

Retired State Employees Association Board Meeting
RSEA Offices -- 6901 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 121
Austin, TX 78752-3530
January 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

Board members attending: Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Justine Martone, Tom Griebel, Willie Piña, Dan Van Cleve, Bill Dally and Ed Dolzel.

Board members absent: Don Raschke, Diane Thomas, and Lillie Gilligan.

Guests attending: Blake Rocard and Chandler Bellanca.

Others attending: Sheila Moritz.

Open Forum

Blake Rocard introduced himself and Chandler Bellanca. Mr. Rocard is running as a candidate for the House District 49 position which will be vacated by Elliott Naishtat. Mr. Rocard and Mr. Bellanca were not present for the remainder of the meeting.

Bill Hamilton asked the new board members to describe how they found RSEA. Ed Dolzel learned about RSEA through a mass mailing he had received. Mr. Dolzel retired ten years ago and wanted to join others to look out for retirees. Bill Dally was recruited by Elizabeth Blount and became interested in working with the legislative committee. The other board members and office manager introduced themselves and very briefly reviewed their state employment backgrounds.

Minutes

The minutes for the November and December 2015 board meetings were presented by Sheila Moritz. Dan Van Cleve made a motion to approve the minutes for November and December 2015 as submitted and Willie Piña seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Griebel presented the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2015. Upon motion by Dan Van Cleve and second by Justine Martone, the November Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted subject to audit. Upon motion by Bill Dally and second by Ed Dolzel, the December Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted subject to audit.

Mr. Griebel reviewed the Dues and Expenses report and discussed membership data.

Committee Reports

Communications

In the absence of Don Raschke, no communications report was presented.

Membership

Bill Hamilton briefly spoke about a handout provided to the board, "Five Reasons Membership is Killing Association Business Models."

Office Administration

Marie Moore stated that she had nothing new to report. Sheila Moritz expressed her appreciation to Bill Hamilton and Tom Griebel for their efforts in getting the office cleaned up after the ceiling leaks and for negotiating with the landlord for a reduction in the rent for one month.

Insurance

No report.

Legislative

No report.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Collaborations with AMBA (Association Member Benefits Advisors)

This issue was covered under new business.

Marketing Plan, Tech Outreach and Scholarship

Due to the absence of Diane Thomas, discussion on this issue was postponed until our February board meeting.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Board Membership on Board Committees

Bill Hamilton spoke about the responsibilities of the various committees. He indicated that he wanted to wait until the next board meeting to make committee assignments.

President Hamilton referred the board to pages 2 and 3 of the January RSEA newsletter. Tom Griebel expressed his opinion that RSEA board members should participate in the public testimony for the sunset review of ERS. Mr. Hamilton intended to follow up and provide additional information to the board.

Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint a Special Committee or Task Force to Work on Association Membership Strategies with AMBA. Dan Van Cleve made a motion that Tom Griebel, Diane Thomas and Bill Hamilton would comprise a task force to meet with AMBA and Marie Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Office Manager's Duties and Salary Increases

Sheila Moritz shared the information of her duties and salary with the board. Discussion followed.

Willie Piña had to leave the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 3:02 p.m. and returned at 3:22 p.m.

Adjourn

Dan Van Cleve moved to adjourn the board meeting with a second by Marie Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sheila Moritz, Office Manager.