

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 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; Helena Zvansky, Adm. Asst./Membership

GUEST: Bruce Hodges, District II Director, Membership Chair

WELCOME – President Ruzicka welcomed the committee. There was a moment of silence for Judy Durst.

MINUTES – *Jean Slicker moved that the minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting be approved after the *addition/correction is written. Randy Overbeck second. Motion approved.*

Don Ullman moved that the ORTA Job Descriptions be approved as written. Jean Slicker second. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mary Lauer shared the Year-to-Date Disbursements as of April 30, 2015. The statement is not reconciled as the bank statement is not available until after the first week of each month. A draft of the breakdown of expenses for the Spring Conference held at the Fawcett Center on April 23rd was shared. April's cash income still gleaned results from the delinquent dues reminder card and the Spring Quarterly. Cash income should meet the disbursements through half of the summer.

On May 4, 2015, ORTA's CPA, Bill Powelson, gave the financial report of ORTA's 2013 through 2014 income, disbursements and investment accounts at the Finance Committee meeting. Mike Iannarino, ORTA's Investment Manager, also shared ORTA's portfolio at the Finance Committee meeting. He will edit the Investment Policy according the current practices, per suggestions from the Finance Committee. Upon approval from all parties, signed copies will be kept on file. Don Baker will summarize Mr. Powelson's and Mr. Iannarino's report for the Board Meeting on May 19th, eliminating the need for inviting them report on that date.

SPRING CONFERENCE – Tom Seamon compiled the evaluations from the conference. His summary sheet was shared with the Executive Committee. The overall consensus was that the day was enjoyed by most of the attendees. Several suggestions were made that may be used in future meetings.

SPRING BOARD MEETING – will be held on May 19th in OSBA's conference room. Recommendations from different committees will be heard. Standing Rules changes need approval by a Board vote with an effective date. Any changes to the Bylaws need a Board approval before being submitted to the ORTA Membership (in general) for a vote. The agenda will include two guest speakers, Terrie Huston, Intergenerational Communications Solutions, and Jim Miller, National Public Pension Consultant.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Ann Hanning shared a summary report of the Survey/Needs Assessment Adhoc committee meeting. Karen Butt, chair, recommended ORTA use a professional communications consultant to conduct a communications audit and design a survey.

Ann reported on state and federal bills that may or may not affect Ohio retired teachers. (HB 64, Ohio's budget bill; HR 711 – WEP). Ann informed the Executive Committee members of Federal Forms that will be available at the Board meeting for all board members to read and sign. The signed forms will be kept on file at the ORTA state office. AMBA is using database information from ORTA and SERO (School Employees Retirement Organization) in order to do an age append study. The results will be given to ORTA and SERO.

COMMUNICATIONS/VISION & GOALS – Darlene Ruzicka reviewed the recommendations listed in the V & G report. She suggested that the state office include details of a Distribution Policy.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Plans to present the proposal from Ryan Miller, Habitat for Humanity Director, to the ORTA Board, will be by Claudia Trombla, Public Relations Chair. The Community Services Committee Chair, JoAnn Ingram, plans to be involved.

MEMBERSHIP – Bruce Hodges, Chair, restates his committee’s recommendation for chapters mandating dual membership. Current members will be grandfathered. The committee proposes that for each new ORTA member that also is chapter member, the chapter receives a 10% rebate.

Helena Zvansky stated she continues to clean-up the current ORTA database, by deleting deceased and duplicate records. Later this summer the database will have accurate lists of ORTA members and non-member recent retirees.

Meeting adjourned 1:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Mary J. Lauer

NEXT MEETING: May 19th – Spring Board Meeting

June 17 – Executive Committee Meeting