

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

OCTOBER 3, 2007

Submitted by Frank Compton

Present:

Frank Compton, Bob Lyons, Doris Haack, Roger Steingraber, Bob Ferguson, Len Kortekass, Liz White, Mary Lou Tansey, Jeanne Arcus, Marybelle Macro, Jesse Macro, Reinhard Taylor, Rich Chierico.

Guests: Rich Rogowski, Carolyn White, Denise Florczak, Ron Gummerson, June Janetzke, Dave Buchheit.

1) Treasurer's Report (Len Kortekass)

2) President's Report (Doris Haack)

Reinhard Taylor handed out stats for the web site activity for the last year which shows the success of his fine efforts. The deadline for the coming Newsletter is October 19.

3) Leadership Report (Bill McCauley and Bob Lyons)

Len Kortekass will be our new President while Marybelle Macro will be the next Vice President, and Bob Ferguson will be the new Treasurer.

4) TRS meetings for potential retirees

At the Wednesday, September 25th Meeting at Barrington High School, Liz White reported a small turnout of 25 to whom she distributed our material. Rich Rogowski will handle the next meeting on Tuesday October 16 at Forest View. Rich will also help Bob Ferguson and Bill McCauley hand out materials at the last meeting in our area at Schaumburg High School on Thursday, October 25. All meetings begin at 4:30; handouts of 100 each include magnets, IRTA brochures, free IRTA membership applications, and Unit 90 membership forms.

5) IRTA Convention Report (Doris Haack)

The Convention will take place on October 15-16 at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. The major issue is the endorsement of political candidates by IRTA at the State level. The proposed resolution from the State Legislative Committee is as follows: RESOLVED: That the Delegate assembly of the IRTA direct the Legislative Committee to establish an unbiased process in endorsing candidates for political office and be it further RESOLVED: That the Legislative Committee present the endorsement process to the IRTA Board of Directors for approval at the 2008 spring Board Meeting. We have the following 14 voting delegates going to the Convention: Bob Given, Len Kortekass, Liz White, Bill McCauley, Jane McCauley, Bob Ferguson, Angie Ferguson, Roger Steingraber, Reinhard Taylor, Rich Chierico, Jeanne Arcus, Jesse Macro, Marybelle Macro, and Frank Compton. Because of their positions Doris Haack and Bob Lyons are out of quota which means they cannot vote. Non delegates who will be attending are Nancy Lyons, Noreen Given, and Marlene Kortekass,. There was discussion about the unbiased process in endorsing candidates. Rich Chierico saw this as a flawed process largely

because issues were not clarified. Also the membership is not really voting, only starting the process. Rich also pointed out we would be labeled. IEA, for example, has endorsed Republican candidates while IFT has supported Democrats in general. Another issue is a possible redrawing of IRTA districts being considered. This idea was defeated. Bob Lyons felt that these types of issues like redrawing boundaries are not very important.

6) Review of New Retirees Breakfast (Liz White and Rich Chierico)

Though it was not cost effective, this event was positive in that it created contacts 16 people showed up and 6 signed up to be members. Liz emphasized the effectiveness of phone calls.

She also felt contacting people in May and at the end of the summer would be effective. A change in location might reduce the cost of a future breakfast. Finally, we need an evaluation form at an event like this.

7) Holiday Luncheon (Marybelle Macro)

This will take place on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at Meridian Banquets. The menu is a choice of Salmon, Chicken, or Ladies Filet with soup, salad, vegetable, potato, dessert, and beverage at a cost of \$24.00 per person which includes tax and gratuity. The program will include a Legislative and TRS update by Bob Lyons, the election and Roger's Raffle. Greeters and table programs are set with Len Kortekass as a possible Santa.

8) Volunteering Opportunities (Dave Buchheit)

Dave handed out an information sheet about volunteering at the Arlington Heights Senior Center to help seniors in a variety of ways.

9) Committee Reports

Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

We will have a mailing in November.

Communications (Bill McCauley)

In addition to a handout to the Secretary Bill pointed out that the legislature put in 60 days in overtime sessions and that the State is already over 1 billion in debt this year.

Information Services (Rich Chierico)

Charlie Chrisman proposed an offer of free State membership. The leaders talked about combining reports and meeting more frequently. Finally, they wanted to compare benefits of various retirement programs in the State and their contributions.

Legislation (Bob Lyons)

The Illinois House voted to override most of the Governor's vetoes. We have a budget, the majority of which was accepted. Unpaid bills were not counted, but this money is owed. All this was done by the Governor to fund his program of health care for the poor. This was also the Governor's motive for most of the vetoes he made on the budget. With the power of Emil Jones in the Senate, it is doubtful about what will happen in the veto session.

TRS is doing very well. We will still have to sell assets to meet retirement payments. The performance of our investments is in the very top level.

10) Miscellaneous:

Liz White suggested using e-mail for the Newsletter to save money. For those who cannot be reached by e-mail, we can then use the mail. Doris and Len will talk to Bill McCauley about this. Bill made a motion, seconded by Mary Lou Tansey, to receive \$50.00 to attend a fund raiser for Beth Coulson which passed.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND STUFFING: NOVEMBER 7, 2007