

Minutes
Retired State Employees Association
Board of Directors Meeting
314 E. Highland Mall Blvd., Suite 507, Austin Texas
December 5, 2018 – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton. Moments of silence were observed in honor of President George H.W. Bush.

Board Members in attendance: Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Tom Griebel, Don Raschke, Vic Holubec, Bill Dally and Willie Piña.

Board Members Absent: Diane Thomas and Dona Medlock.

Others Present: Elena Diaz, Board Member-elect.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes for the October 18, 2018, regular monthly Board meeting were presented by Bill Hamilton. Don Raschke moved approval of the minutes as amended; with a second by Tom Griebel, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Related Financials

Tom Griebel presented financial reports for the months of September and October, 2018. Don Raschke moved acceptance, subject to audit, of the September reports as presented, with a second by Willie Piña. Bill Dally moved acceptance, subject to audit, of the October reports as amended, with a second by Vic Holubec. Both motions passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Communications** – Don Raschke outlined features of the new website. Credit card dues payments may be made by using PayPal. Another notable addition is the ability for users to give feedback.

Emails would be sent to members to provide updates on legislative activities.

- **Membership** – Don Raschke discussed a membership drive planned in late January, 2019. Additional assistance from Board members would be needed for participation at health fairs and other exhibitor venues.
- **Office Administration** – Marie Moore and Don Raschke discussed projects and activities within the office.
- **Insurance and Annuities** – A summary and review of the ERS Board of Trustees agenda for the meeting scheduled on December 11-12 was given by Bill Hamilton. An ERS “stakeholders briefing” was scheduled for December 17. Bill Dally planned to attend and represent RSEA at the briefing.

- **Legislative (including ERS meetings)** – Bill Hamilton discussed strategies related to the 2019 legislative session. President Hamilton restated RSEA’s priorities and legislative agenda:
 - Establish a path to actuarial soundness of the pension fund
 - No detrimental changes in benefits or costs of the health insurance program
 - Designate a position for a retiree to serve on the ERS Board of Trustees

Discussion and Possible Approval for Budget for 2019

Tom Griebel outlined a proposed budget. Following discussion, Bill Dally moved approval; Vic Holubec provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Status Report on UT MIS374 Project

Information was provided by Don Raschke and Marie Moore. The student team from the University of Texas McCombs School of Business worked with Don and Marie from September to December. They created the new website with related components.

The team reviewed business and administrative operations and provided expertise for various improvements. Substantial upgrades were made to data systems.

Membership Outreach Planning for 2019

Items were discussed by Mr. Raschke under the Standing Committee Report.

Mr. Hamilton summarized his participation at a recent conference attended by representatives of retiree associations from Texas and other states.

Executive Session

The board entered into executive session at 12:45 and reconvened in open meeting at 12:55.

The Board recognized office administrative services that had been provided by Marie Moore since staff left employment in October. Bill Dally moved to acknowledge compensation would be paid to Marie Moore during the interim period. Willie Piña seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

Other Issues for the Good of the Order

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m. upon motion by Marie Moore and second by Tom Griebel.