

**PPSPERA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2015**  
**Egg & I**  
**9:00 AM**

**Present:** Terry Alley, Jennifer Alley, Pam Berry, Peggy Gardner, June George, Karen Hart, John Kerr, LuAnn Long, Jan King, Judy McCormick, Joe Morin, Elaine Naleski, Gerry Olvey, Sandy Patton, Alan Rasmussen, Joyce Schmaltz, Terri Stevens, Barbara Watt

**Absent:** Charlotte Brummer, Carole Carlsen, Roger Loudon, Gerry Olvey

**Call to Order:** Co-President Naleski called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2014 Board Meeting. The motion carried. Sandy/Peggy. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 Fall Membership Meeting. The motion passed. Alan/LuAnn.

**Additions/Approval of Agenda:** Karen will be doing the Membership Report instead of Pam. The corrected agenda was approved. Sandy/Barb.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Kerr noted that the fall luncheon was less expensive than originally planned for at The Olive Branch. There is a balance of \$18,208.51 as of January 12, 2015. There was a motion to approve the budget. Alan/Pam. The motion passed.

John reported to the group that he is still working with the IRS to get our non-profit status restored. There has been a mix-up with names of the organization when the name was changed. John continues to correspond.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Membership Report:** Karen reported that there are 217 paid members. 39 members from 2014 have not renewed and 40 members from 2013 have not renewed. Elaine indicated that there would be a follow-up by phone or by personal note. It was noted that there are printed invoices left over that could be used. LuAnn and Elaine will try to come up with ideas to recruit retirees who have not become members.

**Newsletter:** Alan reported that a March newsletter should come out. Sandy thinks it will be necessary to do a breaking news bulletin before March. Elaine will send a Save the Date announcement for the Pre-retirement Seminar on April 9<sup>th</sup> to the school districts because the newsletter announcement will be too late. She will follow that with the agenda for the seminar four weeks before the seminar. Pam Berry mentioned she forwards her newsletter to some people still working and recommended others to do the same.

**Electronic Communication:** Joe Morin reported that everything seems to be up to date on the website. The membership forms are available on the website and Pay-pal may be used for payment of the membership. The volunteer form could also be available on the website.

Pam Berry inquired whether there was a list of places to volunteer that we endorsed as an organization. She suggested that might be an idea for the future.

**Legislative Update:** Sandy reported that the first two bills regarding PERA have been introduced to the legislature. They have not yet been assigned to committee. She will e-mail with further information about these bills. Note: Secure PERA sent out information on these bills the day following this meeting. Sandy emphasized that we should be ready and take guidance from Secure PERA to meet with the legislators face to face. Sandy also mentioned the formation of a group called Colorado Pension Project with co-chairs Bill Owens and Richard Lamb and being funded by a grant from the Arnold Foundation. This is a group to watch. PERA is talking about selling bonds and seems to be getting bi-partisan support on this issue. Glenn Gustafson of School District #11 volunteered to address our organization regarding the selling of bonds. Jan King urged all of us to attend the town meetings being held by our

legislators. Elaine noted some statistics regarding PERA. There are 25,000 active PERA employees in El Paso county and \$393,000,000 in benefits are being paid to PERA retirees living in the county. Peggy also urged everyone to communicate with our legislators about any bill concerning PERA. Peggy forwards everything to the PPSPERA board that is sent from Secure PERA and from the Ambassador program. Terry Alley had written a letter to the editor of The Denver Post that did not get published. But he urged us all to keep trying.

**Volunteer Hours:**

Elaine reported in Roger's absence. Volunteer hours are not being reported. There were only 3 people who reported July-Sept. quarter and 2 people for Oct-Dec. Elaine urged the board to take it as a personal action item to e-mail volunteer hours to Roger. Roger will then send to Kathy Zinter at CSPERA. There was a suggestion that Roger be more specific with dates and deadlines. The board requested Roger to put a date on the form. Alan will start attaching a form to report hours to the newsletter.

**By-laws Committee:** Elaine reported this committee has not met, but will soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**February General Membership Meeting:** Jan King reported that she had heard a presenter dealing with identity theft from Aventa Credit Union. Originally this was to be the program for the February General Membership Meeting. Upon discussion, the board decided to move this program to the May meeting and contact Glenn Gustafson to present the February program on PERA bonds. The meeting will be held at The Olive Garden at Citadel Crossing on February 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be a luncheon meeting. Terri will send out the registration forms with RSVP due the Monday before the meeting. Sandy invited the co-directors of the southern division of CSPERA, Vicki Doyle and Karen Reiss, to the February General Membership Meeting.

**Spring General Membership Meeting:** John made a motion seconded by Alan to hold this general membership meeting on April 30, 2015. The motion passed. The program will include a speaker with

information on identity theft, presentation of scholarships and distinguished service awards, election of officers, installation of officers. Nancy Carlson, CSPERA Outreach chair would like to be invited to this meeting.

**Membership Recruitment Training and CSPERA Board Meeting:**

Jan King reported that the membership recruitment training was excellent. Ideas were gathered for possible community outreach. Service activities to get people involved were suggested. Other suggestions were: assigning a buddy to first timers, write a thank you note, draw for gift cards, receive incentives from AMBA, joining the state organization and automatically becoming a member of the local, have a calling committee for every meeting, get other groups of PERA involved. Sandy will share the packet from this training with Carole Carlsen, and Elaine will ask Carole to call a membership committee meeting. Sandy and Jan are on the committee as well as Karen Hart.

Sandy reported from the CSPERA meeting reminding everyone of the Grandparent Essay Contest open to 5<sup>th</sup> graders statewide in which the student is to write an essay about what my grandparents mean to me. There are 4 winners statewide per CSPERA division. The student winners receive \$75, second place winner \$50, the school of the winners receives \$500, and the winners class gets a pizza party. This contest is co-sponsored by AARP. Elaine will send out the information about the essay contest to her PR distribution list.

The Birnadine Mack Scholarship is available for anyone classified or professional working on increasing his professional ability in the K-12 setting. A scholarship of \$1000 is awarded to each of 4 division winners. Sandy will get the information to Elaine to send out to school districts.

The CSPERA annual meeting will be held in Colorado Springs on May 21, 2015 at the Doubletree Hotel. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the CSPERA Executive Committee on May 20, 2015. Sandy asked board members to help as greeters and such and will get us more information when she gets it.

**Distinguished Service Nominations:** Elaine announced that Roger needs nominations for the Distinguished Service award by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Forms were made available in the newsletter.

**2015 Scholarships:** Barbara reported that she and Charlotte will follow the same process as last year. The application letter will be sent out about February 9<sup>th</sup> with the deadline for application March 31<sup>st</sup>. Letters are sent to principals and head counselors. Barbara had difficulties finding e-mail addresses for an electronic mailing. Elaine volunteered to try to find contact people for such a mailing. Barbara suggested that an earlier date for sending out the applications would be better. Elaine encouraged the Scholarship Committee to consider doing everything earlier next year instead of waiting until the end of the year.

**Pre-retirement Seminar:** Terry reported that the schedule is set for April 9<sup>th</sup> at Tesla Center. The auditorium and 3 classrooms will be used. The program will start at 4:30 pm. There will be breakout sessions and presenters. Dr. Michael Kenny of the Lane Center at UCCS has been contacted and is looking for a presenter from his staff to address the psychological effects of retirement. Elaine will contact the school groups and Terry will contact public employee groups to advertise the seminar. Terry will confirm the date of the meeting with Jake Henderson.

**Nominating Committee:** Past-president, Gerry Olvey is in charge of the slate of nominations for: President-elect, Treasurer, and CSPERA Board Representative. The election will be April 30, 2015. Elaine will contact Gerry.

**Next Board Meeting:**

The next board meeting will be MARCH 19, 2015 at Egg & I at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted;  
Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary