

**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 7, 2019**

A quorum being present, President Ann Marie Downey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., noting that this is the 75th anniversary year of MRSPA.

New Board members were announced: Brenda Barnes, Area II South Area Director; Fred Evans, Legislative Chair; Anne Humphrey, Public Relations Chair; and Jay Stevens, Bylaws Chair. Other Board members assuming new positions on the Board are Harold Siskind, Member Benefits Chair, and Carla Duls, Newsletter Editor, and George Denny, Jr., President-elect. Ken Haines, Retirement and Pension System Trustee was introduced.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed, and the agenda was approved as printed without objection.

The minutes of the March 6, 2019, Board Meeting were approved as printed without objection.

The minutes of the May 8, 2019 Annual Business Meeting were approved as printed without objection.

Alicia Hardisky, treasurer, shared two reports.

Figures June 30, 2019

Checkbook Balance	\$ 5,730.59
Bond Fund	0.00
Savings	0.00
Certificates of Deposit	0.00
Mutual Funds	524,966.29
Current Assets	530,696.88
 Total Assets	 530,696.88
 Total Liabilities	 237.23
Net Assets	530,459.65
Total Liabilities/Net Assets	\$530,696.88

Figures July 31, 2019

Checkbook Balance	\$412,402.63
Bond Fund	0.00
Savings	0.00
Certificates of Deposit	0.00
Mutual Funds	542,515.22
 Total Assets	 954,917.85
 Total Liabilities	 232.60
Net Assets	954,685.25
Total Liabilities/Net Assets	\$954,917.85

The previously approved amount of \$50,000.00 was transferred from the investment account to the checking account to cover end of FY 19 bills. The MRSPA Scholarship and Retiree Health Trust funds are stable. Dues income for FY19-20 is at \$456,196.00

as of July 31, 2019. Some adjustments have been made for areas overspent such as the Annual Meeting and legal fees.

President's Report: Ann Marie shared highlights from her written report and added:

- The Executive Committee will meet to approve her recommendation that Sharyn Doyle, Anne Arundel County, be appointed to finish Carla Duls' year as secretary. Carla has resigned the position to serve as newsletter editor.
- She and Vice President Charlie Gable will divide attendance at committee meetings.
- The fall Leadership Conference will be held at the Comfort Inn in Bowie on September 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The emphasis will be on "visibility."

Executive Director's Report: In addition to her written report, Wanda introduced the recently hired Administrative Assistant Julia Williams. She also added:

- Two thousand members have not paid their cash dues to renew membership. Second notices will be sent out at the end of August.
- The current membership is 13,533 with 13 locals showing a gain, nine locals showing a decrease in membership, and two locals breaking even. The recent blind recruitment letter has netted 88 new members.
- The Boardroom will be rented out to the real estate agent in the building from time to time for non-dues income.
- The importance of locals being incorporated was mentioned.

Vice President's Report: A written report was submitted by Vice President Charles Gable.

Area Directors' Reports

Area I West:	Henrietta Lease submitted a written report.
Area I East:	Sally Smith submitted a written report.
Area II North:	Janet Williams submitted a written report.
Area II South:	New Area Director Brenda Barnes was introduced.
Area III North:	Debbie Chance submitted a written report.
Area III South:	Bev Yurek submitted a written report.

Standing Committee Reports

Bylaws

There was no report. Board members asked to read through the Bylaws for areas in need of editing and let Ann Marie, Wanda or Jay know of suggested changes by August 15, 2019.

Community Service

Trish Bendler submitted a written report. Trish made a motion that the MRSPA Board of Directors approve the proposed language for the Community Foundation of Frederick County to distribute scholarships and mini-grants. The motion was approved. With this approval, Wanda and Ann Marie can meet with representatives of the Foundation to work on details of the agreement.

Consumer Education

There was no report.

Finance

Dr. Stephen Raucher submitted a written report. In addition, Stephen reported a 10% net increase in the investment account and a 7% in the health care trust.

Legislative

There was no report. The committee will meet on August 13.

Member Benefits

There was no written report. New committee chair Harold Siskind indicated his desire to solicit benefits from large companies such as Verizon that would provide incentives for membership.

Membership

Ruth Clendaniel submitted a written report.

Nominating

There was no report. Chair Charles Gable announced that the committee would meet later today to discuss nominations for the 20-21 year.

Public Relations

Carla Duls submitted a written report.

Scholarship

Tillie Barckley submitted a written report. Tillie reported that the applications process will begin on January 1, 2010, and end on January 31, 2020. Last year there were 86 applications.

Travel

Judy Reiff submitted a written report. In addition, Judy announced that the Southwest National Parks trip will be September 19-30, 2020. The prices for the New York trip, November 5-7, 2019 have changed: double occupancy (\$1026 each); three people (\$866 each); four people (\$785); and single occupancy (\$1508). The final payment is due September 4, 2019.

Other Reports

Retirement and Pension System Trustee

Ken Haines reported that he attended an administrative meeting and will attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees next week.

Newsletter Editor

Carla Duls announced that the deadline for submitting articles for the fall 2019 issue of the *MRSPA News* is Friday, September 6. A copy of the newsletter schedule for the year was shared.

Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Dues Revenue

Dr. Stephen Raucher indicated that his committee will meet with Ann Marie and Wanda to more clearly delineate the difference between his objective and that of the committee as well as to determine if there are conflict of interest issues to be resolved.

There was no Unfinished Business.

There was no New Business.

Announcements were made concerning the MRSPA Board of Directors picture, the special Executive Committee meeting, and the Nominating Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla J. Duls
MRSPA Secretary