

**EDUCATION MINNESOTA RETIRED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

DATE: Monday, May 15, 2017 • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Present: President Julie Jagusch , Vice President Walt Munsterman, Past President Larry Koenck, Treasurer Lynette Wayne, Secretary Lowell Ueland, Ed Mikulich - 1, Cathy Stringfield – 1, Wes Hanna - 2, Jerry Klebs - 2, Bonnie Herman – 3, Jean Scheu – 3, Sharon Kjellberg - 4, Judy Rohde – 4, Myrna Doran - 5, Lois Wendt - 5,, Joan Beaver – 6, John Wertz – 6, Charles Hellie - 7, John Lipke - 7, Bobby Margo - 8, Jan Cummings - 8, Sandy Skaar – At Large, Lori Nord At Large, Boy Toy

Other: Betty Toy (Cmte Mbr), Matt Blewett (Retired Staff Liaison), Christine Thornborrow (Retired Staff Liaison), Marty Zins (TRA Rep), Jodi Buhr, Legislative Staff, EdMN Sec/Treas Rodney Rowe, Board Liaison, Shelly McDonald, ESI

Not Present: Sandy Skaar – At Large

A quorum is present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Julie Jagusch

Items to be added to the Agenda:

#8 – AFL-CIO

Adoption of the May 18, 2015 Agenda: Motion by Lynette Wayne, second by, Sharon Kjellberg to accept the agenda with flexibility. Motion approved.

Election of New Board Member: John Wertz and Sue Witt were nominated to fill the open CD6 Board position. Board elected John Wertz to fill open CD6 Board position. Approved by secret ballot vote of the Board. Motion by Lynette Wayne, second by, Myrna Doran to approve the election results and to seat John Wertz. Motion Approved.

Approval of the February 23, 2015 Minutes: Motion by Sharon Kjellberg, second by Jerry Klebs to approve the minutes as presented with corrections. Motion approved.

Financial Report: (*Through February 28, 2017*) - The Financial Report was presented by Lynette Wayne with discussion. (See Green Sheet in Folder) Changes to the report as of the next meeting. Motion by Myrna Doran, second by Jan Cummings to receive and file the Financial Report. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

President: President Julie Jagusch reported on: Meetings Attended, Program Cmte, Lobby Day, Rally at the Capitol, Dallas Conf., Passage of Constitution and By-Laws, Budget Cmte, Scholarship Fund and AFT Grant.

Vice President: Vice President Walt Munsterman reported on: Meetings attended, Washington D.C. trip, Pension Information and TRA legislation

Treasurer: Lynette Wayne - Financial report was given earlier in the agenda – Expense forms - Delegate to RA

Secretary: Lowell Ueland – reported on: No report

Education Minnesota Staff Liaison: (Christine Thornborrow) – Reported on: Retired Organization Conf. Presentation on Continuous Membership, Attended Legislative meetings.

TRA: Marti Zins – Not present, but sent report -See attached report – Lori Hacking retiring at end of this calendar year.

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

Legislative Report – No Report

Old Business:

- 1. Committee make-up** – Reviewed Standing Committee Assignments – Made new appointments to standing committees – Officers are members of all committees. Charles Hellie moved, seconded by Jan Cummings to approve committee assignments. Motion Approve. (See new committee assignments in your packet at August Board Meeting)
- 2. Task Force for Member Duties, Responsibilities, Expectations** - Myrna Doran moved, second by Lynette Wayne to form the **Task Force for Member Duties, Responsibilities, Expectations** and to come up with a document to present to the Retired Board at the Aug meeting. Motion Approved. The members of the task force who volunteered (besides the officers who are automatically on the task force) were: Sharon Kjellberg, Larry Koenck, John Like, Judy Rohde, Myrna Doran and Jan Cummings. Sharon Kjellberg was named chair and the task force will have a recommendation for the August meeting.

New Business:

1. **Open Board Position** – Comments by New Board John Wertz and Sue Witt. No Action necessary.
2. **Financial Policy** – Discussion - Lynette Wayne moved, second by Committee to approve the Financial Policy as presented. Motion Approved.
3. **TRA Update** - EdMN Sec/Treas Rodney Rowe, Board Liaison presented an update on TRA Board and Legislative activities -Blue Ribbon Cmte on Pension Reforms – 37 Ideas, mostly bad – Pension Commission is done for the year. Walt Munsterman moved, second by Joan Beaver to reaffirm Education Minnesota Retired’s Board position on the TRA proposal. Motion Approved Unanimously.
4. **Budget** – Discussion - Lynette Wayne moved, second by Committee to approve the 2017-18 Budget as presented. Motion Approved.
5. **Task Force on Governing Board Structure** – Discussion of need – Lowell Ueland moved, second by Walt Munsterman to approve the formation of the Task Force to study the Governing Board Structure and to report back at the August Board Meeting. Motion Approved.
6. **Membership discussion/ dues (Christine Thornborrow)** – Needs volunteers for ESI meetings. - Reported on Continuous Membership – Needs a decision on how to proceed - Myrna Doran moved, second by Bonnie Herman to refer the issue to the Finance Committee to make recommendations and report back to the Board at the August meeting. Motion approved. – H. Beste is appealing her membership as a continuous member. Sharon Kjellberg moved, seconded by Lynette Wayne to accept this member as a continuous member and that Education Minnesota Retired recommends to President Specht that this appeal be accepted. Motion approved.
7. **AFL-CIO Retirement Council** - Larry Koenck moved, second by Charles Hellie that we request the retirement council to accept our recommendation of President Julie Jagusch as a member of their council. Motion approved.

Congressional District Reports:

District 1: Ed Mikulich – Reported on area activities

District 1: Kathy Stringfield – No Report

District 2: Wes Hanna - Reported on area activities

District 2: Jerry Klebs – Reported on area activities

District 3: Bonnie Herman – Reported on area activities

District 3: Jean Scheu – No Report

District 4: Sharon Kjellberg – Reported on area activities

District 4: Judy Rohde – Reported on area activities

District 5: Myrna Doran – Reported on area activities

District 5: Lois Wendt - Reported on area activities

District 6: Joan Beaver – Reported on area activities

District 6: John Wertz - Reported on area activities

District 7: Charles Hellie – Reported on area activities

District 7: John Lipke – Reported on area activities

District 8: Roberta Margo – Reported on area activities

District 8: Jan Cummings – Reported on area activities

At Large: Sandy Skaar – No Report – Not Present

At Large: Lori Nord – Reported on area activities

Standing Committees Reports:

1. **Membership (Judy Rohde)** – Thanks to contact effort
2. **Program (Lois Wendt)** – Had 90 plus in attendance at annual meeting – evaluations were positive – gas card appeared to be a good incentive - 2 \$50 gift cards for new members – 10 \$25 gift cards (out of organizing budget)
3. **Communications (Myrna Doran)** – Discussed new Date Book policy -need to do more with web page.
4. **Statements of Principle (Sharon Kjellberg)** – Presented Statements of Principle to Annual Meeting
5. **Bylaws (Walt Munsterman)** – Corrections taken care of
6. **Nominations/Elections (Betty Toy & Boy Toy)** -To early – elections this Fall

7. **Government Relations (Joan Beaver)** – Reported on TRA Legislation and TRA Issues - Legislature doing some funny things – Pension Commission Issues – Julie Rosen removed TRA changes from bill.

8. **Professional Advocacy (Judy Rhode)** - Reported

Special Committees Reports:

Local Chapters (Chuck Hellie) – Northfield working on getting organized

Grant Committee (Julie Jagusch) – Put together a Grant Request for regional meetins in Greater Minnesota – NEA Grant

Adjournment:

President Jagush adjourned meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Announcements: None

Future Board Meeting Dates:

8/21/17: Board Meeting
9/11-13/ 17: Fall Conference at Ruttger’s
10/19/17: Fall Breakfast
11/6/17: Board Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Lowell Ueland, Secretary