ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Board Minutes

100 North Park Avenue, PERA Conference Room

November 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting of the Association of Montana Retired Public Employees was called to order by Mike O’Connor at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike O’Connor, James Driggers, Lyle Manley, Jan Brown, John H. McEwen, Patty Mott, Cathy Kendall, Jim Lewis, Dale Boespflug, and Kristyn Bohlander (staff).

GUESTS

Leo Barry and Brian Thompson.

MINUTES

Cathy Kendall made a motion to approve the minutes, Patty Mott seconded the motion, and the October minutes were approved unanimously.

REPRESENTATION

Leo Barry provided the board with a legislative update. The firm has started reviewing bill draft requests, but has found nothing of major concern. Leo explained that he will not be registering as a lobbyist, but he will assist the law firm with developing strategies for clients. Brian Thompson was introduced as one of the lobbyists who will represent AMRPE’s interests.

The legislative committee will coordinate closely with the lobbying representation. The contract renewal between AMRPE and Browning**,** Kaleczyc**,** Berry & Hoven**,** P.C’s (BKBH) will be negotiated and finalized in December.

MPERA UPDATE

Mike O’Connor updated the board on the experience study being conducted by MPERA. While the study was supposed to be presented at the December 8th board meeting, it has now been postponed until April 2017. This delay is due to the inability to complete the financial impact assessment by December.

TREASURER’S REPORT & MEMBERSHIP

John McEwen reviewed the treasurer’s report, stating that the financials have not changed significantly since October’s meeting. An increase in income reflects the new memberships AMRPE received, and expenses have remained consistent. Excluding staff bills, the only foreseeable expense is the pending agreement with BKBH.

In January, the member renewal process begins.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lyle Manley’s, Jim Lewis’, and Dale Boesflug’s terms expire in December. All three are willing to serve another term. Board officers are also up for election. Mike O’Connor, Lyle Manley, John McEwen, and Jan Brown expressed the desire to continue in their current positions. Voting will take place at the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the upcoming newsletter, and determined what articles should be included. The newsletter will be printed on January 15th.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

The next meeting will be held in the residence of Mike O’Connor, 661 N. Warren Street in Helena, on December 20th at 2:00 P.M.