

## ERS Board Meeting August 25, 2022

**Attendees:** Richard Beham, Jessica Bonebright, Walt Ditlefsen, Steve Ellis, Bob Ferguson, Merv & Joan Johansen, John Neller, Dwight Rousu, David Watt, Dave Westman

**Guests:** Susanne Murphy & Catherine Thomas

Quorum VP steering board chair & Bob Ferguson

**SPEEA ACE Program** – Susanne Murphy & Catherine Thomas would like our help getting information out about the program which is open to anyone in WA. See [www.aerocareer.org](http://www.aerocareer.org) for more info. They're soliciting for course ideas including people who can teach technical courses. Walt will work with them on an email message to ERS membership and an article for our newsletter. We'll allow time on our upcoming membership meeting agenda for this topic.

**M/S/C Appointment of Jessica Bonebright as Secretary with Evan Wipf sharing the position.** We'll look into what changes may be needed to our governing documents to allow for Co-officers.

**M/S/C Approval of previous meeting minutes**

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Secretary - M/S/C Approval of previous meeting minutes**

**President - Dave Baine** No report, Dave is out of town on vacation.

**Treasurer - Bob Ferguson** - BECU account balances are: checking: 2,808.28; savings: 33,366.96; CDs: 20,242.74 Total \$56,417.98. Expenses are down due to COVID. Michelle Stanley is our new SPEEA liaison, we're now up to date on renewal checks etc.

**Vice President - Steve Ellis** – Thanks to Bob finances are great relative to budget because our expenses are low due to ZOOM vs in-person meetings.

**Steering Board - Dwight Rousu**– Newsletter was a bit late, NLRN solicitation to become individual members is in the current Newsletter issue

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership - John**

File info for 08/25/2022	Number of entries
Members who last paid in 2017	36
Members who last paid in 2018	39
Members who last paid in 2019	83
Members who last paid in 2020	74
Members who last paid in 2021	129
Members who last paid in 2022	570

Members who last paid in 2023	2
Honorary members	2
Total for all years and types	935
Total for NRLN dues (2022)	766
Total for NRLN names (2022)	724
Members with e-mail 'none'	40
Members with e-mail unknown	11
Total members receiving paper newsletters	49

75 last paid 2017 or 2018 will try to get them to renew, otherwise we'll drop them. Michelle will send our second mailing soon

**Program - Dave Watt** - Speaker for next meeting is Rick Joseph with Fortune management. His topic is Medicare 101. Sept 15 Investment meeting speakers will be from Badgley Phelps Wealth Management. We'll be getting a title for their presentation. Dave is always open to ideas for future meetings.

**Communications - Dave Westman & Walt Ditlefsen** Dave will send notice for next week's meeting, then transition to Walt for future meetings. Is there any back-up for Walt? We'll work on it. Walt will work on documenting things like how to update email list on MailChimp.

**Service - Richard Beham** - The Bluebills participated in Salvation Army's back to school drive for supplies. Also sponsored shopping trips for 537 kids this year - primarily for clothing & shoes. Bluebills are unable to update their website for 3 months. They'd appreciate help from anyone familiar with using WordPress for updating websites.

**Sunshine - Merv & Joan Johansen** The following ERS members passed away:

*John Neller called asking if I could do a search for these members he could not reach by e-mail or phone. I found Delores, J. Sellers passed away October 5, 2018 and Salvatore Santamaria passed away October 21, 2021 - Sent a sympathy card to Salvatore's wife Angela.*

*Received an e-mail from John Neller asking to verify if Thomas A Minugh had passed away. Could not find anything other than he was born July 3, 1933.*

*Received an e-mail from Dave Baine with a list of members who have passed away compiled by Michelle Stanley.*

*Vernon F. Smith – Could not find any information as to when he passed away.*

*Stanley Nanevicz – He passed away June 10, 2021. He was 92.*

*Peter S. Kogut – Born July 5, 1926. He was 96. Could not find any information as to when he passed away.*

*Robert (Bob) A. Hutchinson – Passed away February 26, 2021. He was 90. We added a note of sympathy to the Dignity Memorial webpage.*

*Dale R. Rogers – Passed away February 18, 2022. He was 84. We sent a sympathy card to his wife Antoinette.*

*Kenneth C. Warren – Passed away May 22, 2021. He was 86.*

*Eldon J. Williams - Passed away May 2021. Could find no other information.*

*Charles R. Goodmanson - Passed away November 2021. Could find no other information.*

*Received an e-mail from Dave Watt noting Edwin B. Gillispie passed away June 22, 2022. He was 92. We sent a sympathy card to his wife Claudia.*

*Malcolm L. Olthouse passed away November 22, 2019. He was 86. Since so much time has passed, we just added a condolence message to the guest book in the Seattle Times Obituary page for Malcolm, as it seemed to still be active. "Having recently been notified of Malcolm's passing, the membership of (ERS) Engineering Retirees Society wish to express their sympathy.*

*John Neller called, noting Theodore W. Nasi passed away April 3, 2022. He was 87. We sent a sympathy card to his wife Claudia.*

*Sent a homemade card to John Neller from Joan and I, as he is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Included a note from ERS wishing him a speedy recovery.*

**Travel – John Neller** lots of canceled & delayed flights, COVID transmission is a hazard.

**Pension – Dave Westman** Boeing's pension transitioned to Fidelity. Dave will try to pass this role to someone else soon.

**Social - Steve Ellis** We budgeted \$1K for an activity, but the price of cruise on Lake Wa/Lake Union is too expensive – we'll watch pricing.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SPEEA L& PA Dwight Rousu** National and Northwest L&PA continue to meet.

SPEEA is expecting a large number of retirees due to changes in imputed interest rates for pension cash out. **Dwight will ask Dave Baine to confirm SPEEA continues to send a letter with information about ERS to retirees.**

**NRLN - Steve Ellis** Canceled Sept fly-in to WA DC due to COVID. ERS budgeted for 3 people to attend, \$ won't be spent. See NRLN's updated & improved website.

**Nominations/Elections - Steve Ellis** December membership meeting will elect President & Secretary. Governing Documents may need to be revised to accommodate co-officers.

#### **UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS**

**Financial Review** –Treasurer & finance committee of at least 2 persons will review and report to President. Steve Ellis as VP does the budget and agrees to serve as chair of the finance committee. Dave Baine will officially appoint him. In 2021 it was done as confirmed with email Bob Ferguson read to us. 2022 will need to be done.

**GovDocs: Policy:** -- Walt Ditlefsen proposes changing 1.4.2 (shown below) from 5 members to 3 members to assure we can conduct business even if one or two officers are not available.

*1.4.2 Any non-budgeted capital expense from \$200.00 to \$2000.00 shall require the approval of (5) five members of the Steering Board.*

Walt also proposes revising bylaw 6.1 requiring two signatures on checks to only one if at least one other board member approves it in an email to the rest of the board. Also to facilitate conducting our business

Make PSARA an ad hoc or standing committee and eliminating taxation, calling and ARA liason & Public relations.

Proposal to update policy manual to delete: *4.5.3 ARA Representative*. Also delete *5.1 History file*.

Proposal to consider the value of the Secretary computer purchased several years ago for Jim Ewing's use to be less than our \$50 limit and therefore not listed in the policy manual.

Walt clarified that we have no Discounts committee it was eliminated in the past.

**M/S/C To accept changes proposed by Walt.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Prepare for December elections: Secretary and President

### **GOOD OF THE SOCIETY**

Jessica encourage signing on to letters opposing ACO REACH - also see more information at [PSARA.org](http://PSARA.org)

### **M/S/C Adjourn 1pm**

Next Quarterly Meeting **Thurs Sept 1<sup>st</sup>** Noon Virtual

Next Board Meeting **Thurs Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** 11:00 AM Virtual - *2 weeks prior to the membership meeting.*