

**Retired State Employees Association Board Meeting
Held at RSEA Offices
6901 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 121
Austin, TX 78752-3530
October 22, 2015**

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

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

Board members absent: Don Raschke and Dan Van Cleve.

Guests attending: Bill Dally.

Others attending: Sheila Moritz.

Open Forum

Minutes

The amended minutes for the August 20, 2015 board meeting were presented by Sheila Moritz. Tom Griebel made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, and Willie Piña seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Griebel presented the Treasurer's Reports for August and September 2015. Upon motion by Marie Moore and second by Elizabeth Blount, they were unanimously accepted subject to audit.

Tom reviewed his Dues and Expenses report.

Committee Reports

Communications

Due to Don Raschke's absence, no communications report was given.

Membership

Bill Hamilton reported that Don Raschke will monitor the new free memberships given out at the ERS Staying Connected fairs for renewals next year.

Office Administration

Marie Moore had no office administration issues to report.

Insurance

Sylvia Gregory held her comments for new business agenda item.

Legislative

Elizabeth Blount reported that Lt. Governor Dan Patrick announced that the Senate State Affairs would be reviewing payroll dues deductions and ERS dues deductions.

Old Business

New Member for Texans for Secure Retirement Board

This issue was addressed under new business.

Discussion and Possible Action to Change the Vision Services Plan as Offered to RSEA Members by AMBA (Association Member Benefits Advisors)

Sylvia Gregory discussed her research regarding the vision plan and dental plans offered by AMBA.

Discussion and Possible Action to Allow RSEA Board Members to Attend AMBA's "2015 Round-Up" in Austin, Texas, November 8-11, 2015

No further discussion on this topic occurred.

New Business

Review of 2015 Annual Meeting

There was a discussion of the 2015 annual meeting including attendance, registration, and the comments on the feedback forms returned to us.

Holiday Work Schedule

Sheila Moritz reviewed the holiday work schedule and the time she plans to take off from work.

Office Space

Tom Griebel had no additional information to report.

Replacement for the Texans for Secure Retirement Board

The Texans for Secure Retirement Board will be meeting on November 18th. Elizabeth Blount asked for a volunteer to replace her on that board. Bill Hamilton indicated his interest, and Diane Thomas also volunteered if Bill was unable to do so. At 3:05 p.m. Bill stepped down as Chair, and Marie Moore acted as Chair. Tom Griebel made a motion that Bill Hamilton be named as Elizabeth Blount's replacement on the TSR board with Diane Thomas as an alternate to attend meetings with Mr. Hamilton or in his absence. After a second by Elizabeth Blount, the motion passed unanimously. At 3:10 p.m. Bill Hamilton took over as Chair.

Reserve and Investment Policy

Tom Griebel proposed investment scenarios. Sylvia Gregory made a motion to approve the concept proposal to invest our reserves. After a second by Elizabeth Blount, the motion was passed unanimously. Tom Griebel will provide additional information at the November meeting.

Executive Women in Texas Government

Justine Martone announced that she would be unable to attend this conference. Marie Moore reported that she would attend and would be responsible for setting up. Diane Thomas said that she would attend the afternoon session.

Recommendations for Membership Retention

It was anticipated that AMBA "2015 Round-Up" would provide information on retaining members.

Executive Session

The board did not go into executive session.

Adjourn

Marie Moore moved to adjourn the board meeting with a second by Elizabeth Blount. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sheila Moritz, Office Manager.