

**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association  
Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom  
August 12, 2020**

1. A quorum being present, the Zoom meeting was called to order by president, George Denny, Jr. at 10:08 a.m.
2. President Denny welcomed all in attendance. The roll was called by Janet Williams, Secretary.
3. Newly elected officers were installed by Charlie Gable, Jr., Area II North Director: George Denny, Jr. -President, Dr. Debbie Chance- Vice President, Ann Marie Downey– Immediate Past President, Alicia Hardisky– Treasurer, and Janet Williams- Secretary.
4. **Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Ann Marie Downey, seconded by Dr. Debbie Chance.
5. **Minutes – March 4, 2020** – Board Meeting – Motion to accept as presented- A. Downey, second - D. Chance. Motion carried.
6. **Minutes – May 13, 2020** – Annual Business Meeting - Motion to accept as presented- S. Raucher, second- B. Barnes. Motion carried.
7. **Treasurer’s Report** - The June 30, 2020 treasurer’s report was reviewed by Treasurer, Alicia Hardisky. The report has been filed for audit.

**Figures June 30, 2020**

Checkbook Balance	\$ 45,731.68
Bond Fund	0.00
Savings	0.00
Certificates of Deposit	0.00
Mutual Funds	532,784.42
Current Assets	578,516.10
 Total Assets	 578,516.10
 Total Liabilities	 536.50
Net Assets	579,052.60
<b>Total Liabilities/Net Assets</b>	<b>\$578,516.10</b>

The July 31, 2020 treasurer’s report was also reviewed by Alicia Hardisky, Treasurer. Alicia noted that July 31, 2020 dues deduction revenue was not included in this report, so the checkbook balance is higher than reported at \$566,423.42 today. The local share of the July dues deduction has not been sent to the locals, yet. The report will be filed for audit.

**Figures July 31, 2020**

Checkbook Balance	\$104,062.07
Bond Fund	0.00
Savings	0.00
Certificates of Deposit	0.00

Mutual Funds	544,408.92
Current Assets	648,470.99
Total Assets	648,470.99
Total Liabilities	469.68
Net Assets	648,940.67
Total Liabilities/Net Assets	\$648,470.99

**8. President's Report** – President Denny shared highlights from his written report. He also shared that local presidents had suggested that the organization consider creating a diversity/equity/inclusion statement. A document listing our MRSPA belief statements was suggested. It was also indicated that anything agreed upon should not be a political position. There will be further work on the issue, and the Board will be included in any decisions. Several inquiries have been received from parents seeking tutors for their school aged children. Information was sent to the local presidents who could share with their members. Brenda Barnes suggested that we could possibly develop a referral list that could be given to persons seeking information. Dr. Steve Raucher shared that the Montgomery County local is seeking an attorney's advice on any liability that might be incurred if tutors are provided from a local.

**9. Executive Director's Report** – In addition to her written report, Wanda shared information regarding tutoring opportunities that was shared at the local Presidents' Meeting in July. Illinois started a program that might be worth investigating. Negotiations with the landlord for the renewal of our lease, including a reduction in rent have been ongoing. Discussions regarding the proposed installation of the kitchenette have also occurred.

**10. Vice President's Report** – VP Chance has been working with George exchanging ideas. She participated in the July Presidents' Meeting. Committee assignments have been divided between she and George.

#### **11. Area Director's Reports**

**Area 1 West – (Lease)** – Still unable to find president for Garrett County. Will be contacting the other local presidents in her area soon. She participated in the July Presidents' Meeting.

**Area 1 East – (Smith)** – A written report was submitted. Sally shared that she enjoyed participating as a screener in the NRTA Tele-town hall series. She also participated in the July President's Meeting.

**Area II North (Gable)** - Making contact and introducing himself to locals. He has received responses from two of the four locals in his area to date. He participated in the July President's Meeting.

**Area II South (Barnes)** – Has spoken with 2 of the local presidents in her area and will contact the others soon. She participated in the July President's Meeting.

**Area III North** – Vacant

**Area III South** – Vacant

President Denny explained that there is a reluctance to accept the area director positions. A. Downey suggested a possible realignment of the area lines (bylaws would need change). Other suggestions were holding Board Meetings in different areas of the state or to continue using Zoom. These suggestions will be considered and investigated.

## **12. Standing Committee Reports**

**Bylaws (Stevens)** - Send thoughts on diversity, realignment of areas, or other issues to be addressed by the committee to Jay.

**Community Service (Bendler)** – No meeting yet; scheduled for next week to discuss mini-grants and the feasibility of projects in a virtual school year.

**Consumer Education (Sisson)** – Meeting scheduled for September on Zoom. John commended staff for publishing the *Consumer Connection* during the shut-down. Wants to investigate producing more brief videos for the MRSPA website.

**Finance (Raucher)** – A written report was submitted. Met with fiduciary advisors (Academy Financial) in June; recovered about \$30,000 since March losses.

**Legislative (Evans)** – Legislature out of session. Committee will meet tomorrow to review the Legislative Priorities for 2021. Legislative Workshop moved from November to January. This will hopefully get more participation as Legislature will be in session. MRSPA participated in NRTA virtual lobbying of Congressmen Brown and Harris in July, and sent letters to the entire federal delegation asking for support of federal funding for state and local governments to offset lost tax revenue from the pandemic.

**Member Benefits (Mitchell)** – No meeting yet. There was a very good turnout for the Fusco Financial “Protect Your Stuff” estate planning workshop last week. 100 members registered to participate.

**Membership** – Vacant – While recruiting is continuing during the pandemic, our membership numbers continue to decline. A membership report was included in the Board packet.

**Nominating (Downey)** – Meeting following the Board meeting. Searching for nominees for president-elect, treasurer and secretary this year.

**Public Relations (Humphrey)** – Has not met yet. Anne highlighted the membership recruitment video that was created by John Sisson and Bill Brose and edited by Lonna Siskind that was shared with the local presidents via thumb drive for their websites and other uses at the July Presidents’ Meeting. The Committee is trying to create a list of community organizations that locals are continuing to support during the quarantine. She will send a follow-up email to the locals through the MRSPA office soon.

**Scholarship (Barckley)**- Concerned as to how to proceed with raffle during the current pandemic. Community Foundation of Frederick County reported a market value of our account of \$131,178.63 as of March 30, 2020. As of June 30, 2020, we had \$151,421.07. The committee will be meeting Wednesday. Board members suggested asking locals to include a request for donations to the MRSPA Fund in their local newsletters, including a request for donations in the MRSPA newsletter, and entering

the name of anyone who donates during the designated period into a drawing for prizes like the customary raffle ticket drawing.

**Travel – Vacant** - Wanda shared that trip information and trip preview meeting information on the MRSPA website has changed and is being updated as we receive it from the travel companies.

### **13. Other Reports**

**Retirement/Pension (Haines)** – Some recovery from the earlier decline related to the pandemic. The system's cautious strategy worked to keep us from losing as much as some other states did in the downturn.

**Newsletter (Duls)** – Deadline for submitting items for next newsletter is September 4. Wanda thanked Carla for her help in formatting the June Covid – 19 *Consumer Connection* that was mailed and emailed to all members.

**14. Unfinished Business** – None

**15. New Business** – None

**16. Announcements** - Leadership Conference – September 16, 2020 – via Zoom. Community service and communication will be the focus of the conference. George asked that Board members submit their signed Code of Ethics if they haven't already. Steve shared that he is leaving for a cruise in October with American Cruise Lines. He suggested we check with our travel companies about domestic travel during the pandemic.

**17. Adjournment** – 11:51 p.m.

Recorded -Janet Williams, Secretary