



OHIO RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
July 25, 2016
Telephone Conference Call, 10:00 AM

Participants: Carol Remington, President; Randy Overbeck, President Elect; Darlene Ruzicka, Past President; Gale Adkins, Western Area Vice President; Dave Gynn, Eastern Area Vice President

Excused Absence: John Cavanaugh, Executive Director

Participated: Helena Zvansky, ORTA Membership Coordinator; Evelyn Massey, ORTA Office Manager

- 1) Carol Remington called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
- 2) Carol Remington requested June 6th Regular Executive Committee Meeting Minutes be approved. Motion by G. Adkins and Seconded by R. Overbeck to accept the June 6th Regular Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.
VOTE: Favor: All Oppose: None
- 3) Treasurer's July Report
 - ~ Evelyn Massey reviewed and answered questions regarding July's Treasurer Report.
 - ~ Motion by D. Gynn, Seconded by G. Adkins recommending the Board approve the Treasurer Report.VOTE: Favor: All Oppose: None
- 4) Membership Report
 - ~ Helena Zvansky reported and answered questions regarding July's Membership Report as of July 20th, 2016
 - ~ R. Overbeck request data of potentially sending out 2nd Dues Reminder
 - ~ C. Remington mentioned receiving information from Linda Beaver regarding a mailing from the POP organization. Needs to be investigated further will send info to John C.
- 5) Eastern Area Vice President Report – Dave Gynn
 - ~ D. Gynn attended Lake County and Lawrence County's 50th Anniversary meetings.
 - ~ Don Baker, District 7 Director, has visited most of his Chapters and continue to visit the rest
 - ~ JoAnn Ingram, District 8 Director, due to personal reasons has not been able to visit Chapters but will begin to do so for the remainder of the year.
 - ~ Bee Lehner, District 9 Director, has reached out to all her Chapters. D. Gynn talked to Bee Lehner regarding applying for Eastern Vice President or President Elect. D. Ruzicka will contact her.

- ~ District 10 Director, Rebecca Zurava, visited most of her Chapters. She wants to elect new District 10 Director via email instead of face-to-face meeting. D. Gynn indicated he would ask for nominations from Chapter Presidents.
- ~ District 11 Director, Carol Kinsey, has visited most of her Chapters and/or has been in contact with all her Chapter Presidents.

6) Western Area Vice President Report – Gale Adkins

- ~ G. Adkins attended the June 20th Crawford County meeting. The meeting was nice but they are having troubles getting members to become officers.
- ~ Letters went sent to District 2, 4 and 6 Directors on June 23rd regarding the election of new District Directors. He has not heard from District 4
- ~ Will be meeting with District 6 on August 11th at ORTA with Kara Mendenhall
- ~ Bruce Hodges, District 2 Director has a meeting scheduled with his Chapter Presidents on September 17th. He will contact Mr. Hodges to reschedule since he is not able to make the rescheduled meeting.
- ~ Reported he will be speaking at the Miami Chapter meeting on August 22nd.

7) Executive Director Report – John Cavanaugh – Absent

8) Old Business

- ~ Darlene Ruzicka, gave a Nominating Committee Report –
 - ◆ The following people have been asked to serve as President Elect due to D. Gynn resigning, but declined: Denise Deltondo, Linda Lopez, and Stella Hull. Per Don Ullmann, Ron Bond said he would be willing to serve as Eastern Area VP but as of yet he has not submitted an application. G. Adkins did agree to step up as President Elect if no one from the Eastern Area agrees to run for the President Elect position. He also agreed to run a second term as Western Area VP, his application is on file. D. Ruzicka will contact Bee Lehner regarding if she would be interested in the Eastern Area VP position and President Elect position.
 - ◆ Due to personal reasons D. Ruzicka was not able accomplish much for the Nominating Committee during the month of July. She will keep the Executive Committee informed of the Committee's progress.
 - ◆ She also suggested that reconstructing the organization and updating the bylaws may be necessary due to changing needs of the organization. R. Overbeck suggesting further discussion at August meeting.
- ~ C. Remington stated the Bylaws Committee should review Bylaws and organization structure. R. Overbeck agrees
- ~ Strategic Planning Committee/Ad Hoc –
 - ◆ C. Remington mention the following people are on the Committee: Dave Gynn, Chairman, Carol Remington, Randy Overbeck, Kara Mendenhall, Carole Wolfe, Linda Beaver, Karen Butt, Gale Adkins, Don Ullmann, Deloris Ullmann, Darlene Ruzicka
 - ◆ D. Gynn would like to have the first initial meeting before the Fall Board Meeting and then resume after the Fall Board Meeting.
 - ◆ C. Remington will contact Roger Fulk, Steven Seagraves and Kent Rawlings to join Committee
 - ◆ R. Overbeck noted with the 70th Anniversary this is a good time to review and make changes
 - ◆ Confirm meeting dates and committee members at August Executive Committee Meeting
- ~ 70th Anniversary Ad Hoc Planning Committee – Randy Overbeck, Chairman

- ◆ Has not had a chance to work on this. He will begin working on this when he returns to Ohio

~ STRS Ad Hoc Committee:

- ◆ C. Remington spoke to Richard Sterns. He is willing to chair if Committee Elects him. Other members are: Carol Kinsey, Lindsey Colle, David Speas, Rebecca Zurava, and Donna Dewitt. Tentative meeting in October

~ Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee –

- ◆ C. Remington has not contact Stella Hull, holding off until after the Strategic Planning Committee. Members: Stella Hull, Linda Beaver, Darlene Ruzicka,

~ C. Remington adding Darlene Ruzicka to Strategic Planning Committee

9) New Business

~ C. Remington mentioned John Cavanaugh will be meeting with Mike Neff, STRS Executive Director, to discuss Disability Retirement Benefits

~ Fall Board Meeting is scheduled for October 19th & 20th, 2016. Evelyn Massey reported the conference room has been reserved for the 20th at the ORTA location. Evelyn Massey researching hotel costs. Will provide a report to Board once completed. Board will decide at the August meeting if they will go ahead with a two-day conference or a one-day conference.

~ Membership Pilot Project:

- ◆ C. Remington will be meeting with Bruce Hodges Friday to discuss this and what he learned in Austin Texas via the AMBA personnel.
- ◆ Helena Zvansky and Bruce Hodges will be asked to present what they learned in Austin Texas at the August Executive Committee Meeting in the ORTA conference room. The membership committee will be invited at a later date.
- ◆ John Cavanaugh will be asked to decide if Jeanie Coffey's should come to the August Executive Committee Meeting or the October Fall Board Meeting.

~ Discussion was held regarding the next State Conference in 2017. R. Overbeck suggest holding off on discussion until after the 70th Anniversary Committee Meeting.

~ Discussion was held on the Leadership Bulletin. Helena report the ORTA News Bulletin is electronically sent to all ORTA members that have an email address on file. It was asked if any Chapter Officer is receiving the Bulletin via mail if they do not have an email. Helena Zvansky reported as of now it is not being mailed out to anyone. A Committee Member will communicate to John Cavanaugh making sure Chapters are receiving this information.

~ Other New Business –

- ◆ Executive Committee Members requested upcoming Chapter Meeting dates to be confirmed. Helena Zvansky will confirm the dates and send an updated list via email to everyone.
- ◆ Discussed changing the next Executive Committee Meeting from August 8th to August 16th. Helena Zvansky will confirm John's schedule and conference room availability and will email everyone confirmation of change.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Helena Zvansky & Darlene Ruzicka, Executive Committee Secretary

Approved: August 16, 2016