

Association of Retired Seattle City Employees  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President John Masterjohn at 3:04 PM.

Roll Call:

Members Present:, Alan Brittenham, Hillary Hamilton, Edie Jorgensen, John Masterjohn, Elizabeth Paschke, Bill Schrier (left at 3:15), Ed Steyh, Jeanette Voiland

Members Excused: Bob Chandler, Kris Effertz, Ann Beard, Melina Thung, Pat Kirkness

Members Absent: Larry and Sharon Mickelson, Ann Miller, Florence Harrell, Helen Tsang

Alternate Members Present: Nick Pealy, Valerie Heide Mudra,

Staff Present: Lee Sattler

The agenda was approved by consensus with the change to Minutes of June 8th rather than July 13th.

Reports:

Under Good of the Order, Edie Jorgensen requested that the Recording Secretary get added to the bottom of the minutes as a person to contact if a member needed to be excused.

The President and Vice-President announced their intention to waive their stipends for the 2022-23 fiscal year, as per past practice. M/S/P to accept their waiver.

Lee Sattler mentioned that 2023 is the 50<sup>th</sup> year of existence for ARSCE, and we should do something to promote that anniversary.

General discussion on members who miss numerous meetings. Prior bylaws cited 3 unexcused absences; the current bylaws are silent. This needs to be reviewed.

A reminder that the holiday luncheon is scheduled for December with a cost of \$30.

Minutes of June 8th were approved as corrected. M/S/P  
Minutes of September 14<sup>th</sup> were approved as corrected. M/S/P

President's report - John Masterjohn reported that Bob Harvey was retiring from the SCERS Board, and they are planning to fill the position. Discussion was had about appropriate contacts to be made within the City Council and Budget office to keep our

pressure on to raise the COLA for retirees. Nick volunteered to write an email for the President's signature from ARSCE related to the COLA to Council Members Teresa Mosqueda (Budget Chair) and Deborah Juarez (Council President). The Coalition of Unions would be an obvious ally to us in this fight.

Treasurer's Report for 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. 2022 was presented by Elizabeth Paschke. It was approved by consensus.

Financial Secretary Hillary Hamilton reported that membership stayed at 1301, reflecting a loss of 4 members who died and a gain of 4 new members. Some discussion was had about the discrepancy between the SCERS dues disbursement, which reflected 1126 members, and the difference of 175 members who should be paying by check, but most of whom have not paid anything. Hillary will report further in November.

### Committees

Communications and Membership - Hillary Hamilton reported for the Committee that they were working on success measures.

Elections - Ed Steyh reported that 6 Board positions (Florence Harrell, Elizabeth Paschke, Melina Thung, Helen Tsang, Jeanette Volland, and Larry Mickelson) are up for election this next cycle. One has they will not run again. Bill asked Hillary to provide contact information for recent retirees to help generate a slate of candidates by the end of October.

Legislative - No report. Helen and Bob are on the committee.

Programs - Three members of the Programs Committee, Larry and Sharon Mickelson and Anne Miller, have resigned from the committee, with Anne reserving the right to return later. Ann Beard, Kris Effertz, Ed Steyh and Melina Thung will continue to press forward. The next meeting is 10/20/22

Bylaws - No report

Financial Review - Alan Brittenham reported that the committee had again failed to put together a meeting to review the previous period, mostly due to scheduling difficulties. He offered to travel to Elizabeth Paschke's house to get it done.

### Business

John Masterjohn has volunteered to attend the October and November Board meeting of SCERS, write a report, and report back to the ARSCE Board. John is planning an ongoing project to work with the SCERS Board to get a COLA adjustment for all retired employees.

Having no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on November 9, 2022, Jeannette Voiland hosting. If you are unable to attend, contact John Masterjohn and Alan Brittenham via phone or email at least an hour before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Alan Brittenham, Recording Secretary