ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Board Minutes

December 18, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting of the Association of Montana Retired Public Employees was called to order by Mike O’Connor at 3:20p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike O’Connor, Patty Mott, Cathy Kendall, Lyle Manley, Connie Welsh and James Driggers, Kim Hoxie (staff) and Mackenze Braun (staff) Excused are Jan Brown, Dale Boespflug and Jim Lewis.

GUESTS

Tim and Julie Reardon

Dave Galt, Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry & Hoven P.C.

Dave Mott

MINUTES

Cathy Kendall made a motion to approve the November minutes, Connie Welsh seconded the motion, and the November minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

**Treasurer’s Report**

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

**Membership**

Patty Mott stated that she has received 129 new memberships since the September board meeting. The total breakdown of new members is as follows: Lifetime,7(5 %); 1 year, 73 (57%); 2 year, 28 (22%); 3 year, 21 (16%).

The board will review the yearend report of total lifetime member statistics at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

**Newsletter Article Assignments:**

Reviewed new design layout and discussed including membership renewal in the newsletter to send out all in one. Kim will look into options with printer and share details at next Board meeting.

Assigned Articles: Legislature update – by Dave Galt; New Board Member and Board Changes article – by Lyle Manley; President’s Message – by Lyle Manley; and Healthcare Clarification – Connie will ask Amy Jenks to write an article for newsletter. All articles are due by Jan 31st, 2019 to send out in 2nd week of February.

**Officer & Board Term Nominations:**

The Nominating Committee prepared board member recommendations which were reviewed by the board. Lyle Manley moved to approve Leo Hudetz for a three year board term beginning Jan 1st, 2019. James Driggers seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

The board reviewed the 2019 board term renewals and the recommended slate of officers. Lyle Manley moved to approve Jan Brown and Cathy Kendall for a 3-year term and the listed Slate of Officers (President, Lyle Manley; Vice President, Cathy Kendall; Secretary, Jan Brown; and Treasurer, James Driggers) for the 2019 term. Cathy Kendall seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

LEGISTATIVE SESSION:

Dave Galt presented information on the current outlook of the legislation. He indicated that there are three bills of interest being drafted and eighteen other general revision bills. Dave indicated he will relay more information as it gets closer to session for possible action.

Dave stated there is a legislative training on the PERS “green sheet” at the Capitol in the Old Supreme Court, Jan. 10th, 2019.

Dave commented that he will be in touch with the board members for communication methods on how to inform members of the importance of paying attention to the legislative session.

The board discussed the 2019 Legislative Committee and Lyle Manley will assign members to the committee to present at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

 The next meeting will be held January 15th, 2019 at 100 North Park – PERA Office, 2nd Floor Conference Room.