**MARYLAND RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION**
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**
**MARCH 10, 2021 (Zoom)**

**1. Call to Order -** The meeting was called to order by the president, George Denny, Jr. at 10:03 AM. John Sisson and Virginia Crespo (due to a fall) were not present.

**2. Welcome and Introductions –** All present were welcomed by the president and Garrett Mowery, of AMBA, was introduced. Mr. Mowery thanked MRSPA for entering into the agreement with them and indicated that they are looking forward to the relationship. Mr. Mowery said that in about six months from now we hope to begin seeing the beginning of marketing efforts.

**3. Approval of Agenda –** The agenda was approved unanimously as presented on a motion by Dr. Debbie Chance, seconded by Dr. Steve Raucher.

**4. December 9, 2020 Minutes –** Minutes of the December 2020 Board of Directors meeting were approved unanimously. Motion by Debbie Chance/seconded by Leslie Heiderman Schell.

**5. Treasurer's Report –** Treasurer Alicia Hardisky did a comparison between where we were financially in June 2020 and now. She called our attention to:

Page one -Our current balance $305,512.13 which is on track; mutual funds $613,950.09 is an increase of $81,956.

Page 2 – Membership - down by $26,114

Page 3 – Officers expenses $1,669.21; last year $11, 250

Standing committees $39,300.80 (meetings being conducted by Zoom saves travel and food costs)

Page 4 – Newsletter on track

Administrative Expenses – on track

Page 5 – Transfers - on track

The report will be filed for audit. Alicia also shared the progress made on moving to Bill.com for payment of our bills.

**6. President's Report –** aside from packet report attended a Meet & Greet with Area III South via Zoom; will be attending Area II North Meet and Greet via Zoom on March 29th with local officers & committee chairs. Will look to the Western Area next. Commended Executive Director and staff on great job they continue to do during current circumstances.

**7. Executive Director's Report –** in packet; reported that Virginia Crespo fell at her home and is hospitalized with pending surgery. Attended Howard County local Zoom meeting – over 60 people present, will be writing goals with Alice, George, Leslie, and Anne relative to the AMBA

agreement. The special membership recruitment incentive for March to June that was approved last year was instituted. Will be working with local treasurer's and presidents. Working on Annual Business Meeting and AMBA onboarding.

**8. Vice President's Report –** no written report. Expressed thanks for the condolences on the loss of her mother.

**9. Area Director Reports:**

**AREA I WEST –** Henrietta M. Lease – no written report. Has not had contact with locals of Garrett & Allegany due to weather.

**AREA I EAST –** Sally Smith - attended Zoom Board meetings in Howard and Frederick Counties.

**AREA II NORTH –** Charlie Gable – nothing to add to written report.

**AREA II SOUTH –** Brenda Barnes – having trouble connecting with a couple of her local presidents.

**AREA III NORTH -** Betty Weller – has contacted locals to encourage Zoom meetings with no takers, yet.

**AREA III SOUTH –** Vacant – George has a possible Director for Spring (FY2022). MRSPA held Zoom Meet and Greet for local leaders in early March.

**Door Prize–** Won by Dr. Debbie Chance.

**10. Standing Committee Reports:**

**BYLAWS -** Fay Miller – no written report – will present the Bylaw amendment approved in December to local presidents next week.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE –** Trish Bender - no written report. Will be meeting April 8, 2021 to discuss local community service award/recognition nominations. The Committee is sponsoring an electronic (virtual) Food Drive for the Maryland Food Bank in conjunction with the ABM.

**CONSUMER EDUCATION -** John Sisson – absent. Elder Law webinar coming up in April. Fay Miller thanked the staff for the wonderful information in the *Consumer Connection* and asked that it be shared with as many members as possible.

**FINANCE –** Dr. Steven Raucher – presented Proposed 2022 Budget. The Proposed 2022 Budget was approved on a motion by the Committee with all in favor. The Budget will now be voted on during the Annual Business Meeting in May.

**LEGISLATIVE –** Fred Evans – the workshop was held on January 26th. There are 25 bills for which letters were written. Last session of the General Assembly will be April 12th, last meeting of the committee will be April 13th. Question was asked, "Does MRSPA take a position on local bills?" Answer - No.

**MEMBER BENEFITS –** Alice Mitchell – no recent meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP -** Leslie Heiderman Schell – Meeting on April 29th with local presidents & committee. Working on doing a Zoom meet and greet with new retirees. Date & time TBA. Working with Wanda on the membership cards.

**NOMINATING -** Ann Marie Downey – no written report. We are losing our emeritus members at an alarming rate. Sharyn Doyle (AA CO.) has agreed to serve a second year as a non-board member on the Nominating Committee. Beverly Dunham (WOR CO.) will also be on the slate to serve her first year as a non-board member on the Nominating Committee.
Slate will have: President Elect -Carla Duls, Dr. Steven Raucher – Treasurer, Secretary - Janet Williams (2nd year).

**PUBLIC RELATIONS –** Anne Humphrey - no written report.

**SCHOLARSHIP –** Matilda Barckley- there were 124 scholarship applicants; three were selected: Alicia Benton – Somerset County, Melissa Martinez – Montgomery County, William Distad -Washington County.

**TRAVEL –** committee agreed to operate until the end of the year without a chair. Wanda reported that the committee agreed to request proposals for only domestic trips. The postponed 2020 trips are still available. Some possibilities were NY, Philadelphia Flower Show, Mackinac Island, and Nashville. Collette was selected to provide trips to Mackinac Island and a River Cruise in Belgium and the Netherlands during Floriade; Mayflower was selected for the Nashville and Music Cities trip.

**11. Other Reports:**

**RETIREMENT and PENSION SYSTEM TRUSTEE –** Ken Haines – the retirement Board met in December. Ken has been asked to serve on the Board of NCTR as vice chair. Ken is chairing the search for a new MSRA Executive Director. Seventy-five million in supplemental funding for the system was not approved for 2022 and 2023. Expected to be back to 80% funding by 2028 and 100% by 2031. Loss of supplemental funding will delay 80% and 100% funding to those years.

**NEWSLETTER –** Spring issue being worked on; will probably go out next week. June 1 is deadline to receive items for the Summer issue. The Summer issue will be Carla's last as editor.

**12. Unfinished Business –** none

**13. New Business –** none

**14. Announcements:**

- Charlie will be attending the Meet & Greet with AIIN on March 29th.
- Request to send Board reports for Annual as soon as possible to get everything to the printer by March 31st.

- Memorial Booklet & Program books will be sent in US mail.
- Ads were opened to vendors.
- Raffle will take place. Tillie will help with drawing.
- 75th Anniversary Video by Lonna not shown last year will be shown.
- Delegates must have video Zoom program for voting.

**Door Prize – Won by Sally Smith**

**15. Adjournment –** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Recorded by,
Janet Williams, Secretary