

**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT 90-IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING**

September 5, 2007
Submitted by Frank Compton

Present:

Frank Compton, Liz White, Rich Chierico, Doris Haack, Roger Steingraber, Marybell Macro, Jesse Macro, Mary Hurd, Bob Ferguson, Bill McCauley, Reinhard Taylor, Mary Lou Tansey.

Guests: Rich Rogowski, Larry Schroeder, June Janetzke, Kim Cannon, Ron Gummerson, Carolyn White.

1) Treasurer's Report (Len Kortekass)

2) President's Report (Doris Haack)

\$25.00 will be given to the memory of each of the following: Walter Lussky, Dennis Niedbalski, and Michael Titre. The Illinois Federation of Teachers will sponsor a seminar by the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System and Central Management Services at the Lake County Conference Center, 248 Ambrogio Drive in Gurnee, Illinois on September 20 for a cost of \$5.00 per person. The deadline for reservations is September 14, 2007. The Bill Hinchliff Tour is cancelled because Bill has family problems. Some program ideas could come through AAA or AMBA. The Ethel Percy Andrus Legacy Award from AARP is \$10,000.00 for an innovative program. The deadline for submission is October, 2007. Reinhard Taylor reported continued success on our website with 220 hits in July and 172 hits in August. Finally, there is a fund raiser for Suzie Bassi on September 15 in Twin Lakes at Park Pavilion # 2 on September 15 from 12:00 am to 2:00pm. The deadline is September 10.

3) Leadership Report (Bill McCauley and Bob Lyons)

Len Kortekass will be the new President. This leaves the Treasurer's position open as well as that of the Vice-President. The Vice-President position oversees events which are usually run by different individuals.

4) TRS meetings for potential retirees

These will begin on Wednesday, September 26 at Barrington High School with Liz White in charge. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16 at Forest View. With the IRTA Convention taking place, Rich Rogowski will cover this meeting. The following meeting will be on Thursday, October 25 in Schaumburg with Len Kortekass in charge. As yet no precise location has been confirmed. All meetings begin at 4:30pm. Handouts will include magnets, IRTA brochures, free IRTA membership application forms for 2008 retirees, and Unit 90 local membership forms.

5) IRTA Convention Report (Doris Haack)

The dates are October 15 and 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. The number for hotel reservations is 1-217-585-8295. Thus far we have 16 delegates out of the 31 we are entitled to and 3 non delegates. The total cost for the Unit to send these people is \$1,668.00.

6) New Retirees Breakfast (Liz White)

This event will take place on Monday, September 24 at the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows with a program including Charlie Chrisman of IRTA and Bob Lyons of TRS. Special guests will include Executive Board members and Leadership Luncheon people who volunteered to contact retirees. We have 23 attending with 10 retirees at this point. By changing the deadline to September 15 and making calls rather than a second mailing, we hope to attract more retirees. Roger Steingraber, Rich Rogowski, and Carolyn White will call District 214 people. Marybelle Macro will cover District 54, and District 211 will be divided up among Board Members with volunteers taking care of the other districts. Marybelle will also do the table programs. There will be IRTA handouts as well.

7) Day at the Races (Rich Chierico)

This will take place on Thursday, September 6 at the International Room at Arlington Park Race Track. We have 54 going with 23 associated with the Arlington Senior Center. Marybelle will help as a greeter.

8) Holiday Luncheon (Marybelle Macro)

The Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at Meridian Banquets with a menu of Ladies Filet, Salmon or Chicken with soup, salad, vegetable, potato, dessert, and beverage. The cost is \$24.00 per person which includes tax and gratuity. There will be a cash bar. The program will include a legislative update by Bob Lyons, the election of officers, and Roger's REPAC Raffle. Closing remarks will be done by new President Len Kortekass. The details of greeters and table programs will be handled in the future.

9) Committee Reports

Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

We now have over 900 members.

Foundation (Bob Ferguson)

As mentioned in the President's report, we have 3 memorials.

Health (Mary Hurd)

Mary handed out an information flow chart which has received much attention.

Member Benefits (Mary Lou Tansey)

Mary Lou reminded us of the recent mailing detailing member benefits.

Communications (Bill McCauley)

Bill feels we should wait until Springfield settles down to see what amount of money of the budget will be given to the Pension. Information Services (Rich Chierico) Rich handed out the minutes of the June 19, 2007 Information Services Committee. Some vital points were covered in the handout Charlie Chrisman distributed about the demographics of benefit recipients and active members. About 46% of retirees are IRTA members. There is concern with about 60,000 probably retiring in the next few years which will have an impact on long term money for

their pensions and short term on medical and health benefits and costs. With younger teachers moving into the profession with lower salaries, there will be less money going into TRS from them, from the school boards, and the State. Legislation (Jesse Macro) We received an e-mail about the performance of our investments which was very encouraging.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 3, 2007