

DNR/DEQ Retirees Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2024 – 9:30 am
Held via Zoom

Roll Call – via Zoom

Debbie Begalle, Sharon Hanshue, Kay Duncan, Cheryl Farhat, Sue Colon, Hal Fitch, Dave Forstat, Mike Moss, Mindy Koch

Absent: Janice Heck, Ann Feldhauser, Patty Roethele

President Begalle called meeting to order.

Added to Agenda: Audit

Officers Reports

Secretary: Kay Duncan, August 13, 2024 Board Minutes reviewed. Sue Colon moved to approve, Hal seconded, Motion Carried.

Treasurer: Sue Colon, Period ending 9/30/2024

Beg Bal. \$11,823, Revenue \$969, Expenses \$43.52, Checking Acct \$2,498.40; Share Saving Acct. \$3,119; Money Market \$2,006; 1 yr. CD \$5,214; Total Assets \$12,838.88. Report accepted.

Regional Reps: Reg. I and III absent.

Reg. II, Mike Moss, No Report except luncheons in Cadillac continue.

Database Adm. Dave Forstat: Reported obits are being sent out, every 2 weeks new emails are added to the email distribution list and retirees are responding to the Assoc. email address.

Undeliverable email addresses are returned and we attempt get new address, if unsuccessful, email removed from database.

Newsletter Editor Cheryl Farhat, fall newsletter ready to go to printer waiting on Kay for proofing. Spring 2025 comes out in March. Hal clarified he does not post the most recent newsletter on our website.

Education Coordinator: Mindy Koch reported briefly how she selects her topics and tries to submit non-biased articles.

Old Business

1. Annual Meeting- Sue briefly scanned 14 survey forms submitted. Agreed to send out survey to all members via email with a deadline response date of 12/1/2024, and options to return survey either via email, US mail, or via the survey link the survey in website for reply. Kay to write email to members, send survey form to Hal to post on website, and Dave will send out in survey via email. There are approximately 446 members paid thru 12/31/2024. Cheryl to include article in newsletter about survey. Sue reported we broke even on finances for annual meeting. We discussed location options for the 2025 annual meeting location. Cheryl contacted RAM and inquired about us bringing in an outside cater for the meal. This is permissible. Cannot use RAM kitchen. Ram set rental cost at \$500 for Lake Superior Room. Presentation idea for next year is Lynne and Mindy's Africa trip. Minutes need to be posted prior to meeting. Took too long to read. Briefly discussed an increase in annual dues.

Articles of Incorporation: Hal reviewed status which started a year ago when Association Articles Name did not match our name on file with LARA. The deadline for filing a corporate transparency report under the Corporate Transparency Act is January 1, 2025. To correct our name with LARA, they require members to vote on Articles name change, and this vote was not taken specifically for the Articles at the Sept. 2024 members meeting. Options to get members approval was discussed and email suggested. Preference of Board, we not wait until the fall meeting. Sharon moved the Board approve the changes Hal Fitch set forth

in the Articles of Corporation. Kay Duncan seconded the motion. Discussion. Article changes include name change. Motion carried. Sharon then amended her motion to also include to present Article of Inc. amendments to membership next fall or sooner. Kay seconded motion. Amended Motion carried.

2. Candidates for vacancies and secretary – One suggested candidate for secretary and she will be contacted.

3. Electronic Directory. Dave Forstat gave the history of work efforts involved to produce a printed copy of directory and the database is no longer capable of producing a suitable printed copy for distribution. Dave will shortly push out an electronic directory to all current paid members. Dave will monitor when a new directory copy is necessary to send out based on Sue's excel updates of renewed and new members.
4. Other: Next year's agenda for fall meeting: Vote on Dues, Vote on Articles, Election of Officers. Lead for planning 2025 meeting to be determined. We decided on meeting date of September 10, 2025 if venue is available. Tabled surveys and scholarship for discussion at January meeting.

New Business

1. Audit: An auditor has been found and the audit will proceed.

Motion to adjourn at 12 Noon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Lynn Duncan". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Kay Lynn Duncan, Secretary

Dated: February 23, 2025