

**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN UNIT 90 of IRTA
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

November 1, 2017 10:00 am
SUBMITTED BY LINDA WALLIN

Attendance:

Rich Chierico, Jane McCauley, Sandy Ratter, Liz White, Bob Kaplan, Bobby Reinhardt, Linda Wagner, Bob Lyons, Frank Compton, Janice Calvey, Peg Lane, Karl-Heinz Gabbey, Herb Rangl, Bob Ferguson, Carolyn White, Reinhard Taylor

1. Approval of Minutes (Bob Kaplan)

Minutes from 10/4/17 approved

2. Treasurer's Report (Sandy Ratter)

Treasurers report approved

3. President's Report (Bob Kaplan)

Convention

1. Reinhard reported that Rich was honored by Unit. He received a blanket and some money. Reinhard also gave him some small items from the conference.
2. All constitutional changes passed except for an amendment to dues. Dues will remain the same for associate membership, but you can't join for just one year, starting Jan 2018
3. New President elect, is Roger Hampton, current vice-president from Peoria.
4. Shirley Dodd and Doris Heaton returned to their positions as Treasurer and Secretary starting January 1st.
5. Special recognition for Bob Lyons, given tickets to Ravinia.
6. Thanks to those who donated a basket, Linda Wallin and Sandy Ratter.

Discussion on Tours:

Chicago Finest Tours, March 14

Voted among Tragedy Tour, Immigration, Sports, Museum campus, and Jewish History tour. Discussion chose to go to Tragedies Tour and give several dates May 7, May 14 as possibilities.

4. Unit 90 Events for 2017

A. Holiday Luncheon (Liz White)

Taking reservations until Wed. 11/22/17, Inverness Golf Club. Please sign up!

B. Paramount Theater (Cabaret) (Liz White)

Lunch on your own, March 14, 2018, Paramount Theater

- C. Area Conference (Bob Kaplan)**
Tentative: April 23, 2018
- D. June Luncheon (Liz White)**
June 6, 2018, Inverness Golf Club
- E. New Member Breakfast (Liz White)**
September 5, 2018, Arlington Heights Senior Center
- F. Legislative Breakfast (Liz White)**
October 10, 2018, Inverness Golf Club
- G. TRS Fall Meetings (Bob Kaplan)**
TBA
- H. Holiday Luncheon (Liz White)**
December ?, 2018, TBA, Inverness Golf Club

5. Committee reports

- 1) Membership (Bobby Reinhardt)**
812 members, 280 up for renewal this year
- 2) Foundation/Scholarship (Doris Haack)**
No report
- 3) Member Benefits (Rich Chierico)**
No report
- 4) Communications/Web Site/Information Services (Reinhard Taylor)**
Email going out to those that need to renew for 2018
- 5) Volunteer Services (Carolyn White)**
See newsletter
- 7) Newsletter Coordinator (Jane McCauley)**
Mailing went out on Monday

8) Legislative (Karl Gabbey)

1. Voter Voice will send info about legislation. Please sign up at IRTA website.
2. Sometimes handwritten letters are more effective if you write your own.
3. IRTA was instrumental in saving TRIP, bill was defeated by 3 votes
4. Tier 3 is worst bill ever. It is another way to cut pensions. Includes a private plan option. It has passed, but has no rules yet. Passed as part of the budget bill. Part of Rauner veto of bill that allowed public subsidies of private schools.
5. IRTA PAC gives to candidates who support our issues. It asks \$12 per year, which is constant source of money, so they can plan spending. Only about 1/7 of members do this. Help us help ourselves. Legislative accomplishments are going out in the newsletter on a regular basis.
6. Proactive - PAC ---- Reactive - Defense Fund
7. Rauner has plan to go over state constitution to line item veto what he thinks is too expensive. Asking for special dispensation from Congress to do so. Hopefully will not pass muster.

9) TRS (Bob Lyons)

TRS deficit is \$4 million over last year. State billing feds for large amount. Dold tried to get money from local school districts. Returned to state for \$61 million. Unfunded continues to grow faster, even though TRS has done well with investments. Since 2010 fiscal year, have had positive returns. In comparison to other pensions in US have had more money in real estate and alternate investments, so we were really hurt in 08-09. Unofficially funded about 40%.

10) Other Business

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399, bus leaving from A.H. thepeopleslobbyusa.org was offered by Peg Lane a guest.

No meeting in July or December.

2018 dates: 1/3/18, 2/7/18, **3/7/18 (mailing)**, 4/4/18, **5/2/18 (Mailing)**, 6/6/18 (if needed), 8/1/18, 9/5/18, 10/3/18

Next meeting January 3, 2018 in room 172, Arlington Heights Senior Center.