

MARYLAND RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES – Virtual
August 11, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The hybrid meeting scheduled for the above date was rescheduled to a virtual only meeting due to Covid-19. The meeting was called to order by President George Denny at 10:00 a.m.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

A quorum was declared, and all were welcomed. New faces to the Board included Russell Wright, Phyllis Cherry and Nancy Gordon. John Sisson, Area III South Director and Alicia Hardisky, Finance Committee Chair were welcomed in their new positions. There were twenty- one (21) members present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Nancy Gordon, seconded by Leslie Heiderman Schell carried unanimously.

4. MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by John Sisson; seconded by Sally Smith carried unanimously. Steve Raucher called attention to the misspelling of his name which will be corrected.

5. MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2021 ABM MEETING

Motion to accept the minutes as presented by John Sisson; seconded by Charlie Gable carried unanimously.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The report submitted was the 6/30/2021 report. This is the end of the fiscal year report. Only Stephen, George, and Alicia received the 7/31/2021 report electronically because it was too late to include in the packet for the entire Board.

We were about 500 below the estimated number of members which meant about a \$23,000 reduction in dues income, but we made it up in investments. Dues are beginning to come into the State. The bank account is in good shape. We have about 12,500 members.

July expenses will be mostly for administration and salaries. The report will be filed for audit.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing to add to written report. Thanks to all for jobs well done.

8. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report. Debbie Chance is on vacation.

9. PRESIDENT- ELECT'S REPORT

Nothing to add to written report.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nothing to add to written report aside from some membership numbers. We had 462 deceased members in 2021, 380 cancelled cash, 96 rejoined, 274 switch & save, 30 gift cards were given for

recruiting new members, 428 new members. Blind mailing to about 8500 potential members going out this week.

11. AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS

AREA I WEST –H. Lease – Went to Allegany; they now have a president (Bonnie Troxell); (John Bowman) vice president. No president for Garrett. They will be meeting the last week of September.

AREA I EAST – Sally Smith – Nothing to add to written report

AREA II NORTH – C. Gable, Jr. – Nothing to add to written report. Unable to contact Baltimore City.

AREA II SOUTH – B. Barnes – St. Mary’s and Charles had outdoor meetings that went well. Installed new officers.

AREA III NORTH – B. Weller – Nothing to report.

AREA III SOUTH – J. Sisson – I am reaching out to locals. Bev Yurek agreed to be president for Wicomico. Will install new officers there in September.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BY-LAWS – F. Miller – Considerable discussion regarding the amendment by Baltimore City at the Annual Business Meeting regarding including local presidents in the Annual Meeting in an emergency situation relative to Article IX Section 3, Emergency Powers of the Bylaws.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – T. Bendler – No Report. Meeting tomorrow to discuss mini-grants.

CONSUMER EDUCATION – P. Cherry – Will be meeting September 22, 2021.

FINANCE – A. Hardisky – Nothing to add to written report.

LEGISLATIVE – F. Evans (absent)- Sent written report. Legislative priorities will be discussed at the August 24 meeting. Legislative workshop will be scheduled during that meeting, too. Virginia Crespo will continue as our legislative aide.

MEMBER BENEFITS – A. Mitchell – Shared information regarding the Valvoline proposal to become a benefit discussed. Committee’s motion to approve Valvoline as a member benefit carried. Steve Raucher said to check that it in no way conflicts or violates our agreement with AMBA. Wanda shared that she believed it did not conflict with the agreement.

MEMBERSHIP – L. Heiderman Schell – Correction to written report – subcommittee met August 5, 2021, to discuss the September 9 virtual Meet & Greet for new members.

NOMINATING – D. Chance (absent) – No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – A. Humphrey (absent)– No report

SCHOLARSHIP – N. Gordon – Meeting August 25, 2021.

TRAVEL- Still no chair.

13. OTHER REPORTS

RETIREMENT PENSION SYSTEM – K. Haines – It’s been a very good year for returns 27.4%. Still working for full funding by 2028.

NEWSLETTER – R. Wright – His first edition will be in September. Will be working remotely.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MONEY MARKET – There was brief discussion about moving some money from the money market account to the investment account. It was decided by consensus that this could be taken up by the Finance Committee.

15. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – December 8, 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – January 12, 2022

Meeting dates on page three of the handbook.

Leadership Workshop scheduled for September 29 in Bowie at Comfort Inn– being reviewed due to covid.

Looking for a qualified trainer for topic: Diversity Issues. Nancy Gordon and Phyllis Cherry said they would share contact information on people they knew who might be available.

Please return code of ethics if you have not already.

Thanks to all for in attendance today.

DOOR PRIZES - #1- John Sisson, #2 – Alice Mitchell

17. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Williams, Secretary