

Minutes from ERS Steering Board Meeting 5/30/24

Attendees: Dave Baine, Steve Ellis, Dwight Rousu, Jessica Bonebright, Bob Ferguson, Dave Watt, John Neller, Dave Westman, Richard Beham

Secretary: Jessica reported the prior meeting minutes were approved as distributed

President: Dave Baine reported ERS meetings will be virtual while SPEEA's meeting room technology is being upgraded probably through the end of the year. We can't have the full meeting room. Amber Musclemann works with us (vs Elaine Carlson) the Joint Workforce committee meets monthly using both sides of the large room. Room C is smallish.

The annual ERS financial review has been completed. ERS filing with WA secretary of State was also completed.

No updates on our IRS tax status. WA Secretary of State filing done. Insurance & pension chairs are open. Dave will approach people.

NRLN delegates are the same. Ed Beltram it's still on as far as we know.

Discussion – We should consider other dates & times so we can use the SPEEA hall.

Treasurer: Bob Ferguson reported expenses are down due to virtual meetings. Our monthly internet expenses are less than \$30. Account balances at BECU are checking - \$1,145.84, savings- \$11,317.62, money market - \$20,505.87 and three CDs totaling \$34,192.83 for a grand total of \$67,162.16. We reported a total of \$66,629.02 at our March meeting.

We're getting dues checks from 2nd mailing deposited.

Vice President: No report

Steering Board Chair: Dwight reported the Newsletter was a little late going out. Normally hotlinks are included. When looking at it on line it seems hotlinks don't work. Need to download it to your PC.

Committee and Rep Reports

Membership: John Neller reported we have 739 members. 82% of them are paid up for 2024 – including a couple of honorary members.

Social committee: Steve Ellis reported in the future we'll have something for everyone to get together

Program: Dave Watt reported that our next meeting we'll have speaker Ryan Lee for meeting New York Life re: Long Term Care

Service: Bluebills Richard Beham invited everyone to their meeting tomorrow with a speaker from WA state Rail Library. June 28th at VFW post 1263 416 Burnett Ave Renton. Social 10am and 10:30 presentation. UW Dr Devore Kidney dialysis research. – they're working on drugs – but it's still a long way off. All ERS members are invited.

Sunshine Myrv Johansen reported the following former ERS members have passed away: David W. Gosse (age 95); Robert J. Nelson, February 2024 survived by his wife Teresa; Michael M. Stensen (age 78) and Alan C. Lodell. A sympathy card or message in the online obituary memorial was extended where possible.

Travel: John Neller talked to Stu Buckham who traveled in Europe. There are problems with ATM machines with skimmers – he recommends using credit cards instead. John Neller will be leaving soon for a trip to Frankfurt

Dave Westman no report – hope we can find a replacement for this position

Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action (PSARA): Jessica Bonebright encouraged attending our Juneteenth event at WSLC. PSARA is also working on opposition to 3 bad ballot initiatives. For more information see PSARA.org website including Advocate Newsletter

Insurance & Healthcare open – Dave Baine will invite a couple of people

Refreshments: Steve Ellis reported this is on hold for in person meetings.

Communications Website – Dave Westman, nothing to report. Dave emailed Walt about helping with e-mailing
Dave Baine will provide agenda

Gov Docs – no report

SPEEA Liaison: Dave Baine reported we can't use the SPEEA hall for now due to schedule conflicts with negotiations meetings and lack of telecommunications equipment for Zoom.

Legislative & Public Affairs, L&PA: Dwight reported an FAA bill passed with some favorable items included. An Agenda comes out Jimmy Mathis

NLRN representatives

Nominations: Steve Ellis reported President & Secretary elections will be held in December.

Unfinished old business – already discussed

New business – some already discussed. Medicare Advantage with Polyclinic Optimum has had trouble with internal procedures with Aetna Boeing worklife for ERS – not being process correctly and had to be specially added back. The problem is fairly common in other states. Particular Med Adv. Dropping medical facilities. Boeing Aetna refused to pay. Walt had some emails he sent around. Problems with Med Adv. Dropping facilities because they demanded too much \$ reimbursement rates.

Good of the society: FAA kept Boeing Renton production capped. Refused to increase it. Boeing problems w turbulence not designed for extreme weather/ temperatures.

Adjourned 12:30pm

Minutes by Jessica Bonebright, Secretary