

**SOUTH DAKOTA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
BOARD MEETING**

The Lodge

Deadwood, SD

Monday, May 1, 2023

7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

Board Members Present: President, Jacque Sly; President Elect, Cathy Anderson; Past President, Rhonda Preller; Vice- President, Kay Ainslie; Secretary, Carm Tobin; Legislation, Bob & Sharon Rose; Membership, Mary Wilson; Executive Director, Gerri Larson

Board Members Via Zoom:

Treasurer, Pat Johnson;

Community/Health, Diane Odland;

Newsletter, Diane Spilde

President Jacque Sly called the Board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at The Lodge in Deadwood.

Secretary's Report: Copies of the Secretary's Report were passed out to the Board. The report included minutes from the July 14th Board meeting, held at 11:00 a.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Fort Pierre, SD. Corrections were requested, and it was suggested that the location of the Board Meeting be included in the heading of the minutes. That correction will be made from this meeting forward. Kay Ainslie made a motion to accept the minutes. Cathy Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Pat Johnson, via Zoom, shared her report which tracked financial activity from June 1, 2022 through April 15, 2023.

Following her detailed report, Pat shared that our Horace Mann account has been doing extremely well. It is an excellent investment.

Rhonda Preller made the motion to accept Johnson's proposed budget.

This motion was seconded by Mary Wilson. Motion to accept carried with 100% approval. The treasurer's report is on file and correct.

Community/Health Services:

Committee head, Diane Odland, via Zoom, shared that 13 units participated in the volunteer community service project from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. She added that the list of community service ideas were very interesting and impressive. Watertown earned the top spot by logging 6,000 hours.

Membership: Mary Wilson reported that as of May 2023 our membership stands at 903 members. She shared that Sioux Falls and Winner units both had noticeable and significant membership gains this year.

Legislation: Bob and Sharon Rose skillfully head this committee. They reported that State Legislation did some ‘clean up’ this year during their session. South Dakota voters approved the expansion of Medicaid coverage to adults 19 to 64 years of age effective July 1, 2023. This coverage will now include 9-1-1 dispatchers and EMT workers.

Newsletter: Board member, Diane Spilde, via Zoom, stated that newsletters were mailed out on August 2022 at the print cost of \$1413.65. The second newsletter cost was \$1323.98 and was mailed in February 2023. The reason for the lower cost in February was the reduction of the number of newsletters sent to the same address.

A March 2023 Special Edition newsletter was sent via email to area Presidents to share with their unit members. The print cost was \$0.

A concern was voiced by a couple of Board members that the photos in the newsletter are much too dark causing difficulty in recognizing people. President Sly will look into this matter.

Executive Director Report:

Gerri Larson began her report by stating that NRTA (National Retired Teachers Association) is the educational branch of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons).

*The ads on South Dakota Public Broadcasting and South Dakota Magazine were completed. The project this year will be “Ready to Retire” events. At this time, the Black Hills Unit has been asked to be the first unit to implement this event. The idea behind this is to bring together various groups and information that would be advantageous for educators in planning for and deciding when to retire. This event is to be FUN and display the benefits of belonging to SDRSP. A one-time payment of \$2,500 was received to work with NRTA/AARP on the recruitment of new members.

*This year, NRTA celebrated their 75th Anniversary in Washington, DC. Vickie Sterling, Rapid City Unit and Cathy Anderson, Sioux Falls Unit represented South Dakota at this anniversary gathering.

Bylaws Committee:

Rhonda Preller, Past President and Chair of the Committee, shared and explained the five page addendums to the members of the Board. After an in-depth discussion the SDRSP Board of Directors recommended the Bylaws and Standing Rules changes. This document is to be voted upon at the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 by all present. Pat Johnson, SDRSP Treasurer and Carm Tobin, SDRSP Secretary were also on the Bylaws Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

AMBA Update: President Sly shared that AMBA now has South Dakota’s approval for dental and vision insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 State Convention: The SDRSP Convention will be held on Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 3 at The Lodge in Deadwood.

The theme is “Where Were You in 1966?” SDRSP was a newborn, Were you?

New Banner: A banner was purchased with the new logo and will be on display during the two day convention.

New Webmaster: The website has transitioned from Bill Zubke to Alex from AMBA.

Leadership Meetings: According to tradition, President Jacque will be conducting leadership meetings in August.

*The Rapid City Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 15th at 10:00.

*The Brookings Meeting is on Wednesday, August 16th at 1:00.

Summer Board Meeting: The Board shall meet on Thursday, July 6th at 11:00 at the Pizza Ranch in Fort Pierre. The location and dates of the 2024 SDRSP Convention will be announced at this meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Bob Rose made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Preller seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carm Tobin

SDRSP Secretary