ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Board Minutes

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

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

MINUTES

Jan Brown made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Dale Boespflug seconded the motion, and the September minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed by the board. Cathy Kendall moved to approve the October financial report. Patty Mott seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Membership**

Patty Mott stated that she is receiving new memberships from the September solicitation letter to retirees who retired from January 2017 to August 2018. The breakdown of new members is as follows: Lifetime 4 (4%); 1 year 56 (63%); 2 year 18 (15%); 3 year 11 (12%).

The board discussed how to send information to the membership during the legislative session. Emailing the membership was determined to be the best option to get information out to the members quickly. All current and past membership emails are available through an email database.

**Public Employees Retirement Board Meeting**

Mike O’Connor stated that the actuarial evaluation as of June 30, 2018 for the Public Employees’ Retirement Systems was presented at the Public Employees Retirement Board meeting. The Experience Study looks for system trends and makes demographic and economic assumptions that are used for future actuarial valuations. The report uses historical data as well as current information to project how the pension plan is going to perform for retirees and current employees. The report stated the investment return for the year ending June 30, 2018 is 8.9%. With the four year smoothing of market returns the Unfunded Liability will be paid off in 38 years.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Investment Policy Statement**

The board reviewed and discussed the investment policy statement developed by James Driggers and Jim Penner.

Connie Welsh moved to have the brokered certificates of deposit option removed from the list of investment alternatives. Jim Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Cathy Kendall moved to approve the Investment Policy Statement. Jim Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**State Employee Group Benefits Advisory Council**

The contact for the SEGBAC board requested names of three people who would be interested in the retiree board position. Board members who volunteered for the board position are Connie Welsh, Jim Lewis and Cathy Kendall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Newsletter Timeline**

The newsletter should ready to be mailed to the membership the first of February. The board discussed ideas for articles for the newsletter. Ideas discussed were membership information, links to representatives, legislative action and a plan for healthcare during retirement.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

The next meeting will be held in the MPERA conference room at 100 North Park Avenue in Helena on

November 20th, 2018, 9:30 a.m.