

**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT90-IRTA  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

January 4, 2012

Submitted by Richard O'Brien

**Present:** Bob Ferguson, Denise Florczak, Len Kortekaas, Bob Lyons, Jesse Macro, Bobby Reinhardt, Reinhard Taylor, Carolyn White, Liz White

**Guests:** Dave Buchheit, Bob Kaplan, Sandy Ratter, Marti Swanson

**1. Treasurer's Report (Bob Ferguson)**

No significant change.

**2. President's Report (Len Kortekaas)**

Start of new year. Same scheduling of schedule.

**3. Holiday Luncheon Review**

Good responses about this event. Barrington High School Madrigal Singers were excellent. (They later sang at the White House.)

**4. Unit 90 Schedule for 2012 (Len Kortekaas)**

Event: Spring Tour(s) Stained Glass Churches/Synagogues Tour

Date: Tentatively in March

Location: Chicago

Coordinator: Len Kortekaas

Event: Area 2 Conference

Date: 19 March, Monday, 9:00 am

Location: Randall Oaks Golf Course, 4101 Binney Road (just west of Randall Rd.), West Dundee

Coordinator: Len Kortekaas

Event: Summer Luncheon

Date: 12 June, Tuesday, 11:00

Location: Inverness Golf Club

Coordinators: Liz White, Carolyn White

Event: Day at the Races

Date: tentatively postponed

Location: Arlington Race Track

Coordinator: Rich Chierico

Event: Newbee Breakfast

Date: 5 September, Wednesday, 9:00

Location: Rm. 183A, Arlington Heights Senior Citizen Center

Coordinators: Liz White, Carolyn White

Event: 2012 Legislative Luncheon

Date: 9 October, Tuesday, 11:00

Location: Inverness Golf Club

Coordinators: Liz White, Carolyn White

Event: Holiday Luncheon  
Date: 4 December, Tuesday, 11:00  
Location: Inverness Golf Course  
Coordinators: Liz White, Carolyn White

## 5. Membership Drive

Concern expressed about only about 1/3 of possible members signed up.  
E-mails and Snail-mail is being followed through to retirees.

## 6. Committee Reports

### 1) Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)

Still need to address slow responses to members and potential members to join.

### 2) Foundation/Scholarship (Doris Haack)

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### 3) Member Benefits (Denise Florczak)

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### 4) Communications (Bill M.)

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### 5) Information Services (Rich C.)

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### 6) Volunteer Services (Carolyn W.)

Some response to needs. Carol has been doing marvelous work.

### 7) Webmaster; (Reinhard T.)

Currently 12 Units in the state have websites. Possible use of YouTube to inform and enlighten retirees.

### 8) Legislative (Bob L./ Jesse M.)

Addressed "negative/slanted" viewpoint of a reporter for *Crain's Chicago Business* publication addressing the pension situation as portrayed by TRS as using such investment tactics such as "Hedging" and other "alternative" methods.

On another note, the State Legislature made Oct., Nov., Dec. payments-short 3 months of the fiscal year. Governor Quinn's projection to take in funds and spend only for next three years. Question: "what will legislature address before the upcoming election and then will they follow through on promises beneficial to retiree commitments. Specifically, any pension bill germane to acceptance by all interested parties? Once again, our main focus is the "constitutionality" of any legislation acted upon by the legislature regarding "pension reform!" If legislation goes to judicial review then..."the game is afoot!"

On 10 May 2012, at 11:30, at the Des Plaines Elk Club, TRS will have a presentation for the North Shore Retiring teachers.

## 7. Miscellaneous

Meeting Schedule for 2012:

Wed 2/1, Wed 3/7, Wed 4/4, Wed 5/2, Wed 6/6, Wed 8/1, Wed 9/5, Wed 10/3, Wed 11/7

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 1, 2012