ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Board Minutes

100 North Park Avenue, MPERA Conference Room

November 21, 2017

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

GUESTS

Julie & Tim Rearden

Dore Schwinden, MPERA, was unable to attend the meeting today.

MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

**Open position on PER Board**

Cathy Kendall stated that she submitted an application for the open retiree position on the PER Board. Mike O’Connor, on behalf of the AMRPE Board, will be sending recommendation letters of support.

**AMRPE Board Member Recruiting**

Lyle Manley stated that three people have applied for the open AMRPE Board position. The three applicants are Julie Rearden, Leo Hudetz and Connie Welsh. The recruiting committee will meet with each applicant, either in person or by skype, to discuss the Board position.

**Bylaws Committee Update**

James Driggers reviewed several proposed changed to the bylaws with the Board. The objective relating to affordable healthcare has been defined by adding more emphasis to promote and lobby for healthcare and health insurance. Additional minor changes to the bylaws are proposed. Bylaws will be ready for review and vote at the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

**Newsletter Timeline/Assignments**

The Board discussed topics and timeline for the January newsletter. It was decided that articles will be submitted by the next Board meeting, December 19th. Topics in the newsletter are a new Board member introduction article written by Patty Mott, Fiscal Health of AMRPE by John McEwen, membership drive article by Patty Mott. Cathy Kendall will follow up with Amy Jenks, Operations Bureau Chief for the Health Care & Benefits Division, State of Montana, regarding an article on State health benefits.

**State Employee Group Benefit Advisory Council or SEGBAC Representative**

John McEwen stated that he is a current Council member on the State Employee Group Benefit Advisory Council. He would like to remain in the position unless someone on the AMRPE Board is interested. The Board discussed the purpose of the Council and its importance of being informed regarding the actions of the Council.

Patty Mott moved that John McEwen continue his position on the Council and report to the AMRPE Board relevant information. Cathy Kendall seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

**Membership Committee**

Patty Mott reported that there are 127 new members from the “First Year Free Membership” promotion. AMRPE acquired 18 lifetime members, 60 first year free memberships, 25 one additional year memberships, 11 two additional years memberships, 13 three additional years memberships, and $64.00 in donations for a total of **$**4,589.00 received.

**Nominating Committee**

Lyle Manley stated that he will have a formal slate of officers and Board members to vote on in December. Patty Mott and James Driggers have agreed to re-apply for Board positions and the nominating committee is in the process of interviewing applicants for the open position.

Cathy Kendall stated that committee work would be a great way to engage members that are interested in a Board position to keep them involved in AMRPE.

**Treasurer’s Report**

John McEwen reviewed the treasurer’s report. Income and expenses are lower than projected for the year. Income over expenses month to date is $13,100.

James Driggers made a motion to approve the November Treasurer’s Report. Dale Boespflug seconded the motion. The November’s Treasurer’s Report was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

The next meeting will be held in the residence of Mike O’Connor, 661 N. Warren Street in Helena, on December 19th at 3:00 P.M.