

**Retired State Employees Association Board Meeting
Held at Ben Hur Shriners' Building
7811 Rockwood Lane, Austin, TX 78757
January 15, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

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

Board members absent: Dan Van Cleve and Lillie Gilligan.

Others attending: Sheila Moritz.

Open Forum

Minutes

The minutes for the November 20, 2014 meeting were presented by Sheila Moritz. Marie Moore made a motion to approve the minutes and Willie Piña seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Willie Piña presented the revised Treasurer's Reports for September and October 2014 with an explanation from Sheila Moritz. Upon motion by Tom Griebel and second by Willie Piña, the revised Treasurer's Reports for September and October 2014 were unanimously accepted subject to audit.

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Since one of RSEA's certificates of deposit is due for renewal in March, a discussion followed regarding the interest rates currently being paid on certificates of deposit.

Committee Reports

Communications

Marie Moore indicated that she would discuss the winter newsletter in executive session. The printer's mailing processes and related costs were discussed as well as the postal permit.

Membership

A discussion was held regarding current membership numbers and the number of delinquent members being deactivated.

Discussion followed regarding a planned mailing to annuitants. The final draft is in review.

Office Systems & Technology

Sheila Moritz reminded the board that David Hoge will need to return and install Windows 7 on the older office computer. Elizabeth Blount will ask David to call Sheila to set this up.

Insurance

Sylvia Gregory expressed her confusion in trying to understand the United Healthcare monthly statements and the drug program. A discussion followed which also included generic and compound drugs.

Legislative

Elizabeth Blount spoke about the Comptroller releasing the BRE (Biennial Revenue Estimate) and indicated that it included \$113 billion in revenue and an ending balance of \$7.5 billion.

Elizabeth reminded the board of the Welcome Back reception for the legislature at the Austin Club on January 27th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Old Business

ERS Mail Out Requirements

Justine Martone had previously outlined information regarding the 2015 mailing during her membership committee report.

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

SSL Certificate Renewal

Sheila Moritz reported that our SSL Certificate is up for renewal. After a brief discussion, the board decided that it should continue to be renewed until Sheila is told otherwise.

Job Posting

The job posting was discussed in the executive session.

Committee Titles and Appointments

The members of various committees were listed. The committees below will be comprised of the following people:

Membership: Justine Martone and Diane Thomas.

Communications (website, e-mail and newsletter): Don Raschke, Marie Moore and Diane Thomas.

Office Administration: Marie Moore, Willie Piña and Tom Griebel.

Legislative: Elizabeth Blount, Bill Hamilton, Tom Griebel, and Diane Thomas.*

Insurance: Sylvia Gregory, Lillie Gilligan, and Martha McNeill.

*Additional volunteer members will also serve on the Legislative committee.

Executive Session

The board went into Executive Session at 3:02 p.m. and returned at 4:02 p.m. with no action taken.

Don Raschke made a motion to post the new job opening to the RSEA website. After a second by Marie Moore, the motion was passed unanimously.

After made a motion by Marie Moore to adjourn the board meeting with a second by Elizabeth Blount, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sheila Moritz, Office Manager.