

Minutes
Retired State Employees Association Board Meeting
RSEA Office—6901 North Lamar Blvd., Suite 121
Austin, TX 78752-3530
Nov 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton

Board members attending: Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Justine Martone, Tom Griebel, William Piña, Lillie Gilligan, Don Raschke, Bill Dally and Ed Dolzel

Board members absent: Diane Thomas and Daniel Van Cleve, Jr.

OPEN FORUM

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Marie Moore introduced Celia Lovett and Debbie El-Bathy as the new Co Office Managers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the October 13, 2016 Board meeting were presented by Bill Hamilton. Lillie Gilligan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted with second by Justine Martone; motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT and RELATED FINANCIALS

Tom Griebel presented the Treasurer's report for September and October 2016. Don Raschke moved to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Ed Dolzel; motion passed unanimously.

The agenda was amended to include discussion and possible action to retain professional services for audit/review. The motion was offered by Lillie Gilligan, second by Justine Martone; motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications

Don Raschke reported the computer database had been updated and he would work with the new office managers to train them in website development and update and email contact maintenance.

Membership

Justine Martone reported on the previous month's outreach activity.

Office Administration

Information was deferred to be included in staff reports.

Insurance

Bill Hamilton suggested that representatives from new providers could be invited to the next board meeting.

Legislative

There was discussion of emerging leadership and proposed legislation.

STAFF REPORTS

EMERGING IDEAS

Office administrator role was outlined by Marie Moore, Celia Lovett and Debbie El-Bathy.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2017 YEAR BUDGET

Tom Griebel presented the proposed budget, followed by discussion. Marie Moore moved for approval of the budget as amended; second by Justine Martone. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

William Piña provided pictures from the event. Feedback from evaluations and attendees had been very positive.

VOLUNTEERS and POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP DATE

Efforts would be made to schedule a work session after January 1, 2017, but before the January 19, 2017 board meeting.

CAPITOL NEWS and NEWSLETTER

A newsletter and Capitol News #7 would be prepared in late November and mailed in early January, 2017.

AMBA UPDATE

Marie Moore briefly discussed recent communications.

TEXANS for SECURE RETIREMENT

Bill Hamilton and Tom Griebel attended a recent symposium.

ERS SUNSET REVIEW

Bill Hamilton discussed the Sunset Commission report on ERS that was released on November 10, 2016. Bill reiterated RSEA's three main goals to be communicated during the upcoming legislative session: (1) achieving an actuarially sound fund; (2) better insurance (re-establish Benefits Advisory Council); (3) the need for a retiree on the board. A draft of H.B. No. 265 was distributed to the board.

Other Issues

The Board will meet again for a special issue/work session on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 12:30p.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm upon motion by Ed Dolzel and second by Tom Griebel.