ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Board Minutes

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

November 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting of the Association of Montana Retired Public Employees was called to order by Lyle Manley at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lyle Manley, Patty Mott, Cathy Kendall, Jan Brown, Jim Lewis, James Driggers, and Kim Hoxie (staff) were present in the board room. Connie Welsh was present by conference call and Lyle Manley, Jim Lewis, Leo Hudetz and Dale Boespflug were excused.

GUESTS

Julie Reardon

Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, MPERA

MINUTES

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

MPERA UPDATE

Dore Schwinden distributed a hand out regarding information on the MPERA Systems that included national data that may help answer questions when comparing the retirement system to other state systems.

REPORTS

**Treasurer’s Report**

James Driggers presented the October financial report. James Driggers recommended to move all of the money in the AMRPE market account except for $10,000 to a CD in February.

Jim Lewis moved that James Driggers’ recommendation be adopted. Cathy Kendall seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Patty Mott made a motion to approve the October financial statement. Jim Lewis seconded the motion, and the October financial statement was approved unanimously

**Membership**

Patty Mott stated that membership renewals are currently at 75% of the total renewals sent, as compared to 63% of renewals returned in 2018.

The newly retired public employee invitation to join letter was sent to 2,346 people and currently 12 people have joined. Last year AMRPE acquired 150 new members from the membership campaign.

OLD BUSINESS

**MOU Agreement**

As discussed earlier, Dori Schwinden will update and send to Lyle Manley.

**Ways to Further Engage Our Members**

The board discussed ways to engage the membership and decided to look at public meetings in the larger cities of Montana. Dale will research if AMRPE representatives can attend pre-retirement planning meetings or if AMRPE could have a promotion on the MPERA webinars. Another idea was to make the membership aware of issues by sending letters to the editors at the larger newspapers in the state. Patty Mott asked if the new members are still getting postcards after submitting their member dues and it was confirmed that they are receiving a postcard.

NEW BUSINESS

**Board Member Terms**

Jan Brown researched that Lyle Manley, Jim Lewis, and Dale Boespflug’s board terms expire December 2019 and each have served 2 terms on the board. They have also indicated that they are willing to serve another term on the board.

**By-laws**

The By-laws committee, consisting of Jim Lewis, James Driggers and Lyle Manley, will meet and review the by-laws prior to the next meeting.

Cathy Kendell adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

The next meeting will be held December 17th, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at Cathy Kendall’s home.