Maryland Retired School Personnel Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Hybrid
August 5, 2025

Members Present: Betty Weller, President; Alice Mitchell, President- Elect; Tillie Barckley, Vice President; George Sparks, Jr., Parliamentarian; Sally Smith, Area I East Director; Christine Doucette, Area I West Director; Carla Duls, Area II South Director; Nancy Gordon, Area II North Director; John Sisson, Area III South Director; Wanda Twigg, Executive Director; Harold Siskind, Travel Chair; Dr. John Bowman, II, Bylaws Chair; Kathy Campagnoli, Community Service Chair; Mary Holden, Membership Chair; Dr. Stephen Raucher, Treasurer; Deb Ahalt, Public Relations Chair; Alana Turner, Consumer Education; Caroll Visintainer, Ed.D., Scholarship Chair; Ayana English-Brown, MSRPS Trustee; Tom Slater, Legislative Chair; Virginia Crespo, Legislative Aide; Debbie Hance, Newsletter Editor; and Sharyn Doyle, Secretary

Members Absent: Dr. Debbie Chance, Area III North Director; Leslie Heiderman Schell, Member Benefits Chair

1. Call to Order: A quorum being present, President Weller called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions: Members were welcomed and introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as written on a motion made by Stephen and seconded by Tillie. Motion passed with all in favor.

4. Minutes from March 11, 2025, Board Meeting: The minutes were approved as written on a motion by Caroll and seconded by Harold with all in favor.

5. Minutes from May 6, 2025, ABM: The minutes were approved as written on a motion by Harold seconded by Alana, with all in favor.

6. Treasurer's Report: Dr. Stephen Raucher, Treasurer, reviewed the June 30, 2025 Treasurer's Report after wishing everyone a Happy Belated Fiscal New Year. He shared and highlighted several budget figures. He expressed good news; we had a growth in assets of $87,864.17 and ended the year above budget. This was due to investments, Program expenses including Officers and Standing Committees were $9000 under budget and with the biggest prize awarded to Wanda for underspending the administrative budgeted items. Dr. Raucher ended his report by stating we are in good financial condition. We neither overspent nor had the need to transfer funds from our investment account. The report was submitted for Review.

7. President's Report: President Weller referred to her written report and remarked summer is a slower time for meetings and local visits.

8. President – Elect's Report: President-Elect Mitchell reported she is just beginning to learn about the position and has been meeting with Wanda and Betty. She attended a few Strategic Planning meetings and the Local Presidents' meeting.

9. Vice President's Report: Vice President Barckley referred to her written report and had no information to add.

10. Executive Director's Report: In addition to her written report, Wanda Twigg reported that there are swag bags ready for Area Directors, Tillie, and Betty to take with them for meetings with local associations. She also introduced Marylou as the new administrative assistant and updated her progress with our database. Wanda updated the Board on the ad campaign that began a few weeks ago resulting in an additional 25% views (1147 clicks) to our website and 144,137 ads delivered. Several examples of ads were also shown on these sites, Baltimore Sun, Washington Post, and Kiplinger Media Company. Our blind recruitment mailing will be reviewed by the trustees of the pension system on the 19th of this month.

11. Area Director Reports:

- *Area I West*: No report was submitted prior to the meeting.
- *Area I East:* Sally Smith referred to her written report. She also reported she is enjoying meeting with the local groups.
- *Area II North*: Nancy Gordon referred to her written report. She also reported she has visited all locals except Baltimore City, which will be her goal for this year while she visits the other locals. She also reported that she is still active in her own local association.
- *Area II South*: Carla Duls referred to her written report. She also reported she just started July1st in this position and has met with St. Mary's association for starters.
- *Area III North*: Dr. Debbie Chance was absent. Her written report had been submitted.
- *Area III South*: John Sisson referred to his written report and had nothing to add.

12. Standing Committee Reports:

- *Bylaws*: Dr. Bowman reported that his committee will be meeting in September and their focus will be on assisting with the strategic plan.
- *Community Service:* Kathy Campagnoli referred to her written report. She also reported that their focus will be to analyze why the decrease in raffle money from $7048 last year to only $4,830 this year in 2025. Board members were thanked for their Back-to-School Drive donations.
- *Consumer Education:* No report submitted prior to the meeting. Alana Turner reported that she just became chair of the committee and met with Phyllis Cherry to assist her in the transition. She has also been talking with Betty and Wanda. Committee will meet on September 18.

Finance: Vacant

- *Legislative*: Tom Slater referred to his written report. He also reported that the committee will be meeting next week and will review MRSPA priorities and will set the meeting schedule.
- *Member Benefits*: Leslie Heiderman Schell was absent. Her report was in the packet.
- *Membership:* No report submitted prior to the meeting. Mary Holden reported she is working closely with Wanda on the ad campaign and her committee will meet next month.

- *Nominating:* No report submitted prior to the meeting. Tillie Barckley reported her committee meets in the fall to seek candidates for the Vice President position.
- *Public Relations:* No report submitted prior to the meeting. Deb Ahalt reported that every local association's website and Facebook page were reviewed, and a letter drafted with guidelines for locals. WIX training was held with Heidi in the spring. Assisted in selection of the new logo and newsletter masthead.
- *Scholarship:* No report submitted prior to the meeting. Caroll Visintainer, Ed.D., reported the majority of committee members are staying on and appreciation was extended to Heidi for her assistance with the collection and distribution of the scholarship applications.
- *Travel:* Harold Siskind referred to his written report. He also reported that the website has all the information on the upcoming trips. He encouraged members to sign up for a trip now since worldwide relationships may change soon.

13. Other Reports:
Retirement and Pension System Trustee: Ayana English – Brown reported new processes have been developed with more online forms and virtual appointments. Next meeting is August 19th and it is open to the public. Reach out to her for more information.

Newsletter Editor: No report submitted prior to the meeting. Debbie Hance hoped we liked the new masthead banner. She will be meeting with Heidi to see if we can get the purple color number to match the logo for the headings in the newsletter. On the 28th, she will start working on the next issue.

Virginia Crespo, Legislative Aide, was asked if she wanted to add any information. She did not.

14. Unfinished Business: None

15. New Business: Dr. Raucher made a motion to move $50,000.00 from our Money Market account to our corporate investment account where we can earn 10 times more interest. Harold Siskind seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

16. Announcements: President Weller thanked members for their school supply donations. Door prizes were awarded to Dr. Raucher and Sharyn Doyle. Kathy Campagnoli shared information about a check washing scheme in Frederick County where tax payment checks are being stolen from group mailboxes in neighborhoods.

17. Adjournment: President Weller thanked everyone at home and in person for their attendance. She adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharyn Doyle
Secretary