

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2015 – 11:45 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

GUEST: Don Baker, Finance Chair, District VII Director

WELCOME – Darlene Ruzicka welcomed all.

MINUTES – Additions were made to the July 14th Executive Committee minutes as follows: “NCTR, National Council Teachers’ Retirement” and “add Jean Slicker to the AMBA Roundup.”

Jean Slicker moved that the Executive Committee minutes of June 17, 2015 be approved after the additions. Randy Overbeck second. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – The income-disbursement statement as of August 10, 2015 was reported by Mary Lauer. She reported that the cash flow is less than expected from annual dues, but an unexpected increase in Life Membership. Interest and Dividends may not reach the expected budgeted amount. She mentioned some items are over budget where as other items are under budget.

PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET - Two new policies were put in place to be effective January 1, 2016 which reduced the expected income significantly. Discussion included increasing income through increased membership and reduce expenditures in several different areas. A revised proposal will be available in September with an agreed 2016 budget proposal by October 13th which will be shared with the ORTA Board.

JOB POSTING – Darlene shared the list of seven names that have submitted resumes for the Executive Director in addition to one phone call.

Randy Overbeck moved that ORTA transition from the current Director of Publications position to a new Communications Director position during 2016 to allow the new Executive Director input in the process. Don Ullmann second. Motion carried.

SURVEY/NEEDS ASSESSMENT – Ann reported for Terrie Huston of over 200 survey responses via SurveyMonkey have been received and a few hard copies via snail mail.

Randy Overbeck moved the consideration for the external communications audit/survey be moved to 2016 to allow input from the new Executive Director. Carol Remington second. Motion carried.

BYLAWS – 1720 ballots have been returned as of August 12. 1669 have approved the changes to the Bylaws.

ORTA WEBMASTER – Ann reported Deloris Ullmann will work with staff members at the ORTA office on ORTA’s website technicalities at a determined date in September or October, 2015.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Carol Remington reports that she will meet with Claudia Trombla for a planning session regarding the proposed partnership with H4H. The kick-off is scheduled for October 22nd at the ORTA Board Meeting.

ELECTIONS – Don Ullmann has received an application for the Western Area Vice-president. Jean Slicker reports a new candidate has agreed to run for District IX Director. Claudia Trombla is a candidate for District I Director.

Other Board positions/replacements have been reported. After official paperwork is received in the ORTA office, the information can be shared.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Ann and Carol Kinsey (Legislative Committee Chair) are attending the NRTA Advocacy Conference in Washington DC the end of September. Ann has just returned from ASRTE's Conference in Georgia (Ann has served as President of ASRTE); OSBA's BAD Conference (on Ohio's education budget); Dr. Ann Hanning, CAE also attended an OSAE Conference in Dayton, July 22 – 24th. Ann is a past board member and presenter for OSAE.

Ann announced NRTA's winner of the With Our Youth Award is Michael Rogers, from Clark County. ORTA always encourages ORTA Chapters to nominate a retired teacher.

FALL BOARD MEETING - Darlene shared a draft agenda for the October 22nd meeting.

2016 SPRING MEETINGS – A brief discussion regarding venues are not be established at this time. Target dates remain for midweek: April 12 – 13; and 19 – 20. Board members may be asked to research church venues in their area.

ORTA VISIBILITY – Tom Seamon attended COSI's Annual Teacher Resource Fair. It was well attended by over 400 teachers. Tom peaked interest into ORTA by showing the ORTA video and other items of interest to future STRS beneficiaries.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by,

Mary Lauer

FYI:

- NRTA – National Retired Teachers Association
- ASRTE – Association of State Retired Teacher Executives
- OSBA – Ohio School Boards Association
- OSAE - Ohio Society of Association Executives
- CAE – Certified Association Executives
- BAD – Budget Analysis Dialogue (regarding Am. Sub – HB 64)