ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Board Minutes

Residence of Mike O’Connor, 661 North Warren Street

December 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting of the Association of Montana Retired Public Employees was called to order by Mike O’Connor at 3:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike O’Connor, Lyle Manley, Jan Brown, John McEwen, James Driggers, Patty Mott, Cathy Kendall, Jim Lewis, and Kim Hoxie (staff). Dale Boespflug was excused.

GUESTS

Jean Williams, Tim and Julie Reardon, Steve and Connie Welsh,

MINUTES

James Driggers asked that the minutes be amended under the bylaws committee updateto state; “The objective relating to affordable healthcare was clarified. The section on honorary membership section was expanded. The section on where the Association’s assets may be held simplified. Additional minor changes to the bylaws are proposed. Bylaws will be ready for review and vote at the December meeting.”

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

OLD BUSINESS

**Bylaws**

James Driggers presented the changes to the bylaws.

Change in Article I: The objective relating to affordable healthcare was clarified.

Change in Article II: The section on honorary memberships was expanded. The section on membership dues was simplified.

Change in Article III: A wording revision was made to #1 to read, “A Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board, shall manage the affairs of this Association.” Under the duties of president, clarification made that the president may sign checks without a co-signatory. Also clarified that another member may act as a spokesperson for the Association when either appointed or expected to do so.

Change in Article VI: Wording of #5 was simplified

Patty Mott made a motion to approve the changes to the Bylaws, John McEwen seconded the motion and the amended Bylaws were approved unanimously.

**Newsletter timeline**

Newsletter assignments were reviewed and all articles will be sent to CMS for production of the newsletter. Newsletter will be completed by January 21, 2018.

**PER Board Meeting**

Michael O’Connor stated that the GABA notice from the Public Employees Retirement Board will be mailed the middle of January.

**Nominating Committee**

Lyle Manley stated that the committee met with all three candidates and all three candidates are excellent choices to fill the open Board position. The committee is recommending Connie Welsh as the new Board member.

Lyle Manley also stated that he would like to see the Board allow members or Board members to join the Board meeting remotely with phone conferencing. Mike O’Connor stated he did speak with the IT person at MPERA and they would be willing to help set up phone conferencing for the Board meeting when needed.

Jan Brown moved to adopt the Nominating Committee’s Report and Cathy Kendall seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board also discussed involving Julie Rearden and Leo Hudetz in committee work.

At the November board meeting, Patty Mott and James Driggers were nominated to serve another 3-year term.

Cathy Kendall moved to accept these nominations and retain Patty Mott and James Driggers for another 3-year term. John McEwen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mike O’Connor, Lyle Manley, James Driggers, and Jan Brown had been nominated to serve as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively.

John McEwen moved to accept the nominations and elect Mike O’Connor, Lyle Manley, James Driggers, and Jan Brown to serve as board officers for a 1-year term. Cathy Kendall seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

In December 2018, Jan Brown, Cathy Kendall and Mike O’Connor Board terms will be up.

NEW BUSINESS

**CMS Contract**

John McEwen stated that the contract for with CMS is renewed annually. The only change to the contract is an hourly rate increase from $39 to $43. The rate has remained the same since 2014. John McEwen and CMS are agreeable to the rate change. Language was put into the contract that some future treasurer duties could be done by CMS if desired.

Patty Mott moved to adopt the contract for CMS and James Driggers seconded. The CMS contract was approved unanimously.

**Authorized Signatures**

John McEwen stated that with the new slate of officers for 2018, the signing authorization on the bank accounts need to be changed to reflect Mike O’Conner, President; Jan Brown, Secretary; and James Driggers, Treasurer.

Jim Lewis moved that the Valley Bank checking account and the Rocky Mountain Credit Union account authorized signatures be changed to reflect Mike O’Connor, President; Jan Brown, Secretary and James Driggers, Treasurer. Cathy Kendall seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Membership Dues 2018**

The Board reviewed and discussed the dues for 2018.

John McEwen moved to keep the current membership dues the same for 2018. Jan Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

John McEwen moved to adjourn the meeting. James Driggers seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

The next meeting will be held in the MPERA conference room at 100 North Park Avenue in Helena on January 16, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

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Jan Brown, Secretary