

Retired State Employees Association Board Meeting
Held at RSEA Offices
6901 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 121
Austin, TX 78752-3530
April 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:46 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

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

Board members absent: Tom Griebel, Dan Van Cleve, Willie Piña and Lillie Gilligan.

Guests attending: None.

Others attending: Sheila Moritz.

Open Forum

Minutes

The minutes for the February 19th and March 19th Board Meetings and the February 24th and March 25th Special Called Board Meetings were presented by Sheila Moritz. Marie Moore made a motion to approve the minutes for all four meetings and Elizabeth Blount seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

In Tom Griebel's absence, Sheila Moritz presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2015 which Tom had reviewed earlier. Upon motion by Don Raschke and second by Diane Thomas, the Treasurer's Report for March 2015 was unanimously accepted subject to audit.

Committee Reports

Communications

Don Raschke gave a report on the status of the job posting.

Membership

Justine Martone reported that the ERS mailing list had been sent to our printer. Sheila Moritz was instructed to prepare the check for the cost of the postage.

Office Administration

Marie Moore did not present a report.

Insurance

Sylvia Gregory presented a report on the research she had done on applying for long-term care insurance. Elizabeth Blount suggested we consider having a panel on long-term care insurance at our annual meeting.

Legislative

Elizabeth Blount reported that HB9 and the budget was out of the House. The Senate replaced HB1 with their own language and voted the bill out. A joint conference committee would begin reviewing the legislation. SB1941 was not yet on the Senate agenda. Senate State Affairs had started meeting twice a week. Two bills regarding allowing state retirees to serve on the ERS Board of Trustees had been reported out favorably and were on their way to the calendar. SB1968 had been voted out of Senate State Affairs. This bill would stop the deduction of membership dues from active employees' paychecks and retirees' annuities. Ms. Blount registered as opposed but did not testify.

Elizabeth relayed an invitation to the board to attend Executive Women in Texas Government's reception for Ann Bishop and Porter Wilson, both of ERS.

Old Business**Job Posting**

After a brief discussion, it was decided that there would be no changes to the job posting at this time.

Transfer of Funds from Checking to Money Market

No further discussion occurred.

Setting Date and Location of 2015 Annual Meeting

After a discussion of possible meeting locations, it was decided that Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Justine Martone and Sheila Moritz will meet at St. Vincent De Paul Church to check out their facilities to possibly use for our annual meeting. This ad-hoc committee was authorized to make a final site selection.

Discussion of Using Email System for Membership Retention

Methods would be put in place when an additional employee is hired.

Position

No further discussion occurred.

New Business**Status of Mass Mailing**

This topic was discussed in the membership report.

Reprinting of RSEA Membership Cards

Marie Moore made a motion to approve the printing of membership cards up to \$1,000, with quantities to be determined by Sheila Moritz. After a second by Justine Martone, the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The board did not go into executive session.

Adjourn

Elizabeth Blount moved to adjourn the board meeting with a second by Don Raschke; the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sheila Moritz, Office Manager.