

**EDUCATION MINNESOTA RETIRED**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DATE: Monday, May 5, 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, Wes Hanna, Jerry Klebs, Joanie Clark, Alice Faribault, Judy Rohde, Myrna Doran, Lois Wendt, Warren Misiewicz, Lori Nord, Joan Beaver, Charles Hellie, Ed Rapp, Jan Cummings, Sharon Kjellberg

**Other:** Denise Specht, Education Minnesota President, Rodney Rowe, Education Minnesota Secretary/Treasurer, Alve Jemtrud, Retired Staff Liaison, Betty Toy, Paul Mueller, Education Minnesota Vice President and Marty Zins

**Excused:** Roberta Margo, Cathy Stringfield, John Lipke

*A quorum is present.*

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

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion \_\_\_\_\_ by Charles Hellie, second by Julie Jagusch to accept the agenda with additions. Motion approved.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by Warren Misiewicz, second by Ed Mikulich 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 Myrna Doran, second by Judy Rohde to receive and file the Financial Report. Motion passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:** President Larry Koenck reported on EdMN Representative Assembly; Ed Liepold death, AFL-CIO Fund Raiser; AFL-CIO Legislative Activity; Annual Meeting (Over 60 in attendance); EdMN Representative Assembly to establish a Task Force to Study Continuing Membership.

**Vice President:** Julie Jagusch reported on Annual Meeting

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

**Secretary:** Lowell Ueland – Mention the passing of Ed Liepold

**TRA:** Marti Zins (See purple sheet in packet) reported on TRA Board activities; Internal Audit; Early Childhood Issue (Teacher or who isn't); Meeting with auditor on how to implement GASP; Duluth Issue (Legislature passed two versions of bill relating to St. Paul and Duluth – Not sure what final bill will be accepted – pushing for the house bill); Arnold Foundation (anti-pension group – up to no good); Authorized more money in budget for new TRA members - good report.

**Education Minnesota Officer Liaison:** Rodney Rowe (Education Minnesota Secretary-Treasurer) Reported on Education Minnesota activities.

**Education Minnesota Staff Liaison:** Alve Jemtrud reported on Continuing Member Task Force; publications, phase in policy, etc.; EdMN appears to support the concept at this time; currently looking at the Kentucky Model

**Old Business:**

- 2014 Fall Conference – Lois Wendt reported on the conference – there is information in your packet – agenda – registration form – will register directly with Rutgers.
- 2014 Retired Breakfast - Lois Wendt reported that we will be having one – Thursday @ Fall Conference (October 16, 2014) @ Science Museum – cost is \$20.
- Other – None

Paul Mueller, (Education Minnesota Vice President) talked to the Board Members on the work to do for the Fall Elections – a lot needs to be done to get a good turn out

**New Business:**

1. Elections guidelines update – We will revise the Elections Guidelines to match the Active EdMN Organization and bring them up to date legally. There was much discussion. The Board will tentatively adopt the guidelines at the August Board. Please do your due diligence.
2. Vacant Board Positions – Jerry Kelbs will fill the District 2 vacancy; Ed Rapp will fill out the District 3 one year vacancy; Jan Cummings will fill District 8 vacancy, replacing Joe Moren.

Moved by Walt Munsterman, second by Myrna Dorn to approve appointments to fill out the terms. Motion Carried.

3. Constitution and bylaw update – Board should review the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws. The Board will take action on the changes to Constitution and By-laws at the August Board meeting.
4. Committee Chairpersons: Reapprove the following:
  - Finance: Boy Toy
  - Membership: Dick Mans

- ☒ Program: Joan Clark and Lois Wendt
- ☒ Communications: Myrna Doran
- ☒ Resolutions: Ed Rapp
- ☒ Nominations/Elections: Joan Clark, Betty Toy
- ☒ By-Laws: Open
- ☒ Government Relations/Policy Development: Joan Beaver
- ☒ Local Chapters: Chuck Hellie
- ☒ Professional Advocacy: Judy Rhode

Moved by Julie Jagusch, Second by Jerry Klebs to approve reappointments. Motion Carried

5. New committee appointments

Moved by Julie Jagusch, Second by Lois Wendt to approve new appointments. Motion Carried

6. Meeting dates for 2014 – Monday, August 18, Monday November 17 – 10:00 AM

Moved by Chuck Hellie, Second by Lois Wendt to approve the dates.

7. Other:

**Rodney Rowe** (Education Minnesota Secretary/Treasurer) briefed the Board on the Continuous Membership Issue – Pensions Issues in the Legislature – Young people should watch pensions – Representative Assembly – Many questions from the board members.

**Denise Specht** (Education Minnesota President) spoke to the Board about Education Minnesota activities – Thanked us for support at the RA, etc. – talked about legislative activities.

**President Larry Koenck** reported on the “Kids in Need” Project.

## **Congressional District Reports:**

District 1: Ed Mikulich reported on political activity in the 1<sup>st</sup> District.

District 1: Cathy Stringfield - (No Report)

District 2: Wes Hanna - (No Report)

District 2: Jerry Klebs reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> District DFL endorsed Obermueller to run against Kline

District 3: Joanie Clark – (No Report)

District 3: Ed Rapp – Reported on political activity in the 3rd District.

District 4: Sharon Kjellberg - (No Report)

District 4: Judy Rohde – (No Report)

District 5: Myrna Doran – (No Report)

District 5: Lois Wendt - Reported on Keith Elison book reading

District 6: Joan Beaver – Reported on endorsement of Jim Penske and other political activity in the 6th District.

District 6: Warren Misiewicz – (No Report)

District 7: Charles Hellie – Reported on endorsement of Colin Peterson and other political activity in the 7th District.

District 7: John Lipke – (No Report)

District 8: Roberta Margo – (No Report)

District 8: Jan Cummings - reported on political activity in the 8th District.

At Large: Sandra Skaar - (No Report)

At Large: Lori Nord – (No Report)

**Standing Committees Reports:**

Finance: Boy Toy - Earlier Report

Membership: Dick Mans – (No Report) – Judy Rohde reported on what she is doing for retired membership.

Program: Joan Clark – Fall Conference September 8-9-10 at Rutgers

Communications: Myrna Doran – Reported on Marti Zins’ article on TRA – Several articles in the Retired Newsletter – Newsletter activities – August Newsletter is ready – Lori Nord is working on the Website, Facebook, etc.

Resolutions: Ed Rapp – reported on resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting –Ed Rapp Moved, Seconded by Warren Misiewicz to put Resolutions 10 and 11 on the agenda for the August meeting. Motion Carried

Nominations: Joan Clark, Betty Toy – (No Report)

Governmental Relations: Joan Beaver – reported on getting people to work on political activities and AFL-CIO political program (Winters) – Need to keep DFL majorities in the Legislature to keep pension benefits (Defined Benefit vs Defined Contribution) – We all need to be very political this campaign year – Talked about the EdMN endorsement time table – Talked about adding retired member to the TRA Board (EdMN has no position on it but will be brought to the policy Development Committee)

By-Laws: Don Holman – (No Report) – Board will deal the Constitution and By-Laws at the August meeting

Local Chapters: Chuck Hellie – (No Report)

Professional Advocacy: Judy Rohde - Reported on Online Learning – A position paper on Online Learning was presented to the EdMN Board – Talked about Community Meetings

(5 held) – Will get members together to get input for a Framework for report to the EdMN Board – Reported on testing for our kids (too much)

**Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.** by President Koenck

**Announcements:** President Koenck mentioned that business cards needed to be up-dated and that Larry, Walt and Julie will be at St.Ben's for Education Minnesota Summer Seminar in August.

**Future Board Meeting Dates:** Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lowell Ueland, Secretary