ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Board Minutes

100 North Park – PERA Office, 2nd Floor Conference Room

January 16, 2018

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, Jan Brown, Patty Mott, Cathy Kendall, Jim Lewis, and Kim Hoxie (staff). James Driggers, Dale Boespflug and Connie Welsh were excused.

GUESTS

Tim and Julie Reardon

MINUTES

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

REPORTS

**Treasurer’s Report**

Mike O’Connor reviewed the December 2017 financial report. Net gain for the year is over $10,000. There are 140 new members this year. Patty Mott, membership chair, going forward, will report on the status of new members. This is a change from last year.

**Membership**

Patty Mott reported that AMRPE received 140 members for the year with a total membership over 2,400.

OLD BUSINESS

**Newsletter**

Newsletter was edited by board members and CMS sent it to the printers. Newsletter will be completed by January 21, 2018.

**Broadcasting Meetings**

Lyle Manley stated that he would like to allow members the opportunity to attend the board meetings via teleconferencing. Mike O’Connor stated that PERA does have teleconferencing capabilities and any person can listen to the board meetings. It was decided that the minutes and agenda will be emailed to the person wanting to teleconference the meeting. The board also discussed having the information on how to teleconference the board meetings on the website. Interested members will call CMS to get the details and the phone number to call.

Julie Reardon mentioned it would be nice to have the last month’s meeting minutes, agenda and financial statement available at the meeting so that guests can follow along.

Patty Mott made a motion to work out the logistic for all members to teleconference the monthly board meetings and put information on the website to indicate that teleconferencing is available. Lyle Manley seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Cathy Kendall suggested that Lyle Manley send an email to Leo Hudetz to let him know that teleconferencing will be available.

NEW BUSINESS

**2018 Budget**

The board reviewed the 2018 budget and after a discussion of the budget decided that they would like James Driggers to review the expense categories at the February Board meeting.

Lyle Manley made a motion to approve the 2018 budget, Jim Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Committee Assignments**

Mike O’Connor reviewed the 2018 committee assignments. The board asked Tim Reardon to join the legislation committee and he accepted.

Cathy Kendall stated that the website needs to be reviewed and updated. Cathy Kendall, Patty Mott and Julie Reardon will meet with CMS and review the website.

Julie Reardon stated that she had received some information from the Department of Administration, Health Care & Benefits Division regarding changes and cost savings for

AMRPE members who are still on the state health plan. It was discussed that this information would be great material to put on the website.

**Audit**

Mike O’Connor and Jim Lewis will coordinate time with CMS and James Driggers to do the annual audit.

Cathy Kendall moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lewis seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

The next meeting will be held in the MPERA conference room at 100 North Park Avenue in Helena on February 20, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.