

## Thurs. Feb. 29, 2024 ERS Steering Board Meeting Minutes

Dwight Rousu called meeting to order at 1:10

Attendees: Dave Baine, Dwight Rousu, Steve Ellis, Bob Ferguson, Jessica Bonebright, Dave Westman, John Neller, Roger Aisaka, Dick Beham, Myrv & Joan Johansen

**Secretary:**— Prior meeting minutes were approved as distributed

**President:** Dave reported he talked to John Holden about using the IAM hall. They have WIFI but no equipment for Zoom meetings. IRS tax status is still in work. WA Secretary of State payment and filing will be done by the April due date. Our March meeting will be zoom only, but we hope to resume in-person hybrid meetings soon.

**Treasurer:** Bob Ferguson reported account balances at BECU are: checking \$1,340.85, savings \$11,048.66, money market \$20,366.30 and three CDs totaling \$33,873.21 for a grand total of \$66,629.02. We reported a total of \$60,368.47 at our December meeting. Our CDs expire in early April and will be renewed probably for a 17 month term which has a higher return rate. Recent transactions include flowers for Terry Hall's retirement and annual dues to NRLN.

**Vice President**— no report

**Steering Board Chair:** Dwight reported the newsletter went out from SPEEA. Mr Westman posted it to our it to our website. It will be emailed to the membership. A new person, Julia is taking over for Karen laying out our newsletter

### Standing Committees

**Membership:** John Neller reported 744 members eliminated those who hadn't renewed since 2020 or early. 470 so far have renewed for 2024 – about 24 renewals and one new person. Only 24 people now get newsletters

**Sunshine:** Myrv & Joan reported that since our December meeting we've been notified of the following former ERS members having passed away: Roger Whitson age 90, 2023; Robert W. Gray, 2020; Joseph Gates, 2021; Thomas J. Russell, 2023; Carl G. Meserve, 2024; Warren F. Tufts age 93, 2024; Richard H. Chin, 2022; Imanta Ikstrums, 2023; Bryan Lufkin age 89, 2023; William J. Ritter; Walter J. Nothaft, 2012; Karla Nothaft, 2023; Sylvia J. Hjelmeland, 2019; David M. Marinsky, 2021; Carol Woulf-Shaffer, 2019; Robert W. Gray, 2020 and Joseph Gates, 2021. Several of the earlier passings were identified due to email delivery failures. A sympathy card or message in the online obituary memorial was extended where possible.

**Finance:** Steve Ellis reported Bob F., Dave B & Steve completed the ERS financial review – the only issue of concern was the 2021 IRS postcard filing couldn't be found. 2022 was first year of e-filing requirement of postcard. It applies if income is less than their threshold.

**Social:** Steve expects something to share later this year

**Program:** Dave Watt reported our speaker for the March quarterly meeting will be someone from the U of W CIP program to talk about detecting and correcting the spread of misinformation. (See email for speaker info)

The March 21 Investment meeting speakers will be Brian Johnson and Matt Boelter of Edelman Financial Engines. They've spoken to us in the past. Always a great presentation including market and economic updates as well as smart approaches to investing and financial planning.

**Service:** Dick Beham's blerb for newsletter unfortunately didn't make it into the publication.

**Badges:** Roger reported 25 badges are in-hand and ready to issue at the next meeting. If we're not in person, he'll hang onto them.

**Insurance & Healthcare:** John Neller shared a CBC news report of an Oxford metadata study which showed private insurance has lower quality of care.

Dwight shared that his prescription plan is the same one Boeing had previously. But his records for part D still had bad information regarding which plan he was on.

**Refreshments:** Steve reported we were going to serve food today but didn't arrange it. If we want it for the next meeting they'll need a headcount estimate. We'd keep it small & simple – maybe pizza delivered.

**Communications & website:** Dave Westman has been substituting for Walt. Our newsletter is posted on our website. The email to members will go out in the next couple of days.

### **Ad HOC Committees**

**SPEEA Liason:** Dave invited Carissa Xayasensouk, in to meet us. She is SPEEA's new receptionist and will support ERS. Her family is from Laos.

**L & PA:** The committee has largely focused on legislative issues recently

**NRLN:** Steve Ellis received information regarding the planned Sept 15-18 fly-in. It's planned when house & Senate are in session. NRLN is eager to find out how many people will be coming so they can reserve rooms at WA capital Hotel. 23 to 25 attendees are the current rough estimate. VP Judy Stenberg from Bellevue is planning to attend We agreed to plan for 2 participants . This also helps for not too many people in meetings with congressional offices. Dave Baine & Steve Ellis are both potentially interested in going – Dwight would rather not go. Steering board will decide who goes when it gets closer.

We'll pay NRLN dues \$3 each for 584 members

No reports for: Governing Documents, Travel, Pension, Nominating / Elections committee

**Old Business:** 501c3, 501c4 or other option? Nothing new to report. Dave needs to create an account to file a 990N don't know if we'll be a 501c3 or 501c4

Let's standardize start times for food & speakers for hybrid meetings. The program used to start at noon. Those coming in person could come for food at 11:30am

For those who want to zoom, they have that option, let's continue hybrid meetings - assuming there's a meeting room available. Amber is taking over for Terry and will check on room availability.

**Next Board meeting:** May 30, 2024, 11am

Adjourned 1:27pm

Minutes by Jessica Bonebright