

Association of Retired Seattle City Employees

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President John Masterjohn at 10:05 AM via Zoom

Present: John Masterjohn, Edie Jorgensen, Alan Brittenham, Elizabeth Paschke, Hillary Hamilton, Bob Chandler, Mike Nagan, Jeannette Voiland, Ann Kelson, Helen Tsang, Ed Steyh, Mary Steyh, Lee Sattler, Melina Thung, Susan White, Alan Painter.

Excused: Anne Miller, Pat Kirkness, Merle Overland, Sharon Mickelson, Larry Mickelson, Martin Etquibal, Florence Harrell.

Absent: Ann Beard

Minutes of the meeting held on March 10th were approved as sent.

Under Programs Committee report, after discussion it was decided by consensus to reserve a date on December 8, 2021, at Jefferson Park Golf Course, for the Christmas Luncheon, assuming pandemic rules will have been relaxed by then to allow it to happen. Bob Chandler will talk to them about availability for the date and get an estimate for a catered lunch for 60 people The Program Committee will complete the planning and confirmations. If costs are higher than 2 years ago, the Board suggested budgeting for a subsidy to encourage attendance and maintain the usual cost for the event..

Election: Committee Chair Ed Steyh reported the following results:

Elected to the Board for three year terms ending June 30, 2024:

Alan Brittenham

Hillary Hamilton

Edie Jorgenson

Ann Kelson

Pat Kirkness

John Masterjohn

Alternates to the Board for one year term

Bob Chandler

Martin Etquibal

Alan Painter

Susan White

Ed reported that a total of 318 valid ballots were cast, with 6 others rejected for lack of a name on the ballot.

Edie Jorgensen reported on the progress made by the ad-hoc Bylaws Committee, a part of the Legislative Committee. She will write an article on the subject to be included in the ARSCE newsletter for the July/August issue to inform the membership. She also noted that we will want to rework the Articles of Incorporation to bring them up to date. Some discussion was had about the process of submitting them to the State with the proper signatures attached. The Board Manual will also have to be updated to make all the governing documents work well together.

Ann Kelson, Communications Committee, reported on communication with SCERS regarding access to their meetings, which are currently available by telephone. After Pat Kirkness wrote a nice letter explaining our need for real-time access to documents with the only access being via "listening in", City Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda sent a letter supporting our request. She promised action at the next monthly meeting of the Retirement Board, which could likely include visual access as well.. Discussion was had about ways to exert pressure to make that happen. John will follow up with SCERS on the letter he sent them on this issue, and Mike will put something on the Facebook page to inform the membership of this activity that allows us to monitor their actions.

That led into more discussion of SCERS Board member Lou Walter's status, and ongoing difficulty communicating with him as he continues to rehabilitate from an auto accident. He has not been able to submit any articles for the newsletter and was recently re-elected to a 3 year term of office as the Retiree representative. Lee will follow up on this situation and report back next month.

After Hillary reported that the transition into her new position as Financial Secretary has been going smoothly with help from Victoria and noted current income since assuming the position to date, Treasurer Elizabeth Paschke introduced and reviewed the proposed budget for FY2021-22. The few suggestions offered at the meeting will be incorporated for the final version, which will be submitted for approval next meeting. Board members were invited to study and add comments for improving the budget plan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM. Next meeting will be held on May 12, 2021, via Zoom. If you are unable to attend, please contact John Masterjohn in advance at 206-362-2245 or e-mail him at president@arsce.org

Respectfully submitted by Alan Brittenham, Recording Secretary