

BCRSPA

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

The meeting of the Executive Board of the **BCRSPA** was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Donna Copenhaver at St. Isaac Jogues – Cronin Center, Room 1.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the June 21, 2016 Executive Board meeting were approved as corrected - the change of the date from June 20 to June 21.

Treasurer's Report: Reports for June, July and August, 2016 were e-mailed to the Board members. The reports were accepted for audit. Treasurer E, Stuart Tucker reminded the Board that the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 and the new fiscal year began July 1, 2016. The books were audited on August 2, 2016 and all was found acceptable.

President's Announcements/Communications:

President Donna Copenhaver welcomed our guest, Kay Governale.

President Donna Copenhaver announced belated happy birthday wishes to Patsy Holmes and George Sparks and happy birthday greetings to Weston Dean, Cindy Schulz, Maryann Hughes, Sharon Norman, Ed Veit, Dave Peters, Camille Marx and E. Stuart Tucker.

Thank you notes were received from a scholarship recipient and from Past-President David Copenhaver for his parting gift. A discussion followed on encouraging scholar recipients to write a thank you note to this organization. Several suggestions were mentioned and were taken under advisement.

Flu shots scheduled and sites were announced. A paper was passed around for members to take note.

MSCHOF luncheon is October 27. Those wishing to attend were requested to sign up on the sheet being passed around.

MRSPA Benefits Committee is seeking to expand the committee membership. Anyone wishing to volunteer to serve should contact the committee chair listed on the paper.

MRSPA is requesting members who have used benefits for testimonials on how much money was saved to be printed in their future publications.

NAEP announced temporary jobs are available from January 30, 2017 to March 10, 2017 for proctoring assessment sessions for fourth and eighth grade students in the public schools.

A legislative request to telephone Governor Hogan's office regarding increased funding for management fees (345 managers) to improve returns for the retirement system was announced

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

BCASCO – Weston Dean

The meeting addressed Veteran Benefits with local offices within the State accepting applications. Many applications are farmed out to other states thus causing a delay in responses. Maryland handles over 800 applications a month. Agent Orange has created an increase for benefits. Veterans are encouraged to file applications as early as possible since the process may take many years.

TABCO – Jack Woodward

Ed Veit reported to President Copenhaver that to be a member of TABCO-R you must have been a member of TABCO in order to enroll.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist/Historian, Caroline Seamon

No report

Finance, Jack Woodward

No report

Community Service, Dave Peters

No report

By-Laws, George Sparks, Jr.

No report

Consumer Education, B.J. Rounsaville

B.J. continues to search for articles. Senior Expo October 26-27 information was presented. Free admission is available from many local publications.

Retiree Benefits, Joyce Cummings

Joyce met with representative at the Greenwood Offices. Open enrolment for health care is from October 10 to November 11. Benefit sessions will be held for employees and retirees. Check their website. Health, Life Insurance, and prescription plans costs may increase. A wellness day will be held on May 6 at Oregon Ridge. There will also be a 5k walk on the same date and place.

Legislation, Parker Koons

A fifteen member legislation committee meets and reviews all legislation bills submitted by both houses. The committee pulls all bills on the retirement system, retirees of the state and bills effecting school systems. All these bills are reviewed by the committee for supporting, opposing, and monitoring. TABCO is the official negotiating organization with Baltimore County. A discussion followed regarding membership on negotiation teams and meeting places.

Membership Accounting, Charlotte Price

New members since our June meeting - 10

Deceased members since our June meeting - 35

Paid Cash Members - 439

Unpaid Cash Members – 71 (Third billing notices have been mailed)

State Emeritus Members - 111

Local Emeritus Members - 69

MRSPA Dues Paying Members – 1,648

BCRSPA Dues Paying Members – 1,595

BCRSPA Members Only – 14

Membership Goal

MRSPA is setting a membership goal of 15,000 members for 2017. This number is based on a 6% increase. Our goal is 1,897 or 138 new members, as set by MRSPA.

This will be a major challenge for us since we have not added over 100 new members in a single year since 2005.

Membership Recruitment, Maryann Hughes

Seven new retirees are receiving retirement packets since the last meeting. C. David Copenhaver reported one hundred new packets have been delivered to the Benefits Office.

Program, David and Donna Copenhaver

A brass quintet will be entertaining at the Fall Luncheon. The Baltimore County Teacher of the Year, Corey Carter, will be speaking at the meeting. At lunch time Peter Franchot, Maryland State Comptroller will speak about restoring money to the retirement fund. The insurance representatives will be present. The volunteer tables will be set up to recruit interested members for our committees

Publication/Update, David Copenhaver

David asked members to check your e-mail regularly, and if you are not receiving notifications of articles due for publication let him know. The retiree list will be revised and updated on a quarterly schedule. A list of recently retired personnel will be published in each edition and if you know someone on the list, please contact them and invite them to a social event.

Public Relations, Clair Price

No report

Remembrance Committee, Mary Ellen Zimmerman and Mary Lou Brown

Mary Lou Brown mailed twenty- two birthday cards to members since our last meeting.

Mary Ellen Zimmerman reported thirty-one deceased members – Regina Robbins, Louise Picard, Mildred W. Anderson, Ken Bourn, Nancy M. Brown, Mary B. Buckheister, Shirley Celestine Diggs, Thelma Gross, Donna Harrold, Paul Hawkins, Richard L. Hearn, Sharon L. Hopkins, Betty J. Kamka, Mary A. Kutcher, Margaret K. Laing, Frank M. Lewis, Doris Mallinson, Penny Marshall, Arthur M. Miksinski, Isaac A. Miller, Beatrice Payne, James R. Peeling, Irma Phillips, Larry B. Robinson, Jean Saunders, Toby G. Schenerman, Helen J. Schmidt, Margery D. Singer, Harry D. Walters, Philip Weinstein, Chester J. Whiten, Suzanne H. Widerman, and William W. Wisel. Additionally these members are recently deceased- Al Naeny, Harvey Refro, Robert Gifford, Bob Cox, and Virginia Svech who are not on the list.

Mary Lou had one returned birthday card in June.

Scholarship, Edith Kozlowski, Camille Marx, and Madeline Lovera

Edith reported delivering flyers to twenty-five high schools, counselors of seniors, Future Educators of America club sponsors, and to Oak Crest (Erickson). We monitor the phones and prepare to receive application in December and January. Updates will be mailed to schools reminding them of the scholarships. Applications are also available on our website.

Social Committee, David and Donna Copenhaver, and Clair Price

David has received surveys on-line from various functions. The Travel Survey has five sights to visit in the state. Information is being collected with an excellent return. He cited several trips and the number responding. Currently data from the recent crab feast were reported. Any suggestions are welcomed.

Clair Price reported about forty have signed up for the breakfast. We must pay for one hundred people as contracted. Please talk it up.

Technology, Bill Groth

We are now on Facebook – BCRSPA with pictures and documents. The group is welcomed to offer suggestions as there is room for expansion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tax Deductible Memorial Scholarship – Stu Tucker reported the information was in the newsletter and this is the first opportunity for people to take advantage of the new deduction. Four hundred dollars have been sent to the Foundation.

Executive Board Meeting Schedule – March 7, 2017 is the date schedule for helping to organize the folders for the screen process. There are no reviews on this date. It is only for organizing folders, if help is needed.

Standing Rules – No report. George Sparks said Carmela Veit is collating information. This will be discussed at the meeting on November 15, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Recruitment – President Donna Copenhaver said to help recruit new members; their names will appear in an UPDATE issue and when receiving the retirement packet an issue of our publication will be given to them. Also permission has been granted to mail issues of the UPDATE to schools requesting our publication be posted on the faculty bulletin boards. One hundred sixty-nine letters were mailed to the principals with a copy of the UPDATE. A motion was made and seconded to invite newly retirees to one of our two luncheons as our guests. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Executive Board Meeting – President Donna Copenhaver mentioned the last two February meetings had to be cancelled due to the weather. C. David Copenhaver moved to delete the February 21, 2017 meeting from the calendar and Stuart Tucker seconded the motion. Following a discussion the motion was passed.

Nominating Committee – President Donna Copenhaver stated two board members need to be appointed to the committee and three additional members need to be selected from the membership at the Fall Luncheon. Nominations for President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and two Directors are needed. David Copenhaver and Cindy Schulz were submitted. George Sparks, Jr moved the nominations be closed. Stuart Tucker seconded the motion and the nominations were closed. President Donna Copenhaver appointed David Copenhaver as chairperson.

BCPS Connections – This issue was reopened to donate money to non-Title 1 school libraries.

One elementary school and one secondary school would be selected with no school being selected more than once. The motion was made to use \$250.00 for two schools in the five bus transportation area districts on a yearly rotating basis for 5 years. E. Stuart Tucker moved to amend the motion to \$1,000.00 for each school as our annual projects. Maryann Hughes seconded the motion. The motion was further amended to specify that library-bound books only to be purchased by the schools. The original motion was amended and the amended motion was approved. C. David Copenhaver moved to transfer money at the end of the fiscal year from the trips accounts to the annual projects fund. This motion was seconded by Bill Groth and was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Kane, Secretary

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Executive Board will be November 15, 2016 at TABCO.

The following Executive Board members were in attendance:

Mary Lou Brown
Joyce Cummings
David Copenhaver
Donna Copenhaver
Weston Dean
Kay Governale -guest
Bill Groth
Patsy Holmes

Maryann Hughes
Robert Kane
Edith.Kozolowski
Parker Koons
Madeline Lovera
Sharon Norman
Charlotte Price
Clair Price

B J Rounsaville
Cindy Schulz
George Sparks, Jr
E. Stuart Tucker
Jack Woodward
Linda Yaffe
Mary Ellen Zimmerman