

## **MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2011**  
**Meeting Time 1:00 P.M.**  
**MSRS Building**  
**60 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103**

### **Set and Approve the Agenda**

President Husom called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

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

**Board Members Present:** Dave Beberg, Lorene Dimock, Gene Gere, Peggy Hildebrandt, Ruth Husom, Dennis Maki, John Kuderka, Fred Maurer, Howard Ward

**Board Members Excused:** Richard Mesenburg, Peter Obermeyer

**Others Present:** Laura Dobozenki-Business Service Provider

### **Approval of Minutes**

**March 2011**

Upon a motion and second to approve the minutes for March, April and May the motion carried.

### **Membership Update**

The Business Service Provider distributed the updated membership renewal report. Due to the mailing vendor inserting the letter that should have been mailed to new retirees only, this had caused some confusion on renewals. The mail vendor will pay to replace the used letters, as well as mail an apology letter to the initial mail list explaining their error.

The second round of renewals will be mailed shortly. The board discussed the AFSCME renewals mailed to MRSEA members and will prepare a letter to be inserted with the mailing addressing the derogatory statements. The letter will also incorporate suggested comments by John Kuderka urging members to renew with MRSEA.

### **Financial Reports**

The Business Service Provider distributed and highlighted the financial reports for February, March and April 2011. Upon a motion to accept subject to audit and a second, the motion carried.

## **MRSEA Committee Reports**

### **Nominating Committee**

Mr. Kuderka reminded the board they have the authority to appoint directors to fulfill the vacancies. Mr. Maurer thought he may have a contact, and suggested all the board members try to locate possible candidates.

### **Legislative Committee**

Mr. Gere reported the Omnibus Pension Bill did not pass; it was late coming out of the LCPR, and never got up for a vote in either body it will carry over to the next session. It did not contain any items affecting MSRS.

There were approximately forty bills that will carry over to next session that pertained to pension.

Retirees will receive their pension if the state does shutdown, as they are not funded through appropriations.

The Retirement Design Study has forwarded their report to the LCPR. The summary and entire report is available on the MSRS website.

MSRS is awaiting a decision from the court on the lawsuit filed regarding the legislative action taken in 2010 lowering the COLA to 2% for retirees.

### **Insurance Committee**

Mr. Maurer reported he received an email from MMB trying to schedule a meeting regarding Open Enrollment meetings. Mr. Maurer reported some difficulties in scheduling due to the possible state shut down. Ms. Dimock reported the same that all discussions have stopped due to the possible state shutdown.

### **Meeting & Planning Committee**

#### **Annual Spring 2011 Meeting Wrap Up**

Mr. Gere expressed disappointment in the turnout for the meeting. Minneapolis location may be possibilities, as well as considering a breakfast meeting. Mr. Gere reported the committee had worked hard in trying to obtain the governor to speak. Mr. Gere reported attendance has historically declined, as people just do not want to attend meetings.

We waited two months for a confirmation. Dave Bergstrom was an excellent speaker with a timely presentation. Mr. Beberg reported there were multiple parties dissatisfied with their Pork Medallion dinner. The Business Service Provider will contact Jimmy's to see what may be done for a credit.

#### **2011 Fall Membership Event**

The board discussed resuming the fall boat trip as that was always well attended. Mr. Gere suggested moving the date up towards the end of September. Mr. Gere checked into a variety of metro area options and the Stillwater location had the best selection for boat sizes and reasonable pricing. Upon a consensus, Mr. Gere will arrange for the boat trip for sometime this fall, as well as arranging for the Jazz Band.

#### **Publications & Communications Committee**

The Business service Provider reported that given we are trying to schedule a boat trip, we will try to publish a late summer early fall edition to incorporate the boat trip registration and the membership letters regarding renewals.

#### **Technology Committee**

Mr. Maki reported the committee met and discussed long term plans for a desk top computer due to the multiple crashes of our laptops. The committee also will consider different warranty options, as Best Buy sends the computers out for repair and our main computer was out of service for almost seven weeks. Mr. Maki reported the website vendor had made some changes that affected the totals of our web hits. Mr. Maki will work with the vendor.

#### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Gere reported the dues increase for 2012 passed in the budget by the board, was passed by the membership at the Annual May meeting.

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

Mr. Maurer reported investments were doing well the SBI.

#### **Chapter Liaison Reports**

President Husom distributed committee selection forms and requested board members try to complete and return to her before leaving today.

**Brainerd**

Peggy reported the subchapter will meet next week.

**Duluth**

Ms. Dimock reported the officers had some questions regarding PAC. The guest speaker was a representative from Senior LinkAge, and talked about the Advantage Plan.

**Fergus Falls**

Mr. Beberg will be attending their September Annual meeting.

**Mankato**

Mr. Maurer reported there were a couple new members attending. The guest speaker was Dr. Katulsky, discussed health and wellness and was a doctor of Holistic Healing.

Mr. Maurer reported he discussed the AFSCME disaffiliation and had a positive experience.

**Rochester**

*No Report*

**West Central**

No meeting date has been determined. The Business Service Provider has tried to contact the president but not had a reply back. Mr. Kuderka gave a brief historical review of the subchapter.

**Southwest**

Ms. Dimock reported there was a small turnout, they are a very social group, and she gave a brief MRSEA update and Dave Bergstrom attended and gave an update about MSRS.

**Walker/ Northwood's**

Meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2011

**New Business**

**Volunteers for Pre Retirement Classes**

Ms. Husom reported that now the new MRSEA Brochure was finished we need some volunteers who would be interested in attending Pre Retirement classes upon approval from the Commissioner of Finance.

Fred Maurer, John Kuderka and Denis Maki volunteered to do so if approval is granted.

**Election of Officers**

The Business Service Provider conducted the Officer Elections, as follows,

**President:**

Ruth Husom was nominated as President, with no other nominations, nominations were closed. Upon a motion to approve and a second the motion carried unanimously.

**First Vice President:**

Gene Gere was nominated as First Vice President, with no other nominations, nominations were closed. Upon a motion to approve and a second the motion carried unanimously.

**Second Vice President:**

Fred Maurer was nominated as Second Vice President, with no other nominations, nominations were closed. Upon a motion to approve and a second the motion carried unanimously.

**Secretary Treasurer**

Peter Obermeyer was nominated as Secretary/Treasurer, with no other nominations, nominations were closed. Upon a motion to approve and a second the motion carried unanimously.

**Assistant Treasurer:**

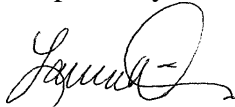
President Husom appointed Peggy Hildebrandt as Assistant Treasurer, upon a motion to approve and a second the appointment passed.

**Next Regular Meeting Date September 14, 2011**

**Adjourn Meeting**

Upon a motion to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



MRSEA Service Provider  
Platinum Professional Management LLC