

**Retired State Employees Association Board Meeting
Held at Ben Hur Shriners' Building
7811 Rockwood Lane, Austin, TX 78757
March 19, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

Board members attending: Bill Hamilton, Justine Martone, Sylvia Gregory, Don Raschke, Tom Griebel, Marie Moore, and Elizabeth Blount.

Board members absent: Willie Piña, Diane Thomas, Dan Van Cleve and Lillie Gilligan.

Guests attending: David Hoge

Others attending: Sheila Moritz.

Open Forum

Minutes

Sheila Moritz reported that she did not have the February Board Meeting and February Special Called Board Meeting minutes completed and available for approval as of this date.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Griebel presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2015 and noted that he had moved funds from a certificate of deposit to the money market account. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Marie Moore and second by Elizabeth Blount, the Treasurer's Report for February 2015 was unanimously accepted subject to audit.

Committee Reports

Communications

Marie Moore reported that she and Don Raschke placed the position statement, the ERS election postponement and legislative report #1 on the RSEA website.

Membership

Justine Martone explained that our printer had made changes to the ERS mail-out letter. The ERS had not completed their review of the final packet. Sheila Moritz asked about the possibility of having dues deducted from active employee's paychecks which might increase membership retention. Bill Hamilton requested that Marie find out the Comptroller's position on doing this.

Office Administration

Marie Moore said she had nothing to report. Sheila Moritz thanked Sylvia Gregory for her assistance in the office.

Insurance

Sylvia Gregory informed the board that insurance companies are asking doctors if their requested tests are really necessary to hold down costs.

Legislative

Elizabeth Blount spoke about the House of Representatives press conference regarding the pension funding. She reported that she and Bill Hamilton have met with over 30 legislators to convey RSEA's position. Elizabeth also noted there have been four bills introduced that would allow an elected ERS Board of Trustee member to be a state retiree.

Old Business

ERS Mailout Requirements

Justine Martone covered this issue in her Membership Report.

Job Posting

Don Raschke briefly discussed the job posting.

Transfer of Funds from Checking to Money Market

Tom Griebel covered this issue in his Treasurer's Report.

CD Rates for CD Renewal

Tom Griebel covered this issue in his Treasurer's Report.

New Business

Setting Date and Location of 2015 Annual Meeting

A discussion was held about various possible locations to be used for the RSEA annual meeting.

AMBA Agreement Renewal

Bill Hamilton indicated the renewal is coming up in May and that we are in great shape to continue our relationship with AMBA.

Printing Order for Envelopes for RSEA Office Use

After a brief discussion, Justine Martone made a motion have special envelopes printed. After a second by Elizabeth Blount, the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion of Using Email System for Membership Retention

After discussing this topic, Bill Hamilton requested Sheila Moritz to forward all e-mails regarding our email distribution list to Don for his handling.

VIII. Executive Session

The board did not go into executive session.

IX. Adjourn

After made a motion by Justine Martone to adjourn the board meeting with a second by Don Raschke, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sheila Moritz, Office Manager.