

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

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

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

Guests attending: David Hoge

Others attending: Sheila Moritz.

Open Forum

The possibility of endorsing candidates for the ERS Board of Trustees was discussed. It was also decided that a special Called Board Meeting would be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24th.

Minutes

The minutes for the December 9, 2014 Board Meeting and the January 15, 2015 Special Called Board Meeting were presented by Sheila Moritz. Marie Moore made a motion to approve the minutes for both meetings and Willie Piña seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Griebel presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2015 with an explanation from Sheila Moritz. Upon motion by Willie Piña and second by Elizabeth Blount, the Treasurer's Report for January 2015 was unanimously accepted subject to audit.

Committee Reports

Communications

Marie Moore did not present a report. Don Raschke stated he'd been told that our winter newsletter was our best.

Membership

Justine Martone reported that final edits had been made to documents to be included in the upcoming mailing to be sent to retirees who are not yet members of RSEA,

Office Systems & Technology

Marie Moore did not present a report.

Insurance

Sylvia Gregory read a summary regarding her meeting with Martha McNeill and Lillie Gilligan.

Legislative

Elizabeth Blount reported on the Welcome Back Reception for the legislature. She noted she had testified before Senate Finance and the Appropriations Subcommittee and would be meeting with the Governor's Office. She said members of the Legislature are speaking favorably of fixing the pension fund and reported on the results of the run-off elections in San Antonio.

Bill Hamilton indicated that a position statement on the two proposed bills would be posted on the RSEA website.

Old Business

ERS Mail Out Requirements

Justine Martone covered this issue in her Membership Report.

Job Posting

Don Raschke briefly discussed the job posting for a part time member services assistant. He made a motion to open up the job posting to all applicants. Tom Griebel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 2:44 p.m. and returned at 2:55 p.m. with no action taken.

A short discussion followed regarding the job selection process.

The board went into a second executive session at 2:58 p.m. and returned at 3:00 p.m. with no action taken.

Review of Current Structure of Board Committees, and Discussion and Possible Action to Restructure Board Committees

No further discussion was held.

Discussion Among Board Members Regarding Volunteers for Committee Membership

No further discussion was held.

New Business

Setting Date of 2015 Annual Meeting

Sheila Moritz shared the information that St. Louis Church was no longer available for use for our annual meeting due to tightened security for the children attending school there.

Transfer of Funds from Checking to Money Market

Don Raschke made a motion to move up to \$20,000 from checking to the money market after consulting with our former financial directors. Marie Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CD Rates for CD Renewal

Tom Griebel shared information regarding a certificate of deposit coming due in March. Don Raschke made a motion that the money in this CD be moved to our money market account when it matures. Elizabeth Blount seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Committee Titles and Appointments

Bill Hamilton reviewed the titles of the committees. Tom Griebel suggested that he join the Office Administration Committee.

A discussion was held regarding adding additional information to board of directors' business cards. Sheila Moritz is to work with Tom Griebel and Marie Moore to make these changes.

Sylvia Gregory moved to adjourn the board meeting with a second by Justine Martone; the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sheila Moritz, Office Manager.