

## **MINUTES**

**Wednesday October 12, 2011  
Meeting Time 1:00 P.M.  
MSRS Building  
60 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103**

President Husom called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

**Board Members Present:** Dave Beberg, Gene Gere, Peggy Hildebrandt, Ruth Husom, John Kuderka, Fred Maurer, Richard Mesenburg, Peter Obermeyer, Howard Ward

**Board Members Excused:** Lorene Dimock, Dennis Maki

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

### **Set and Approve Agenda**

Upon a motion to approve the agenda with one additional item to discuss a possibly holiday party; upon a second, the motion carried.

### **Approve Minutes of September 14, 2011**

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

### **Membership Report**

The Business Service Provider reported the final request for 2011 renewals will be going out in the mail shortly. Renewals have been very positive and the reply cards received from new retirees is at an all time high.

### **Financial Reports**

The Business Service Provider highlighted the August 2011 financial report, upon a motion to approve subject to audit, and a second, the motion carried.

### **MRSEA Committee Reports**

#### **Nominating Committee**

Mr. Beberg reported he would be calling a meeting of the committee prior to the next board meeting. Mr. Beberg will be polling board members whose terms will be expiring to see if they are interested in seeking reelection.

### **Legislative Committee**

Mr. Obermeyer reported the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement will be meeting October 19<sup>th</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 9, 2011. The theme of the commission in regards to the Defined Benefit Plan vs. Defined Contribution is looking onto some type of hybrid plan for new hires.

Mr. Gere urged all board members to visit the LPCR's website for more information and meeting dates. The MN Taxpayers League and the Free Market Institute have spoken in favor of changing to a defined contribution plan.

Mr. Obermeyer inquired as to what type of program MRSEA wanted to establish with AFSCME in testifying. The consensus of the board was to continue expressing MRSEA's as we have historically done. AFSCME did not submit anything in writing or make verbal comments regarding the study results.

### **Insurance Committee**

Mr. Maurer reported all the Retiree Open Enrollment meetings have been scheduled for the following dates.

- October 31, 2011-Bloomington
- November 1, 2011-Mankato
- November 2, 2011-MSRS- St. Paul
- November 3, 2011-Brainerd
- November 8, 2011-Moose Lake
- November 9, 2011 MSRS –St. Paul

Mr. Maurer and the Business Service Provider assembled a PowerPoint slideshow presentation which MMB will incorporate into their presentations with the participating vendors. MMB will handle all the technological set up and running of the presentations.

The Business Service Provider distributed all the handout materials to promote MRSEA to the board liaisons covering the open enrollment meetings.

### **Meeting & Planning Committee**

## **Fall 2011 Boat Trip Wrap Up**

Mr. Gere reported 143 people attended the riverboat cruise and luncheon. The boat company did change the boat MRSEA was scheduled for due to the size of attendance. The overall feedback was very positive. The food was good and everyone enjoyed the jazz band that provided entertainment during the cruise.

## **Spring 2012 Annual Meeting**

Mr. Gere reported he contacted a variety of locations as possible venues for the spring meeting. The guarantee or room rental fees are becoming cost prohibitive for many locations. Jimmy's in Vadnais Heights will offer a free dessert with the meal for 2012. Jimmy's requirements are the most cost effective at this point. Mr. Gere requested board members to contact him if they have any other possibilities that would be suitable for the spring meeting.

## **Publications & Communications Committee**

Ms. Hildebrandt reported she has been perusing past issues of the newsletter and putting together ideas for the winter publication that would include our necessary articles and possible changes to the formatting of the newsletter.

## **Technology Committee**

The Business Service Provider reported Mr. Maki did call a meeting and the committee discussed procedures for updating the web site. The committee also discussed some user friendly changes to be considered regarding the layout of the website.

## **Finance Committee**

Mr. Gere Reported the business service provider is working completing the restoration of the budget data in the financial system.

## **MSRS Board of Directors**

Mr. Maurer reported the MSRS board met in September and reported they will be changing actuaries as the current actuary company used is going to handle private work. MSRS also had some in-house training and a luncheon.

## **Chapter Liaison Reports**

**Brainerd Sept. 16, 2011**

Ms. Hildebrandt reported 40 members attended the meeting. The current President and Secretary position's terms have expired. The sub chapter did not have anyone volunteer to run for these two offices. The sub chapter will try again at the December meeting to encourage people to accept a board position. The outgoing officers have volunteered to assist the Vice President and Treasurer in preparing for the next meeting.

**Duluth- October 26, 2011-(Dimock)**

No Report

**Fergus Falls- Dec. 2011 (Beberg)**

No Report

**Mankato –Dec. 2011-(Ward)**

No Report

**Rochester-Oct. 21, 2011 (Obermeyer)**

No Report

**West Central- Oct. 13, 2011-(Beberg)**

No Report

**Southwest- Sept. 22, 2011**

Mr. Ward reported about 25 people attended, the guest speakers were from the Social Security Dept. and Mary Borsgard from MSRS filled in for Dave Bergstrom, and the Business Service Provider attended. There were a couple question regarding the AFSCME disaffiliation, overall this was received positively by the sub chapter.

**Northwood's- Oct. 6, 2011**

Ms. Hildebrandt reported the sub chapter met at the local Eagles Club. There were about 40 people in attendance and three local area elected officials. The current president's term will be expiring and she will not be seeking reelection due to other commitments. Lois Buerman from MSRS filled in for Dave Bergstrom and the Business Service Provider also attended.

**New Business**

**Executive Committee Update**

Ms. Husom reported the executive committee met in June and discussed the importance of the board members involvement of keeping the website updated. This task is not the sole responsibility of the service provider. The executive committee also reviewed liaison assignments, liaison descriptions and duties. All board members

were provided handouts of the descriptions of committees, liaisons and duties. President Husom asked all board members to be sure to read the new assignments and duties.

### **Other Items**

#### **Holiday Party**

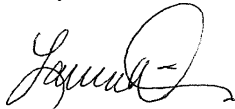
In past years the MRSEA held an Evening Holiday Dinner for board members. This was eliminated in the financial budget package adopted in 2010. The business service provider was asked to poll the board members to see if there was any interest in getting together for a dinner together at their own cost. The Business Service Provider will contact the board members via email to see the level of interest in participating in a get together at the Lexington.

#### **Next Regular Meeting Date November 9, 2011**

#### **Adjourn Meeting**

Upon a motion to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 2:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



MRSEA Service Provider  
Platinum Professional Management, LLC