

Retired State Employees Association Board Meeting
RSEA Offices, 6901 N. Lamar
Austin, TX 78752
June 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

Board members attending: Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Justine Martone, Tom Griebel, Don Raschke, Bill Dally, Dan Van Cleve, Ed Dolzel, Diane Thomas, Lillie Gilligan.

Board members absent: Willie Piña.

Guests attending: None.

Others attending: None.

Open Forum

President Hamilton outlined the agenda.

Minutes

The minutes for the May 12 and May 19 board meetings were presented. Dan VanCleve moved approval of the minutes as amended. Tom Griebel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Griebel presented and discussed the Treasurer's Report and related financial and membership data.

Committee Reports

Communications

Don Raschke described changes that are being made to the new website. Concurrently, the website email address will be changed. There was discussion about placement of various items of interest to our members.

Membership

Justine Martone discussed ongoing membership matters and opportunities for outreach.

Office Administration

Administration would be discussed under another agenda item.

Insurance

A formal report was not presented. Bill Hamilton noted that information about increases in health insurance premiums and the upcoming change in the prescription plan administrator had been disseminated by the Employees Retirement System (ERS). In addition, RSEA's Capitol News report for May had briefly outlined the changes.

Legislative

President Hamilton discussed recent communications and meetings he, Tom Griebel, and Bill Dally had attended.

- Sunset review of the ERS continues; a public meeting is not yet scheduled;
- The Speaker's office had not yet appointed a new member to the board of ERS;
- There was a local hearing of the Pensions Committee on June 13;
- Information from ERS regarding accelerated payoff of unfunded liabilities had been obtained;

- Recent meetings of the House and Senate State Affairs Committee were discussed.

Action Items

Update on transition regarding Office Manager position, including discussion and possible action to engage temporary services and recruiting for the position.

Marie Moore provided an update on status of the office. The temporary employee performed well; board members had assisted with certain tasks. The position had been posted on Monster/Jobs.com and a number of applications had been received. Interviews were being scheduled.

Planning process for the 2016 Annual RSEA Members Meeting, September 15, 2016

A Vendor Committee, chaired by Diane Thomas, would be researching vendor opportunities.

There was discussion and suggestions for speakers and meeting content. A work session for more detailed planning for the annual meeting was set for Friday, June 24.

Discussion and possible action to schedule a “volunteer workshop” day

A workshop would be scheduled for a date not later than August 15. Additional names were added to the workshop invitee list.

Discussion and possible action regarding new member recruitment strategies with AMBA Bill Hamilton had met with an executive with AMBA. Various strategies had been discussed; more information will be shared at a later date.

Update on ERS Sunset Review

This item was discussed with the Legislative committee report.

Update on pending issues of RSEA strategic planning process

All issues had been addressed; review would continue.

Other Issues for the Good of the Order

The nominating committee composed of Justine Martone, Chair, Bill Dally, and Tom Griebel will be communicating with potential candidates.

The Capital News report for June would focus on interim legislative committee meetings.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Dan Van Cleve and second by Lillie Gilligan, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by Marie Moore.