

Retired State Employees Association Board Meeting
RSEA Offices -- 6901 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 121
Austin, TX 78752-3530
November 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

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

Board members absent: Lillie Gilligan and Dan Van Cleve.

Guests attending: None.

Others attending: Sheila Moritz.

Open Forum

Minutes

The minutes for the October 22, 2015 board meeting were presented by Sheila Moritz. Marie Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, and Elizabeth Blount seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Griebel presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2015. Upon motion by Don Raschke and second by Diane Thomas, the report was unanimously accepted subject to audit.

Tom reviewed the Dues and Expenses report and discussed membership data. He suggested that a financial audit be performed in 2016.

Committee Reports

Communications

Don Raschke reported that the membership specialist position had been terminated. He noted that the former employee would be available for part-time assistance should the need arise.

Mr. Raschke discussed email notifications that may be sent to general membership.

Membership

Planning will continue for a membership recruitment during February or March.

Office Administration

Marie Moore stated that Sheila Moritz will need to keep her informed as to the need for sporadic assistance in the office.

Insurance

Sylvia Gregory did not have additional information to report.

Legislative

Elizabeth Blount reported that Bill Hamilton had been appointed to take her place on the board of Texans for Secure Retirement. She also spoke about legislators who will not be running for office again and various studies that will be performed during this interim year.

Old Business

Executive Women in Texas Government

Marie Moore reported that she would attend and would be responsible for setting up the RSEA exhibit. Bill Hamilton also planned to attend and Diane Thomas would cover during the afternoon.

New Business

Discussion of Impressions from AMBA Round-Up 2015 and Future Opportunities to Work with AMBA on Member Services

Following discussion, Marie Moore made a motion with a second by Diane Thomas to create a special task force on AMBA with members to include Diane Thomas, Tom Griebel and Bill Hamilton. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of RSEA Membership Recruitment and Retention Strategies and Future Plans

Bill Hamilton said that Don Raschke will continue to spearhead this issue. Personnel focus, technology implementation, or marketing strategies will be researched.

Review and Possible Action on the 2016 Budget

No further action was taken at this time.

Discussion and Possible Action to Schedule a Special Called Board Meeting in December to Discuss/Approve the Budget for 2016, and Receive a Report on the December Meeting of the ERS Board of Trustees

After a brief discussion, it was suggested that a Special Called Board Meeting be held on Friday, December 4th or Monday, December 7th.

Investment Recommendations

Tom Griebel described strategies for investment of funds. Elizabeth Blount made a motion with a second by Willie Piña to approve the Treasurer's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of December Newsletter

Marie Moore described possible newsletter articles and potential dates for distribution.

Marketing Plan, Tech Outreach and Scholarship

This issue will be covered by the AMBA taskforce created earlier in the meeting.

Holiday Gathering

Diane Thomas offered to have a holiday party for the board at her home.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 1:37 p.m. and returned at 2:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Elizabeth Blount moved to adjourn the board meeting with a second by Sylvia Gregory. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sheila Moritz, Office Manager.