

**SOUTH DAKOTA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
BOARD MEETING**

Fort Pierre
Thursday, July 6, 2023
11:00 A.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

Board Members Present:

Past President, Rhonda Preller; President, Jacque Sly; President Elect, Cathy Anderson; Vice President, Kay Ainslie; Treasurer, Pat Johnson; Secretary, Carm Tobin; Membership, Mary Wilson; Executive Director, Gerri Larson

Board Members Via Zoom:

Community/Health, Diane Odland;
Newsletter, Diane Spilde

Board Members Absent:

Legislation, Bob & Sharon Rose

President Jacque Sly called the Board meeting to order at 11:15 a.m at the Pizza Ranch in Fort Pierre. She asked each member to share one thing exciting they had done over the Summer.

Secretary's Report: Copies of the Secretary's Report were passed out to the Board. The report included minutes from the May 1st Board Meeting, a recap of the Deadwood Convention and the May 3rd Annual Business Meeting. Corrections were requested, but none were made at this time. Kay Ainslie made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Cathy Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed with 100% approval.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Pat Johnson, explained her report which tracked financial activity from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. Pat stated that AMBA was to deposit an additional \$1500 in the SDRSP account very soon. An audit was completed on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 by Board members Rhonda Preller and Carm Tobin. Following her detailed report, Pat sadly announced that she will be resigning after the 2024 State Convention in May. She has been an SDRSP officer for 20 years and will be greatly missed. Johnson's treasury report is on file and correct.

Membership: Mary Wilson shared that non-active/non-paying members from 2019 will be removed from the membership roster. Following that process, the SDRSP updated list will be emailed out.

Newsletter: Diane Spilde notified us that the next SDRSP Newsletter would be coming out at the end of August. It will be a recap of the May Convention that was held in Deadwood. This Newsletter will be a hard copy and mailed out to all members. Following that, the next publication is slated for November.

Legislation: Bob and Sharon Rose were unable to attend the meeting.

Community/Health: Diane Odland thanked Jacque for creating the impressive certificates that were given out at the Deadwood Convention. Odland also expressed her amazement at the collected number of volunteer hours across the state over the past year.

Executive Director Report: Gerri Larson began her report by explaining the 2023 Event Funding Request, an opportunity from AARP. AARP South Dakota has prepared informational presentations and materials on topics like fighting fraud, focusing on brain health, and improving community livability and they need help sharing them in communities across the state. The presentations could be used for content at SDRSP Unit gatherings or at public-facing events for New Member Recruitment. This funding may be used for event expenses such as venue costs or refreshments.

5-State Project: Al Compos from NRTA announced that South Dakota has been renewed for an additional year. Compos recently gave SDRSP an extra \$2500 for the upcoming bison documentary. In October, four shows will be released entitled Tatanka on South Dakota Public Broadcasting. Executive Director Larson's idea is to purchase TV and radio ads with the \$2500. This would be an excellent way to use the project funding as it is intended for the promotion of SDRSP and for member recruitment. The South Dakota Public Broadcasting Ad Package would cost \$6000. AARP is willing to donate the remaining \$3,500 to supplement the final advertising costs.

In October, President Sly and Executive Director Larson will be attending the Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC. They will attend numerous meetings and have an opportunity to meet with Senator Mike Rounds, Senator John Thune and Congressman Dusty Johnson. NRTA promotes and pays for this trip so there is no cost to SDRSP.

ByLaws Update: Committee Chair, Rhonda Preller passed out the corrected and updated Bylaws packets. As of today, July 6, 2023, the SDRSP Bylaws are revised and ready for publishing on our website. Pat Johnson, a Bylaws committee member, stated that it is important that all Board members study and closely follow the newly revised rules and procedures.

OLD BUSINESS:

Convention Evaluations: President Jacque shared positive comments submitted about the 2023 Deadwood Convention, as well as, useful suggestions for the upcoming convention in May 2024.

August Leadership Meeting:

President Sly will preside over both leadership meetings.

- Tuesday, August 15th, 10:00 a.m. at the AARP Office in Rapid City
- Wednesday, August 16th, 1:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Brookings

AMBA Update: President Jacque shared that AMBA sent out approximately 20,000 mailings in June. The letters introduced the availability of the many insurances AMBA offers if you join SDRSP or are a current member of the organization.

In early August, SDRSP is slated to receive a \$3000 payment from AMBA.

Website Update: At this time, our website is being updated and revised. President Sly invited Board members to look over the website and make suggestions. It was decided at this meeting, a great website addition would be to include meeting dates and times of all SDRSP Units.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 State Convention: The 2024 SDRSP Convention will tentatively be held in Watertown next May.

President Sly will check into convention locations and open dates in the next couple of weeks. Updated information will be shared when details have been finalized. The theme of the convention shall be “Stories To Tell”.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mary Wilson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kay Ainslie seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carm Tobin
SDRSP Secretary