

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 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; Mary Lauer, Adm. Asst./Treasurer

WELCOME – Darlene Ruzicka welcomed all.

MINUTES – *Jean Slicker moved to accept the May 5, 2015 Executive Committee minutes as written. Don Ullmann second. Approved.*

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mary Lauer shared the Income and Disbursements as of June 12, 2015. The disbursements for the Spring Conference do not reveal the \$2,000 deposit that was paid in 2014. Carol Remington asked for a breakdown of Chapter Travel expenses. A report will be sent.

Jean Slicker moved to approve the financial report. Randy Overbeck second. Approved.

BYLAWS – Ann Hanning reported the new proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules will be published with explanation of the changes, in the Summer *Quarterly*. ORTA's legal counsel stated electronic voting is not acceptable at this time. A tear-off pre-paid postcard will be included in the newsletter for the membership to submit their votes.

SURVEY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT- Karen Butt, Chair, has scheduled a meeting for June 24th with the committee and Terrie Huston, consultant. A survey is planned to be taken this summer with results available by October.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP – *Carol Remington moved for the motion written and approved at the 2015 Spring Board meeting be re-written for clarification. Jean Slicker second. Motion approved.* Ann Hanning will re-write and share it with Bruce Hodges and the executive committee before re-publishing.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Carol Remington updated those that were not present at the meeting with Ryan Miller, HFH Executive Director. Results of the meeting as follows: Kick-off on Thursday, October 22 at the ORTA Board Meeting. Speakers, map, a video, hard hats (fake) for attendees may be on the agenda. Ryan Miller will invite news media and a Habitat family.

Jean Slicker moved to accept the collaboration with Habitat for Humanity for increased ORTA visibility as a statewide volunteer project beginning the Fall of 2015. Don Ullmann second. Motion approved.

ELECTIONS – ORTA BOARD MEMBERS – A handout was shared with the term schedules for term limited or re-election opportunities. The Area Vice Presidents will contact participating Chapters and District Directors and also send letters outlining procedures and forms to complete.

FALL BOARD MEETING- The Doubletree Hotel, Worthington, has been reserved for a banquet on October 21, 2015. Awards will be presented that evening. There may be pre-board meetings at the ORTA office on Wednesday.

EDUCATION APPRECIATION DAY – The Ohio History Connection has invited ORTA to participate in an evening event in December to honor Ohio teachers. Ann accepted the invitation.

A brief discussion regarding the Ohio Village’s one-room schoolhouse. The Public Relations committee has expressed interest in supporting the maintenance program.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR – Darlene Ruzicka shared a job description written by Deloris Ullmann. A packet of information on Communications Director was also shared. It was agreed the results of the Needs Assessment program may help to determine ORTA staff needs.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Ann Hanning, announced she’ll be leaving ORTA when her contract ends on December 31, 2015. The committee expressed their appreciation for Ann’s dedicated service to the organization. Ann also stated that per request of the executive committee, the staff has signed employment agreements. An email blast was sent to the ORTA Board Members and Chapter Presidents (in addition to snail mail for non-email members).

Ann reported on Mike Nehf’s testimony regarding the mitigating rate for those in an ARP. Legislators want a moratorium on increasing the mitigating rate. Other items stated: the Ohio Budget Bill is due to be signed by June 30th; Both STRS Board Retiree seats are up for election in 2017; 2017 is ORTA’s 70th Anniversary. Ann also encouraged the committee, when recruiting new ORTA Board Members, to be accurate with expectations, i.e. the number of meetings in Columbus, etc.

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY, which was agreed upon by the Board at the 2014 Fall Board Meeting continues to be misinterpreted. Further review may result in a re-write to clarify.

Meeting adjourned.

Executive Committee commenced a closed session meeting.

Next meeting: July 14, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

