

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.

PRESIDING: Darlene Ruzicka, President

COMMITTEE: Carol Remington President-Elect; Jean Slicker, Eastern Area Vice- President;; Randy Overbeck, Western Area Vice President; Don Ullmann Past President

ORTA STAFF: Ann Hanning, Executive Director, Tom Seamon, Director of Publications, Mary Lauer, Adm. Asst./Treasurer; Helena Zvansky, Adm. Asst./Membership

INVITED BOARD MEMBERS: Don Baker, Finance Chair; Claudia Trombla, Public Relations Chair (absent)

SPECIAL GUESTS: Cecilia Burford and Doug Stephens, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate); Ryan Miller, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity.

WELCOME – President Ruzicka welcomed the committee and asked for self-introductions. She informed the committee of guest speakers on today’s agenda who will be presenting possible opportunities for partnering with them in order to increase their volunteer roster.

MINUTES – *Carol Remington moved to approve the December 10, 2014 minutes as written. Don Ullmann seconded. Motion carried.*

FINANCE REPORT – Statements showing the annual income and disbursements for December 31, 2014 year were shared by Mary Lauer. The reports showed the expected cash income was less than budgeted. Disbursements were reduced, interest and dividends increased more than expected, therefore the budget was maintained without requesting more funds from the investment portfolio. The 2015 Budget includes a line item for the state wide meeting with expectations of registration fees offsetting some of the expense.

BOARD MEMBERS – Jane Anderson, Stark RTA Trustee has resigned; Bill Jabs, District IX Director plans to resign this year.

CASA – Doug Stephens shared CASA’s history and continued with the idea of a partnership with ORTA’s volunteers. “Retired teachers are a perfect fit.” Forty-nine of the 50 States have the CASA program in place. There are 41 counties in Ohio with about 2000 active volunteers.

The information was mailed to the Public Relations Committee Chair for study.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT PACKETS – The ORTA office will mail all new Chapter Presidents a booklet of guidelines and a Chapter President’s lapel pin.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS – February 6 is scheduled to include 4 committees to meet. Part of the day will be for the individual committee and the balance will be a combined meeting of all 4. The committees invited: Pre-retirement Planning, Membership, Public Relations and Technology. A complimentary lunch will be provided and mileage will be paid.

OTHER DISCUSSION included the President’s goals for 2015, Eastern and Western area chapter calendar planning sheet, meeting dates, Executive Committee meeting dates (UPDATE: December 7, 2015, not 8).

2015 SPRING CONFERENCE – Darlene shared that one speaker, Tyler Hall, will be replaced. Carol Remington will be asking District Directors to donate 2 items for a Silent Auction. The items could promote a county’s “icon,” i.e., Smuckers Jelly (est. 1897) from District X (?).

Randy suggested having space for vendors and valet service. Darlene stated that packets will be available with Pre-retirement information. Tote bags from AMBA will be available.

STRS MEMBERSHIP LISTS are inaccurate. The ORTA office, STRS I.T. Director and ORTA's database author will work to make improvements. New members living in Ohio will be directed to Chapter contact people for chapter membership opportunity.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Ann Hanning will be meeting with Marla Bump, STRS Government Relations Director about STRS and ORTA collaboration on legislation. ORTA shares information from NIRS and other coalitions. Governor Kasich's Budget is to be shared in February 2015. On the national level, WEP (aka the Brady Bill) will be re-introduced. ORTA has signed on the CPE letter regarding charter schools. Darlene Ruzicka and Carol Kinsey, Legislative Committee Chair, have both approved the letter.

Office staff composition, job descriptions and compensation was shared. Further discussion will be on the February 10<sup>th</sup> E-Comm. Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by,

Mary J. Lauer

Next meeting: February 6, 2015 10:00 (IF on one of the 4 committees invited).

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