

**Retired State Employees Association Board Meeting**  
**Threadgill's Restaurant. 6417 N. Lamar Blvd.**  
**Austin, TX 78752**  
**April 21, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 11:36 a.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

Board members attending: Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Justine Martone, Tom Griebel, Don Raschke, Bill Dally and Diane Thomas.

Board members absent: Willie Piña, Dan Van Cleve, Ed Dolzel, and Lillie Gilligan.

Guests attending: Bill Puryear.

Others attending: Sheila Moritz.

### **Open Forum**

President Hamilton outlined the agenda, noting the longer time period was needed for discussion of all items.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the March 17, 2016 board meeting were presented by Sheila Moritz. Tom Griebel made a motion to approve the minutes for March 17, 2016 as submitted. Justine Martone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tom Griebel presented the Treasurer's Reports for March 2016. Upon motion by Don Raschke and second by Bill Dally, the November Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted subject to audit.

Tom reviewed the Dues and Expenses report and discussed membership data.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Communications**

A member had contacted the RSEA office to ask if news clips that are included with dues statements and are also posted on the website could be postal mailed to her on a monthly basis. (This member does not use a personal computer.)

Don Raschke discussed the need for the website to be rebuilt because of requirements from RSEA's website host. Diane Thomas planned to schedule a meeting with a potential webmaster who could assist with the project.

*The meeting was paused at 11:55 a.m. and resumed at 12:22 p.m.*

### **Membership**

Justine Martone managed a vendor table at a wellness fair on April 20 at the Winters Building. She talked with a number of active state employees who are interested in RSEA.

### **Office Administration**

Marie Moore reported about a large mailing of dues statements and shared information regarding mailings for the next few months. Directors might be asked to assist the Office Manager with these processes.

### **Insurance**

Tom Griebel recommended that RSEA study the state's health insurance plans. He noted the state achieves substantial savings from having retirees participate in Medicare Advantage plans.

## **Legislative**

President Hamilton referred to documents and information related to the Employees Retirement System.

## **Action Items**

### **Discussion and Possible Action to Engage Financial Audit Services**

Mr. Griebel had interviewed several individuals who are CPAs regarding performing an audit for RSEA. He had received information regarding current law and CPA practices in relation to the scope of an audit for an organization such as RSEA. His search will continue.

### **Discussion and Possible Action to Establish an RSEA Foundation**

Justine Martone led discussion related to setting up a foundation for assistance and/or scholarships for members or their families. Ms. Martone asked for guidance on whether to continue research. It was noted that such an endeavor would require various accounting and legal expertise.

Upon motion by Justine Martone and second by Tom Griebel, the Board authorized Justine Martone to communicate with other organizations to learn what would be required to set up a foundation. The motion passed unanimously

## **Strategic Planning Session**

### **Member Recruitment and Retention**

Various tools and methods for membership retention and recruitment were described. Notes will be provided to the board.

### **Legislative Planning, ERS Sunset Review**

Bill Hamilton, Bill Dally and Tom Griebel had attended meetings and hearings related to the ongoing Sunset Review of the ERS. Mr. Hamilton discussed current information and status of the process and the schedule for the next phase.

Bill Dally planned to communicate with several RSEA members who had expressed interest to serve on the legislative committee.

### **Relationship with AMBA**

There is continual communication with AMBA. The committee has not yet met with AMBA principals.

### **Annual Meeting Planning**

The meeting will be held during the month of September. Points discussed were: location, speakers, other participants, vendors, door prizes and awards.

### **Recruitment of Volunteers and Potential New Board Members**

A nominating committee will be appointed at the regular board meeting in May.

### **Review of Bylaws**

A committee – Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, and Don Raschke – will review the RSEA bylaws.

## **Adjourn**

Justine Martone moved to adjourn the board meeting with a second by Don Raschke. The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.