting**

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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