

**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 7, 2016**

A quorum being present, President Fay Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed those present and introduced Tillie Barckley, new Scholarship Committee Chair. The pledge of allegiance followed.

Chuck Ridgeway moved to approve the agenda as printed. Lorraine Johnson seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

The minutes of the August 10, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Alicia Hardisky, Treasurer, submitted a written report with detailed statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets. She noted that membership dues continue a downward trend. A dues increase for FY2018 will help offset this trend. Reviewing the Expense Section, she noted that there may need to be an increase in travel expenses for the president. There is overspending in several areas: the 2017 Annual Business Meeting, Leadership Training, salary and expenses for the Executive Director, office technology/equipment (new items for the office), and computer maintenance which will need to be addressed in the next budget. There were Unrealized Gains on Investments of \$13,860.88.

Figures November 30, 2016

Checkbook Balance	\$154,354.44
Bond Fund	0.00
Savings	0.00
Certificates of Deposit	0.00
Mutual Funds	506,247.39
Current Assets	660,612.75
Total Assets	660,612.75
Total Liabilities	(10.92)
Net Assets	660,601.83
Total Liabilities/Net Assets	660,612.75

The November 2016 report will be filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: In addition to her written report, Fay acknowledged the many activities she has witnessed in her travels throughout the state and the impact the work of the various locals in their communities. She will have visited twelve counties by the end of December. The Leadership Training events and the Legislative Workshop were well-attended and received very positive evaluations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Shachar Weizman, Executive Director, submitted a written report. He has continued to research MRSPA-Ecommerce as a way to "brand" the association and make items available to members through the web and feels that Millennium Marketing Solutions may serve as the company to provide this service. Regarding membership

recruitment, AMBA may be a resource to recruit members and would be the sole provider for member benefits.

Ken Muir moved to refer the AMBA materials to the Member Benefits and Membership Committees and that the committees meet with AMBA representatives and bring a recommendation to the Board of Directors at the March 2017 meeting. Theresa Lochte moved to amend the motion to add the Public Relations Committee to the two committees for the meeting. **The amendment passed. The motion as amended passed.**

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Lorraine Johnson thanked the association for the opportunity to serve as vice president and shared that she has been working with committees and has made visits to several locals.

AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS

Area I West	Ann Marie Downey	Submitted a written report.
Area I East	Eugene Streagle	Submitted a written report.
Area II North	Janet K. Williams	Submitted a written report.
Area II South	Harold Siskind	Submitted a written report.
Area III North	Dr. Debra Chance	Submitted a written report.
Area III South	Bev Yurek	Submitted a written report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BYLAWS

Jay Stevens, Chair, asked that members send him any suggestions for any bylaw changes.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Henrietta Lease, Chair, was unable to attend, but provided a written report. (Max Muller offered that “No Kid Hungry,” is not rated very high in “Charity Navigator,” and should be reconsidered for donations.) Forms for the Community Service (individual and local associations) are on-line and locals are encouraged to submit nominations for both local and individual member recognition.

CONSUMER EDUCATION

Elizabeth Doyle, Chair, provided a written report and shared that the committee will be meeting on January 5, 2017 and will be meeting with the representative from the Attorney General’s Office.

FINANCE

Dr. Kenneth Muir, Chair, submitted a written report and reminded the board members to review their expenditures for this year and to complete their request for next year’s budget. The Finance Committee will meet on January 11, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE

Virginia Crespo, Chair, submitted a written report and shared that some materials from the successful Legislative Workshop are available on the MRSPA website. Regular

meetings of the committee will begin the second week of January 2017. United Senior Legislative Forum will be held on January 25, 2017.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Nancy Gordon, Acting Chair, submitted a written report. The committee moved the following recommendations to be added to benefits offered to members:

1. PetsBest Pet Health Insurance
2. MRSPA Visa Card
3. FASTPARK

The motion passed. Access will be from the MRSPA website with additional information available in a future newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

Judy Thompson, Chair, submitted a written report, which includes the following motion: The committee moved that a \$5 incentive be offered to new members for each new member they recruit. Ken Muir moved to amend the motion to strike the first “new” (...be offered to ~~new~~ members for each new member they recruit.) Ken Muir moved to refer the recommendation back to the Membership Committee. **The motion to refer passed.**

NOMINATING

Max Muller, Chair, submitted a written report. Ann Marie Downey, candidate for President-Elect, and Nancy Gordon, candidate for Secretary, introduced themselves to the board of directors. Max Muller moved that the Nomination Slate (Ann Marie Downey, President-Elect, and Nancy Gordon, Secretary) be approved. **The motion passed.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Carla Duls, Chair, submitted a written report and shared that the committee will be pursuing a Twitter account for MRSPA and offering a Social Media Workshop for local associations. The committee moved that Survey Monkey be used to gauge member’s interest in purchasing E-commerce items. The survey will be developed under the direction of Shachar Weizman, Executive Director. **The motion passed.**

SCHOLARSHIP

Laura Layton, former Chair, submitted a written report. Tillie Barckley, new Chair, gave a review of the scholarship application procedures and reminded board members to pick up their raffle tickets.

TRAVEL

Judy Reiff, Chair, submitted a written report.

OTHER REPORTS

RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM TRUSTEE:

Theresa Lochte, Trustee, submitted a written report. She shared that the Governor's budget does include \$20 million for local subdivisions to offset pension costs.

AARP/MRSPA LIAISON:

Chuck Ridgeway, Liaison, submitted a written report, and added his term will end in December. A new liaison will be selected. Chuck was thanked for his service.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Bonnie Troxell shared the work involved in putting the newsletter together. She asked that articles be concise so that editing would be at a minimum. There is a group assisting Bonnie in the preparation of the newsletter.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Chuck Ridgeway moved that the Meal Expenses Reimbursement in the MRSPA Policies and Procedures document be increased by \$5 for each meal. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.