

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2015 - 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

WELCOME – President Ruzicka welcomed the committee.

MINUTES – *Don Ullman moved that the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting be approved as written.*

Jean Slicker second. Motion approved.

FINANCE REPORT – Disbursements as of January 1st to date were shared. Mary Lauer orally reported the cash and credit card income. Bank and Investment statements do not arrive in time to reconcile financial reports.

SPRING CONFERENCE 2015 – The agenda for the day was shared and edited. Randy Overbeck reported of 6 vendors that are planning to participate. Ohio Auto Group, AARP Ohio, YMCA, Ohio Nature Conservatory; Habitat for Humanity and AMBA. The vendors will be asked to donate a \$50 item in lieu of table fees, food and beverage. Randy will invite Bruce Hodges and one other person to volunteer as a parking lot attendants to assure our attendees have a parking pass.

Carol Remington and Jean Slicker reported on the good response they have had for donations for the Silent Auction. Other details such as the program, awards and evaluations were discussed. Mary Lauer stated that with the new changes the cost of the conference is nearly \$12,000.

STRS LETTER – Mike Nehf stated that STRS is not changing any policy regarding the sharing information of current and new STRS beneficiaries. However, Greg Taylor, IT Director, is willing to assist with ORTA's database along with ORTA's Filpac guru, Joe Curran. Helena Zvansky, Adm. Asst./Membership answered questions regarding the database, new forms and reports that will be available. (The old software is not compatible with the new computers).

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Four committees met on February 6, 2015 at the ORTA Building. Don Ullmann reported on the Membership Committee with Bruce Hodges, Chair. Discussion included working towards more chapters to become unified with the state organization. Solutions to retrieving an accurate list of new STRS members continues to improve. This may make recruiting new members easier.

Carol Remington reported that the Public Relations Committee discussed partnering with Habitat for Humanity. Future discussion will include the Community Services Chair and/or committee. After more information on how H. for H. will help ORTA, a final plan will be presented to the ORTA Board on May 19, 2015. A "survey-monkey" may be sent to the Board for more feedback on partnering programs. The committee agreed to a \$7500 donation to the ORTA One-room School at the Ohio Village. Source of the funds will be discussed with the Community Services Committee and/or the Public Relations Committee.

Jean Slicker reported the Pre-Retirement Committee desires more communication between the Pre-Retirement Committee and the Public Relations Committee, This may be helpful in recruiting new ORTA and chapter members. Ideas such as inviting school Superintendents to chapter meetings has proved increased attendance at the meetings and provides free publicity in the schools.

The Technology Committee states that more information and frequency from the ORTA office is needed.

Other ideas were exchanged regarding increasing communication via technology, i.e., Constant Contact collecting emails from all members and more chapter websites. 63 Chapters have websites, each committee member was assigned 6 – 8 websites to review that they comply with all guidelines and standards.

Don Ullmann moves that the Executive Committee recommend to the ORTA Board that the Technology Committee be made a Standing Committee. Randy Overbeck seconded. Motion carried.

NRTA Survey was analyzed. Some answers were clarified.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Ann Hanning reported on AMBA's letter promoting MetLife products will be mailed to ORTA members in March. She reminded the committee that letters were sent on behalf of 28,000 ORTA members to Representatives Brady and Neal in support of HR711. Ann and Carol Kinsey met with Marla Bump, STRS Gov't Relations Director, to discuss current legislation. STRS may sponsor a Legislative Forum this fall. COSTCO invited SERO (School Employees Retirement Organizations) and ORTA to an open house at the Polaris COSTCO on April 20, 2015. Ann also reports that she meets Jane Taylor, AARP Ohio Director, periodically to discuss common issues. Ann and Marla Bump have visited several legislators in their offices and have given them information materials, i.e., ORTA *Quarterly*.

STAFF COMPOSITION – BENEFITS

Each position was defined and basic job descriptions reviewed. It was reported that benefits are the same as they were set at least 25 years ago. No changes need to be addressed at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS –

Randy announced that a Western Area Leadership Meeting has been scheduled for March 6th. Carol Remington inquired about OEA-R and their connection. Ann reminded the committee that an OEA-R member was on the ORTA Executive Committee years ago. She also stated that OFT has a retiree division.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Mary J. Lauer

Next E-Committee meeting: March 25, 2015; 10:00 a.m.