

**Special Meeting of the Minnesota Retired State Employees
Association Board of Directors**

December 8, 2010

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**MSRS Building
60 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103**

Welcome and Introductions

President Husom called the meeting to order at 12:48 P.M. Ms Husom welcomed newly appointed board member Dave Beberg and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Board Members Present:

Dave Beberg, Lorene Dimock, Gene Gere, Peggy Hildebrandt, Ruth Husom, John Kuderka, Dennis Maki, Fred Maurer, Richard Mesenburg, Peter Obermeyer

Board Members Excused: Robert Lundahl

Others Present:

Dave Bergstrom-MSRS; Laura Dobozenski-Business Service Provider

Guest presentation: Dave Bergstrom

Mr. Bergstrom updated the board on the Funding Plan status of MSRS. Mr. Bergstrom highlighted the market fluctuations and impact on the MSRS over the years and how the recent legislation has impacted the fund.

Mr. Bergstrom also reported that the Attorney General's Office is handling the lawsuit filed in regards to the legislation passed last year. Due to the lawsuit limited information is available.

Mr. Bergstrom also reported on the activity for the Design Benefit Review Committee in regards to Defined Benefit Plans vs. Defined Contribution Plans. There have been numerous negative articles in the press and media about state pensions. MSRS will be working on educating the public, press and retirees to the facts, benefits and negative's of the two Plans.

AFSCME DISAFFILIATION

Upon reviewing a draft letter approved by the Executive Committee stating the termination date of November 30, 2010, and that all dues owed to AFSCME would be sent separately.

Upon a motion and second to send the letter notifying AFSCME's Retiree Director Mr. Regenstrief as soon as possible, the motion carried.

Notify Sub Chapters

The board reviewed a draft letter to send to the Sub Chapter Presidents in regards to the disaffiliation with the AFSCME Retiree Program. After several recommended changes, Gene and Laura will finalize the letter and send it out to the Sub Chapter Presidents. The letter will also be contained in the newsletter to inform the general membership.

Upon a motion and second to send the letter with recommended changes the motion carried.

MRSEA will return to using its original filing with the Secretary of State as "The Minnesota Retired State Employees Association Inc."

Non Profit Postage Permit

The Business Service Provider will confirm with our mail vendor as to the status of our permit usage due to the disaffiliation.

Brochure

Ms. Husom reported we urgently need to move our brochure forward and have printed. The board reviewed the draft brochure distributed. The business service provider explained the most difficult item to address to new retirees is why should I join? What is my benefit? They do not necessarily understand the cumulative accomplishments of the organization.

The board recommended several changes that will be incorporated into the brochure.

Upon a motion to incorporate the changes to the brochure, send to the board for final comments, then to the vendor to print the motion carried.

2007-2009 Audits

The Business Administrator reported that the Executive Committee has moved forward with the audits. Several members have been contacted and have agreed to help finalize the audits.

Printing

President Husom and the business service provider reported we will need to make a few changes to the membership cards. The finance committee reviewed the bids and our current vendor has the lowest cost.

Travel & Reimbursement Policy

MRSEA as an organization needed to develop a reimbursement policy in written form.

Mr. Gere distributed a draft policy (drafted by John Kuderka) for the board to review.

Upon a motion and second to approve the policy as drafted the motion carried.

2011 Elections

Ms. Husom reported that due to the recent resignations of four board members, there will be eight seats up for reelection. The board has the authority to appoint someone to fill out the terms of those vacated. Ms. Husom reported it is difficult to get people interested to serve on the board and suggested we amend the terms of a few current board members to keep the election to the usual five positions open for election.

Ms. Husom suggested Fred Maurer, Dick Mesenburg and Dave Beberg collectively resign and be appointed to the terms expiring in 2013.

Upon a motion and second to Ms. Husom's recommendation the motion carried.

Newsletter Update

The Business Service Provider reported the winter newsletter will contain the disaffiliation letter sent to the Sub Chapter Presidents, as well as the nominating article. The latest the newsletter has been issued in the winter has been late January.

Current Financial Issues

The business administrator requested authorization for the board to designate authorized signatories for the accounts at Affinity Plus. There are two board members that need to be removed, and replacements be appointed.

Upon a motion and second to appoint Lorene Dimock and Peter Obermeyer as the new signatory's replacing Sally Olsen and Lois Willock.

Budget Review

Mr. Gere distributed the proposed budget for 2011 for acceptance for the board. There were some minor adjustments that were addressed for a couple specific one time purchases. Upon further discussion; a motion and second to approve the budget as presented, the motion carried.

Fred Maurer reported he will not be attending the January meeting and reported he attended the Mankato meeting. Barb and Robert Lamont hosted the scheduled Open Enrollment meeting on Fred's behalf in November.

Fred also reported that Peggy Hildebrandt joined him in hosting the Brainerd Open Enrollment meeting in November.

Adjourn Meeting

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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