

**SOUTH DAKOTA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL  
BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
11:00 A.M.

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** President, Rhonda Preller; President Elect, Jacque Sly; Vice President, Kay Ainslie; Treasurer, Pat Johnson; Executive Director, Gerri Larson; Legislation, Bob and Sharon Rose; Community/Health, Carmal Tobin

**Board Members Absent:** Past President, Ron Riherd; Secretary, Amy Ramsey; Membership/Publicity/Newsletter, Paula Brakke

**President, Rhonda Preller, called the meeting to order.**

**Secretary's Report:** Copies of the Secretary's Report were emailed to the Board by Secretary, Amy Ramsey who was unable to attend the meeting in Fort Pierre. Her report was read by President Preller to those in attendance. Corrections were requested, but none were made. Kay Ainslie made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Pat Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Pat Johnson, shared copies of the Treasurer's Report with the Board.

**2021 State Convention Discussion:**

Rhonda Preller passed out colorful convention flyers for the September 28-29 State Convention. The theme is "Welcome to the Jungle". At the January meeting, it was decided to offer a one-time reduced convention fee of \$25. All attendees are encouraged to dress in safari wear and animal print. This event is being held at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Sioux Falls.

**August Leadership Meeting:** President Preller made the decision to cancel the leadership meetings this year due to the convention being held in September. There will be a meeting for Unit Presidents and/or leaders during the convention.

**2021 Budget Proposal:** Treasurer, Pat Johnson, shared the Budget Proposal depicted on several handouts. A motion was made by Bob Rose to approve the Budget. Kay Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and motion passed unanimously.

**Logo Change Discussion:** A discussion on alterations to our logo were discussed. Board Members felt the logo should be framed by the outline of the state of South Dakota and additional shading added. AARP is funding this project. A logo change will be presented at the convention.

**We Care Grant:** Gerri Larson shared that \$1800 is remaining from the 2020 grant. It was decided that several \$50 bills would be given away at the top of each hour during the two-day convention in Sioux Falls. This would be a promotional thank you for attending and supporting the 2021 State Convention.

The 2021 grant from NRTA in the amount of \$5000 is being earmarked for:  
\$2500 for the South Dakota units  
\$2500 for a Convention Postcard to be sent to all members in August and, also, for technology trainings.

**Newsletter:** Paula Brakke will put out the next newsletter in July. Unit Presidents will be encouraged to submit articles and share photos.

**Facebook Page:** Linda Dupree has been taking care of the Facebook page. She would like to pass this job on to a new person. Paula Brakke has shared that she would assume this responsibility, in addition to the Newsletter, IF she can relinquish her Membership responsibilities.

**Other Business:** Treasurer, Pat Johnson, sadly announced she will be retiring from her position as State Treasurer after the May 2022 Convention.

No one has applied for the \$2000 Teacher Scholarships yet.

President Preller announced that the 2022 State Convention will be held in Pierre/Fort Pierre in May.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Pat Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Rose seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carm Tobin for  
Amy Ramsey, Secretary