

**EDUCATION MINNESOTA RETIRED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

DATE: Monday, November 16, 2014 • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Present: President Larry Koenck, Vice President Julie Jagusch , Past President Walt Munsterman, Treasurer Lynette Wayne, Secretary Lowell Ueland, Ed Mikulich - 1, Cathy Stringfield – 1, Wes Hanna - 2, Jerry Klebs - 2, Bonnie Herman – 3, Sharon Kjellberg - 4, Myrna Doran - 5, Lois Wendt - 5, Warren Misiewicz - 6, Joan Beaver – 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-----Legislative Staff

Not Present: Jean Scheu – 3, Judy Rohde - 4, John Lipke - 7

A quorum is present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by **President, Larry Koenck**

Items to be added to the Agenda: Items #7 and #8 under new business

Adoption of the May 18, 2015 Agenda: Motion by Walt Munsterman, second by, Ed Mikulich to accept the agenda with flexibility. Motion approved.

Approval of the February 23, 2015 Minutes: Motion by Myrna Doran, second by Julie Jagusch to approve the minutes as presented with corrections. Motion approved.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was presented by Lynette Wayne with discussion. (See Green Sheet in Folder) Changes to the report as of the next meeting. NEA approved Grant request of \$3705.

- Motion by Bonnie Herman, second by Jan Cummings to receive and file the Financial Report. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:**President: President Larry Koenck** reported on:

- AFL-CIO Retired Board Activity
- Democratic National Committee – The Retired Part of Minneapolis Meeting
- Meeting with a Governor’s staffer on UCare
- Cher Knutson Retirement Reception
- Lois Wendt recognition for her AFL-CIO Retiree Organization for her work
- AFL-CIO Political Conference
- Larry’s Health issues
- Committee on Continuous Membership – Will write policies – will be done before Annual Meeting
- AFL-CIO Retired dues increase for political activities

Vice President: Julie Jagusch reported on:

- DNC Meeting
- Fall Conference
- Meeting w/President Denise Specht
- Committee on Continuous Membership
- Student Governance Committee
- Fall Breakfast
- NEA 360 – New platform for technology

Treasurer: Lynette Wayne - Financial report was given earlier in the agenda – reported on reimbursement expense allowance, etc. – Christine mentioned the ID theft coverage – full recovery of theft.

Secretary: Lowell Ueland – reported on:

- Senate Office Building
- Campaign to take back the House

TRA: Marti Zins – See report in your folder

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

James Hagger reported on:

- There will 5 Political Conference sites January thru February
- Retirees don’t have to pay to attend.

Legislative Report – Jodi Buhr reported on:

- Session begins March
- Full Service Community Schools
- Testing to be a big issue in the next session
- Pre-Hearings going on now
- Senate talking with governor on legislative issues
- Universal Pre-K – no proposal yet
- Early Learning listing sessions – scholarships
- ESEA issue

Joan Beaver (from offsite) gave her Legislative Committee Report**Education Minnesota – Retired Staff Liaison: Matt Blewett – No Report****Old Business:**

1. 2015 Fall Conference Update:
 - 50 plus were present
 - Evaluations were good – got some ideas for future conference
 - Next year’s conference will be back at Rutgers on September 12-14, 2016
2. 2015 Fall Breakfast Update: 2016 Fall Breakfast will be October 20, 2016
3. Communications Committee Guidelines – Committee moved, second by Committee to adopt the guidelines. Motion approved.

New Business

1. Elections Update: Only two contests – EdMN and NEA RA Delegates – Myrna Doran moved, seconded by --- to review and update Elections Guidelines and to consider filing electronically, beginning Jan 1, 2016. Motion Approved.
2. NEA Retired Conference – March 22-25, 2016 (San Diego, CA) – Register Online and pay \$90.00 –upon registration. Pay own hotel – Money in budget for conferences.
3. Political Conference: Political Conference scheduled for February 18, 2016 at the Sheet Metal Workers Building in Maplewood w/REAM and the AFL-CIO Retired Group are invited. Tentative registration will be \$20
4. Exhibit Volunteers Needed:
5. TRA Assumptions: Committee moved, second by Committee to adopt the following motion: As proposals for changes to TRA are discussed, Education Minnesota Retired position is in support or no increase to active member contributions, no freeze of COLAs for retirees with a proposed cap of 2% annually and an increase in employer contribution to meet the funding needed for 100% funding within 30 years. Motion Approved.
6. Education Minnesota week of Action: Get involved in your community for the week.
7. Update on 5 Political Conferences: James Hagger reported on this earlier in the agenda.

8. Legislative Update: Jodi Buhr reported on this earlier in the agenda.

Congressional District Reports:

District 1: Ed Mikulich – Reported on: Hagedorn and School Referendums passed
 District 1: Kathy Stringfield – Reported: See above
 District 2: Wes Hanna - Reported: Serves on Local Retired position on local EdMN Board
 District 2: Jerry Klebs – Reported: Dave Thompson may not run again
 District 3: Bonnie Herman – No Reported
 District 3: Jean Scheu – No Report
 District 4: Sharon Kjellberg – No Report
 District 4: Judy Rohde – No Report
 District 5: Myrna Doran – Reported: District Senate seat open – two house members running
 District 5: Lois Wendt - No Report
 District 6: Joan Beaver – No Report
 District 6: Warren Misiewicz – No Report
 District 7: Charles Hellie – No Report
 District 7: John Lipke – No Report
 District 8: Roberta Margo – Reported: Central Labor Grp
 District 8: Jan Cummings – Reported: Stewart Mills (GOP) running in CD 8, again
 At Large: Sandy Skaar – No Report
 At Large: Lori Nord – No Report

Standing Committees Reports:

Finance: Lynette Wayne – Reported Earlier
 Membership: Dick Mans – No Report
 Program: Joan Clark, Lois Wendt – No Report
 Communications: Myrna Doran – Reported Earlier
 Resolutions: No Report
 Nominations and Elections: Boy Toy, Betty Toy – No Report
 Governmental Relations: Joan Beaver – Reported Earlier
 Professional Advocacy: Judy Rhode – No Report

Special Committees Reports:

Local Chapters: Chuck Hellie – No Report
 By-laws Committee: Walt Munstermann - No Report until Continuous Membership Cmte comes back with rules.

Adjournment:

Chuck Hellie moved, second by Jerry Klebs to adjourn. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. (Note: Probably a record)

Announcements:

- 2016 AFT National Convention in Minneapolis – 100th Annv – May need volunteers
- 2018 NEA RA in Minneapolis

Future Board Meeting Dates:

- February 22, 2016 – Board Meeting
- April 29, 2016 – Retired Annual Meeting
- May 16, 2016 - Board Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Lowell Ueland, Secretary

