

# **EDUCATION MINNESOTA RETIRED BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Education Minnesota Headquarters, 41 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul  
(Meeting in Conference Room I)*

**DATE: Monday, December 8 2014 • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Present:** President Larry Koenck, Vice President Julie Jagusch, Past President Walt Munsterman, Treasurer Boy Toy, Secretary Lowell Ueland, Ed Mikulich, Jerry Klebs, Joan Clark, Judy Rohde, Myrna Doran, Lois Wendt, Warren Misiewicz, John Lipke, Charles Hellie, Lori Nord, Joan Beaver, Ed Rapp, Sharon Kjellberg, Cathy Stringfield and Sandy Skaar

**Other:** Rodney Rowe, Betty Toy, Shelley MacDonald, Matt Blewett (Retired Staff Liaison) and Marty Zins

**Absent:** Bobby Margo, Jan Cummings and Wes Hanna

*A quorum is present.*

**The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by President, Larry Koenck**

## **Items to be added to the Agenda:**

- Retired Lobby Day

**Adoption of the December 8 2014 Agenda:** Motion by Charles Hellie, second by Myrna Doran to accept the agenda with additions. Motion approved.

**Approval of the May 5, 2014 Minutes:** Motion by Myrna Doran, second by Sharon Kjellberg to approve the minutes as presented with corrections. Motion approved.

**Financial Report:** The Financial Report was presented by **Treasurer Boy Toy** with discussion. (See Green Sheet in Folder)

Motion by Charles Hellie, second by Ed Mikulich to receive and file the Financial Report. Motion passed.

**Guest:** Sara Gjerdrum, the new Education Minnesota Executive Director talked to the Board. She talked about her background and her association activities.

## **Officer Reports:**

**President: Larry Koenck** reported:

- Raffle Tickets for AFL/CIO fund raiser
- Continuous Membership – Automatic Retired Life Membership – Could be Effective Sept 1, 2015, depending on vote of EdMN RC in April – There would be a dues increase of \$11.00 per year for active teachers
- Hillary Clinton visit
- September Community Outreach Award from the AFL/CIO – We have several retired members on the committee
- NEA-R Leadership Conference in March
- Received \$4900 grant from NEA
- Nellie Stone Johnson Dinner – Donations: Make checks to NSJ Capitol Fund and send them to Union Bank and Trust, 312 Central Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414
- Education Minnesota Board Meeting this weekend – Continuous membership will be on the agenda – approval of brochure for retired membership recruitment.
- Booth volunteers for February, etc. – need volunteers for the April 18<sup>th</sup> EdMN RC for Saturday AM

**Vice President: Julie Jagusch** reported:

- Chairperson of Student Governance Task Force to establish a statewide Student Membership organization – Will recommend continuation of Task Force for one more year – Minnesota had a statewide Student Organization into the 80s

**Treasurer: Boy Toy** - Financial report was given earlier in the agenda

**Secretary: Lowell Ueland** – Ask Board’s opinions and guidance on the content of the minutes – was there too much included in the minutes.

**TRA: Marti Zins** (See report in your packet – Orange Sheet)

**Education Minnesota Officer Liaison: Rodney Rowe (Education Minnesota Secretary-Treasurer)** - No Report

**Education Minnesota – Retired Staff Liaison: Matt Blewett** – Reported:

**Old Business:**

1. 2014 Fall Conference Update - Lois Wendt reported that she will compile information on the fall conference and report at the next board meeting.
2. 2014 Fall Breakfast Update – Walt Munsterman reported that there was a good turnout with 30+ people at the breakfast – being an election the speakers were very good.
3. Other - None

## New Business

1. **Elections Update** – James Hagar (EdMN Legislative Rep.) made a presentation on the 2014 elections in Minnesota and, also, made a presentation on the 2016 elections.
2. **\*Education Minnesota Retired Constitution and Bylaws Revisions** – Christina Clark talked to the Board about Education Minnesota Retired Constitution and Bylaws Revisions and answered questions regarding the document.

Motion by Myrna Doran, second by John Lipke to table action on the Education Minnesota Retired Constitution and Bylaws Revisions until the February Broad meeting. Motion approved.

Motion by Walt Munsterman, second by Sharon Kjellberg to approve the Education Minnesota Retired Constitution and Bylaws Revisions. It was ruled out of order because the motion to table take priority and it's not debatable.

3. **\*Education Minnesota Retired Election Guidelines** – It was decided to be put back on the agenda for the February board for any action. Current elections were discussed. There were not contests for any of the officer and board positions up for election. The only contested elections were those for conference representation.
4. **Vacant Board Positions** – There are no vacancies on the board at this time.
5. **NEA Retired Conference-** March 24-26, 2015 (Atlanta, GA) – Discussed attendees
6. **Political Conference** early 2015 – REAM – The 2015 Political Conference will be January 27, 2015, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM at the Maple Grove Community Center in Maple Grove. There will be more information on the EdMN-R website and on Facebook.
7. **Exhibit Volunteers** needed
8. **Other** – Retired Lobby Day was discussed. It was determined that EdMN-R and REAM should have a Lobby Day at the Capitol to lobby on Retired Issues. There was a Motion by Joan Beaver, second by Sandy Skaar to have the Education Minnesota Retired Government Relations Committee to work with REAM to arrange to lobby the Legislative Pension Committee retirement issues. Motion approved. It was noted that we need to target the new GOP legislators

## Congressional District Reports:

- **District 1:** Ed Mikulich – Reported on local political issues, the teacher who is a Tea Party person that is now in the Legislature and a concern about EdMN endorsing.
- **District 1:** Kathy Stringfield – Reported that Tony Cornish is contemplating running against Tim Walz in 2016.
- **District 2:** Wes Hanna – Absent – No Report

- **District 2:** Jerry Klebs – Reported on the low voter turnout in his district
- **District 3:** Joanie Clark – No Report
- **District 3:** Ed Rapp – No Report
- **District 4:** Sharon Kjellberg – Reported on political activities in her area
- **District 4:** Judy Rohde – Reported that the DFL won both legislative races in her district
- **District 5:** Myrna Doran – Reported on political activities in her area – She was an election judge – there was a high number of new voters – all DFL candidates won in her district
- **District 5:** Lois Wendt – Reported on political activities in her area – she was an election judge – many new registered voters
- **District 6:** Joan Beaver – Reported on political activities in her area – 5th District voter turnout good – Emmer won in the 6th CD
- **District 6:** Warren Misiewicz – Reported on political activities in his area – Big turnout in his district – big concern is charter schools
- **District 7:** Charles Hellie – Reported on political activities in her area
- **District 7:** John Lipke – Reported on political activities in her area – lost a lot of DFL seats in the 7th CD – getting to be solid red district – Nancy Larson is the 7th CD Chair
- **District 8:** Roberta Margo – Absent – No Report
- **District 8:** Jan Cummings – Absent – No Report
- **At Large:** Sandy Skaar – No Report
- **At Large:** Lori Nord – Reported on political activities

### **Standing Committees Reports:**

**Finance:** Boy Toy - Earlier Report

**Membership:** Dick Mans – Absent – No Report

**Program:** Joan Clark, Lois Wendt – Earlier Report

**Communications:** Myrna Doran – Reported

- Facebook – Website Good
- Grant Committee – Brochure
- Newsletter late due to various issues – i.e. no editor – Shelly does most of the work on the newsletter

**Resolutions:** Ed Rapp – Reported

- Resolutions 9 and 10 needs work
- Ed Rapp moved, second by Joan Clark to send Resolutions 1 – 8 to the Annual to reaffirm these resolutions. Motion passed.
- Ed Rapp moved, second by Ed Mikulich to table, time certain, to the next broad meeting on February 27, 2015 under old business. Motion passed.

**Nominations and Elections:** Joan Clark, Betty Toy – reported under new business

**Governmental Relations:** Joan Beaver – reported

- Attended EdMN Policy Committee meeting
- Support an additional Retired member to the EdMN Board

- Given the “brush of: by the Policy Committee
- Talked about Continuous Membership
- This not the year to make TRA an issue

**Professional Advocacy:** Judy Rhode – Reported

- Adopted report to be sent to the EdMN Broad
- Testing issue
- Teacher Licensure – Revised requirements in the rule – Discrepancies across the state at the local committees – need better guidance
- Federal funds for student loan forgiveness – depends on areas of the state
- Increase Future Teachers of America (FTA) program
- Ongoing EdMN Committee on Teacher Licensure

**Special Committees Reports:**

**Local Chapters:** Chuck Hellie – No Report

**By-Laws Committee:** (Walt Munsterman) – No Report – covered earlier in the agenda

**President Koenck adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.**

**Announcements:** (none)

**Future Board Meeting Dates:**

- 2014: Nov 17
- 2015: Feb 23
- 2015: April 17 – Annual Meeting – Sheet Metal Workers Bldg. (Probable)
- 2015: May 18

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lowell Ueland, Secretary

