

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.

- PRESIDING: Darlene Ruzicka, President
- COMMITTEE: Carol Remington President-Elect (Absent –excused); 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
- GUEST; Bruce Hodges, District II Director, Membership Chair

WELCOME – President Ruzicka welcomed the committee.

MINUTES – *Jean Slicker moved that the minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting be approved as written. Don Ullmann second. Motion approved.*

FINANCIAL REPORT – Statements were shared by Mary Lauer that included Disbursements and Income as of April 9, 2015. The reports were not reconciled as bank and investments statements have yet to be received. Expenses, Income and Attendance numbers were shared from the previous 3 Area Conferences from 2008, 2010 and 2012. Recent surveys of ORTA Board Members and Chapter Presidents revealed that Area Conferences are preferred over a State Wide meeting in Columbus.

SPRING CONFERENCE UPDATE – Tom Seamon prepared a draft of the program for review and editing. He will finalize it for printing after all edification is made and approved. Mary reported that the total paid registrant numbers was near 130.

A brief discussion regarding the Fawcett Center’s parking lots and how they will be monitored.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS – Darlene Ruzicka handed out the final revised copies to the staff and the Executive Committee members. Copies will be available to ORTA Board members upon request.

*Don Ullmann moved that all staff and contracted service people (or person) have a signed evaluation and agreement annually. Amended by Randy Overbeck that copies will be shared with the Executive Committee. Jean Slicker seconded. Motion carried.*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Ann Hanning reported the most recent Legislative update is in the Spring Quarterly. SB 3 has passed in the Senate and is now in the House. It is regarding non-licensed teachers that will pay into STRS. The State Budget bill (HB64) needs to be passed by June 30, 2015. Some items will effect school funding.

A third has House member has been appointed to the ORSC board: Rep. Amstutz (Wooster). Rep. Ramos and Rep Schuring were appointed earlier.

Ann stated that Jim Miller, National Consultant on Public Pensions, will speak at the May Board Meeting (May 19, 2015). Installation of a few Board Members and signing IRS forms are included in the day's agenda.

OLD BUSINESS – Habitat for Humanity – no new report.

STRS' files include one for actives and one for benefit recipients. Helena Zvansky reports on ORTA's database is now much more accurate as she continues to eliminate duplicates and deceased records, etc. She continues to work with ORTA's programmer of the membership software system. With a more accurate list of new retirees who are not ORTA members, a solicitation mailing may be effective in increasing ORTA membership. Other suggestions were made regarding assisting chapters to increase dual membership.

NEW BUSINESS – Bruce Hodges shared the results of his survey of his committee's "cyber meeting (via email)." See attached. The results will be shared at the May Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next E-Committee meeting: May 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Mary J. Lauer