

Association of Retired Seattle City Employees
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held on-line via Zoom on August 18th, 2020. Jeanette Voiland hosted.

John Masterjohn opened the meeting at 10:00 AM

Roll was called by Alan Brittenham

Present: John Masterjohn, Edie Jorgensen, Elizabeth Paschke, Ann Beard (10:25) Alan Brittenham, Bob Chandler, Mike Nagan, Jim Mohundro, Ed Steyh, Mary Steyh, Melina Thung, Helen Tsang (10:28), Jeannette Voiland, Ann Miller, Ann Kelson, Lee Sattler, Merle Overland (10:25).

Excused: Victoria Troisi, Pat Kirkness.

Absent: Larry and Sharon Mickelson, Florence Harrell

Minutes from June 18, 2020 Board meeting were approved, after discussion and one revision in Ed Steyh's Election committee report.

Vice-President's report: The Retirement system has implemented Direct Deposit of the funds into ARSCE account after Edie Jorgensen and Elizabeth Paschke arranged for the paperwork requirements.

Communications Committee: Mike Nagan reported that the committee had met, and come up with three main suggestions to increase membership. They are:

1. Direct mailing to new retirees from ARSCE (\$1.40 each piece, per Lee S.)
2. Offering 1 free year dues to new members rather than a free luncheon ticket.
3. Offering 1 free year to current members who recruit new members that sign up with payroll deduction selected.

Mike noted that we need to recruit more diversity of members, which is to include all departments and field as well as office workers.

Much of the rest of the meeting was taken up with discussion of the ideas, with concerns being raised about privacy issues that caused the Retirement System to refuse to disclose mailing information about new retirees, just retirement date and name. John Masterjohn agreed to ask SCERS again about possible ways we could contact/mail to the new retirees for recruiting purposes.

Elections Committee: Ed asked that Board members look over the list of recent retirees (which he hopes to send out to current Board members) or consider friends who may be candidates for the 6 Board vacancies that are filled each year and to coordinate with him so we don't have 20 running for the vacancies this year. That same list should be considered as recruits for Association membership as well. If you know someone, please contact them.

Program committee: Sharon Mickelson reported that nothing is planned at this point for December/Christmas, as the progress of the pandemic is still uncertain.

Finance Committee: Elizabeth Paschke updated her financial report to say that the shortage of income over expenses had dropped due to lower actual costs experienced by not holding luncheons. She also indicated that a goal for on-going membership is about 1500 to maintain the budget as adopted. Current membership is around 1350.

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New Business: Alan Brittenham asked that the Treasurer suspend his stipend for the balance of the fiscal year through June 30, 2021. The chair requested a motion to authorize this. It was moved, seconded, and passed to suspend the stipend for the Recording Secretary as requested. Thanks were given to Alan for volunteering this action to help with the fiscal situation.M/S/P

John Masterjohn indicated he had an on-going conflict with our scheduled meetings through at least October. It was agreed that the September and October meetings would be moved back to Tuesday rather than Wednesday for those two months.

Larry Mickelson noted that with the Credit Union and many other drop-off locations closed, there were lots of extra copies of the ARSCE News left over from the recent publication.

Next Meeting: The next meeting, also via Zoom, will be on September 8, 2020,
The meeting was declared adjourned by John at 10:58 AM

Respectfully submitted, Alan Brittenham, Recording Secretary