

## ERS Steering Board Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2022

ERS Steering Board Chair Dwight Rousu called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. This was a virtual meeting via Zoom, with some attendees participating by telephone only. Attendees included all five elected officers, Dick Beham, Jessica Bonebright, Walt Ditlefsen, Joan and Myrv Johansen, John Neller, Dave Watt, and Dave Westman. We had a quorum.

**Agenda:** Dick Beham told us that he just had knee-replacement surgery. The meeting agenda was revised so that Dick could give his service report before he had to leave the meeting. With this change, the agenda was approved without objection.

**Service Committee Report:** Dick Beham reported that Bluebills are meeting monthly with “live speakers” and that the Busy B’s have been very active.

**Minutes:** Jim Ewing’s minutes of the last quarterly membership meeting were approved without objection.

**President’s Report:** Dave Baine told us that proposed changes to Social Security are on the NRLN website. Dave added that full payments from the Social Security Trust Fund are in long-term jeopardy unless incoming funds are increased to keep benefits payable at 100%.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bob Ferguson reported that we had \$2728.41 in checking, \$31,434.92 in savings, and \$20,240.14 in CDs. Bob said that he had deposited about 400 dues checks last month.

**Vice President’s Report:** Steve Ellis said that he had nothing to report “at this time.”

**Committee Reports:** Membership Chair John Neller told us that we had 939 members, of which 679 had renewed since 2021. Programs Chair Dave Watt told us that our speakers would discuss travel at the next quarterly membership meeting. Sunshine Cochair Myrv Johansen reported that he was not aware that any ERS members had passed in this quarter. Communications Cochair Dave Westman told us that he will brief Walt Ditlefsen on modifications to email messages.

We had a consensus to remove the public relations committee from our governing documents. Refreshments Cochair Steve Ellis informed us that the refreshments committee was holding informal monthly meetings at the Bahama Breeze. SPEEA/ERS Liaison Dave Baine told us that Ray Goforth told him that the SPEEA hall might reopen for meetings this summer. L&PA Chair Dwight Rousu said that some ERS members continue to attend virtual SPEEA national and northwest L&PA committee meetings. Jessica Bonebright volunteered to be our rep to PSARA. The board voted without objection to make a PSARA committee one of our standing committees.

We voted without objection to eliminate the calling committee. NRLN Liaison Steve Ellis reported that this fall’s fly-in was “on hold.” Nominations and Elections Chair Steve Ellis said that we would vote for a president and a secretary in December.

**Old Business:** Steve Ellis reported that our financial picture is “improving” but we have not yet held an official financial review for 2022. Steve Ellis will call a meeting for our 2022 financial review. Governing Documents Chair Dwight Rousu told us that the governing documents state that all five

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members of the steering board must approve any budgeted expense from \$200 to \$2000. However, sometimes all five members of the steering board are not available. Dave Baine promised to draft a change to the governing documents and present it to Walt Ditlefsen. Section 6.1 of our bylaws requires two signatures on each check. We agreed that this section should be changed to require only one signature on a check plus a second steering board member's approval (e.g., by email). Dave Baine told us that he had sent a revised "new member" letter to Bill Dugovich. Dave Baine contacted Pauline Tamblin about our newsletter printer payments and Pauline said she would check on this. We briefly discussed Boeing's PAC donations to sedition candidates.

**New Business:** John Neller asked about open committee chairs. We should check to see if there are currently any open chairs. Dwight Rousu told us about the state medical care initiative. Dave Baine told us about free classes offered by SPEEA.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m. The next steering board meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. The following quarterly membership meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2022, at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Ewing