



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting was called to order by President Diane Pfister at 10:00 am

Attendance: Janice Calvey, Richard Chierico, Louise Finton, Karl Gabbey, Gerie Kay, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Janette Wanner and Carolyn White

- 1. Secretary's Report** (*Gerie Kay*) The minutes from March 4, 2026 were approved.
- 2. Treasurer's Report** (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's report from February was approved. We are continuing to work out details of the process using Zelle to send and receive money instead of checks or cash.
- 3. President's Report** (*Diane Pfister*) No report
- 4. Vice-President's Report** (*Janice Calvey*) An idea was suggested to hand out IRTA info at other locations such as train stations; perhaps at Septemberfest , etc.
- 5. Events Coordinator** (*Linda Wagner*)
 - June 19, 2026 **Spring Luncheon** Inverness Entertainment Steel Drums. Cost \$47
 - July 12, 2026 Boomers Game \$30
 - September 24, 2026 Legislative Luncheon at Moretti's in Hoffman Estates, IL
 - October 11, 2026 Buddy Holly Show Drury Lane
 - December 3, 2026 Holiday Luncheon. Moretti's-Hoffman Estates party room.
 - Linda will research the dates available.

6. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) Total Membership 495 (435 are also State IRTA members)

Membership Recruitment: (*John Braglia*) Absent.

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Louise Finton*) Bernard J Kelly District 214 died 1-22-26 and John H. Carle (a Life Member) District 207 died 1-1-26.

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) No report

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*). The new directory is being done and the flyer for the spring luncheon will be sent out.

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*)

Kids Above All (baby bundles) 10am-12pm on May 20, 2026 and July 15 backpacks

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley abs.*) Our next Newsletter is May 6. Deadline for submissions is April 27 (this was changed from April 30).

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) From the IRTA Government Affairs Team (Andrew Bodewes, Jessica Hoselton, Susan Goetz) Legislation identified by the IRTA GAT that's of interest to IRTA members. According to Andrew, "IRTA will continue to renew bills and amendments that move through the legislative process".

1. HB 4673 (Reps Stefanie Kifowit and Lisa Davis): Reintroduction of SB 1937 (Sen. Robert Martwick introduced in 2025 - benefit from enhancement of Tier 2, supported by all public sector unions). Additional information: A Look Under The Dome, March 1, 2026.

Addresses the following:--- Retirement age--- Maximum pensionable salary
Annual cost of living adjustments. IRTA strongly supports this bill. HB 4673 is/was in the House Rules Committee awaiting a committee assignment.

2. SB 2953 (Sen. Michael Halpin) Allows a retiree up to 120 days or 600 paid hours work as a substitute teacher. Approved by the Senate Education Committee and is/was on the Third Reading in the Senate. Should pass easily through both houses. The bill is an extension of past bills. It will last from 2026 until 2028. (Why don't the General Assembly and governor make this permanent?)

3. SB 3414 (Sen. Robert Martwick) The goal of this legislation is "to require the Central Management Services (CMS) one or more employees to serve as Health Care Ombudsmen/ women in a designated call center to monitor and respond to TRIP/TRAIL members' inquiries regarding health care benefits.

Andrew's Monthly Update occurred on Monday, March 30, 2026.

TRS Update: (*Bob Lyons, Rainy Kaplan*) Absent

Facebook Coordinator: (*Linda Wallin*) Send announcements and pictures to Linda for posting. lwallin@dwna.net. We have one new follower on our Facebook page.

Constitution/ Bylaws: (*Bob Kaplan*) Absent

Other Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Meeting Schedule for 2026: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).
Newsletters in February, May, August and November

Next Meeting on May 6, 2026 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center