

Minutes
Retired State Employees Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Conducted Via Virtual Communication
January 21, 2021 – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 12:44 p.m. by President Bill Hamilton.

Board Members present: Bill Hamilton, Marie Moore, Willie Piña , Elena Diaz, Denice Bettencourt, Eliza May, Carla James, Ed Seidenberg, and Rick Moss.

Board Members absent: Dona Medlock.

President Hamilton recognized new board members Carla James, Ed Seidenberg, and Rick Moss, along with newly elected Treasurer Elena Diaz.

A moment of silence honored the memory of Lillie Gilligan, former board member who passed away on January 9. Lillie made many contributions to RSEA through her active communication with members of the legislature and others.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Willie Piña and second by Ed Seidenberg, minutes of the December 14, 2020 board meeting were approved.

Standing Committee Reports

- a. Communications**
- b. Membership**
- c. Office Administration**

Communications and Membership reports were deferred for discussion under the Strategic Planning agenda item.

Office Administration

Treasurer Elena Diaz verbally presented an overview of current balances and general financial status at the end of calendar/fiscal year 2020. RSEA bylaws require a financial audit at four-year intervals. Ms. Diaz stated the 2020 financial records would be prepared for audit. A search for a qualified auditor would be made in late Spring.

Marie Moore reported the RSEA office had remained closed due to COVID19. Renovation projects inside the building were still underway. Ms. Moore continued to work from home, with limited time inside the office. Member dues statement mailings were in current status.

Legislative (including ERS meetings)

Bill Hamilton had communicated with Ann Bishop, Executive Director of Texas Public Employees Association (TPEA) and Maura Powers with American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSME). Mr. Hamilton continued to work with them to draft a joint letter to legislative leadership.

Discussion and Possible Action – Resolution 2021-01 Delineating Bank Signature Authority

A resolution was presented by Marie Moore. The resolution would delineate authority for bank signatures and was necessary to identify a new treasurer. Upon motion by Willie Piña and second by Denice Bettencourt, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Strategic Planning

- a. Membership Outreach
- b. Legislative Watch
- c. Website Management

There was general discussion of items (a. and (b. as continued from the Legislative agenda item.

Website Management was held to be included under the next agenda item.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) Proposals

- a. Website and Logo Design/Redesign
- b. Updated Joint Member Benefits Services Agreement between RSEA and AMBA

Board members shared ideas for website content. The proposed AMBA agreement was reviewed.

Mr. Hamilton asked for each board member to share written questions or comments about the proposed agreements.

Discussion of Possible Committee Structure

Mr. Hamilton invited each board member to respond directly to him to state their interest in serving on or chairing a committee.

Other Issues for the Good of the Order

Bill Hamilton planned to communicate with the LBJ School regarding the 2020 RSEA scholarship recipients and plans for 2021. Carla James suggested the recipients be featured on RSEA's website.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Elena Diaz and second by Ed Seidenberg, and in memory of Lillie Gilligan, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.