

BCRSPA

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

The meeting of the Executive Board of the **BCRSPA** was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Donna Copenhaver at St. Isaac Jogues – Cronin Center, Room 1.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the September 20, 2016 Executive Board meeting were approved as e-mailed. The Minutes of the October 18, 2016 Fall Luncheon meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Reports for September and October 2016 were e-mailed to the Board members. The reports were accepted for audit. Assistant Treasurer Cindy Schulz commented on the Luncheons items in the October 2016 Operations Profit and Loss Budget concerning the entry of income versus expenses. The actual total cost of the luncheon was \$2,788.50 which includes \$500.00 deposit and \$300.00 for entertainment. A discussion on the two luncheons followed and the requirement for having such meetings. The Annual Business Meeting Luncheon and Fall Luncheon are required by the Bylaws. President Donna Copenhaver will investigate the costs of these luncheon meetings in addition to the breakfast meeting.

President's Announcements/Communications:

President Donna Copenhaver introduced a new member and guest Angela Tanner.

President Donna Copenhaver announced belated happy birthday wishes to Bob Kane and Joyce Cummings and a happy birthday to C. David Copenhaver on his birthday today. Up and coming birthday wishes went to B.J, Rounsaville, Caroline Seamon and guest Angela Tanner.

MRSPA Legislative Priorities 2017 brochures were distributed to the Executive Board. This brochure will be added to the retirement packets distributed by the Benefits Office.

Fall Luncheon Update- Eighty-six members which includes six new members and nine guests were in attendance. Inviting new members as our guests will be continued and the evaluations will continue. Thirty-eight evaluations (44% return) from the Fall Luncheon were mostly positive. Twenty-two were disappointed the Benefit Office failed to attend. In the future telephone calls will be made to the Benefit Office as a reminder especially for this Spring meeting.

Thank you notes were passed around for the Executive Board to read. Peter Franchot, State Comptroller, sent a thank you note. Thank you notes from a new member Christopher Providence, who also won the luncheon raffle, and from Parker Koons from MSCHOF for our ad in their booklet.

Special eBlast was sent regarding the Benefits booklets which are in the process of being mailed to retirees. David included a link to access the booklet on line if information is needed before it is received. The full booklet is also available on the BCPS web site

MRSPA Community Service Nominations for individual and association volunteers are due before April 2017. President Donna Copenhaver has the forms. The Board is asked to think about nominating someone.

Richel Aquino, a resident of Oak Crest, requested our association speak with a group of twenty-three educators to learn how their group can volunteer for school activities. David, Madeline, and Donna will meet the group on November 18, 2016. Clair Price moved our

association not to sanction the use of the association's name for any group. The motion was seconded by David Copenhaver. Bill Groth moved to amend the motion to include any other organization making similar requests. David Copenhaver seconded the amendment. There being no further discussion, President Donna Copenhaver called for a vote on the amendment which passed unanimously. The original motion as amended was then passed unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

BCASCO – Weston Dean

The Giant stores are hiring nutritionists in every store who will speak to groups about healthy foods at appointed times. A fee of twenty-five dollars is required but at the end of the appointment a twenty-five dollar gift certificate is returned to the individual or group. Crash diets, exercises, roasting vegetables, soft drinks and treats are additional topics that can be discussed.

TABCO – Jack Woodward

No report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist/Historian, Caroline Seamon

Changes are being made. It was requested that Caroline bring a current binder to the January Executive Board meeting in January so all could see how it is being done.

Bylaws, George Sparks

No Report

Community Service, Dave Peters

At the Fall Luncheon \$35.00 and many bags of food were collected. A thank you note was received for our contributions.

Consumer Education, B.J. Rounsaville

B.J. continues to search for articles. Senior Expo October 26-27 information was presented. Free admission is available from many local publications,

Finance, Jack Woodward

Changes in budget requests for FY 2017- 2018 should be made to Jack.

Legislation, Parker Koons

Parker and Bill Groth attended the MRSPA Legislative meeting on November 10. MRSPA has a new executive director, a new legislative chairperson and a new lobbyist. The new executive director has changed the log-in on website. To get into the membership section you must now log-in to the website, MRSPA.org, list your e-mail address and establish a password. Then in few days they will notify you if the information is accepted. Monies in the Retirement System are sound. The State Legislative Committee will meet every other week to review and discuss proposed legislation and to label such propose legislation as to support, rejected or take no action. A list of Maryland State Legislators was distributed. Legislators should be reminded of their commitment to fully fund our retirement.

Membership Accounting, Charlotte Price

New members 5 (28 since March 1)
Deceased members - 5
Unpaid Cash Members Dropped – 45
State Emeritus Members - 111
Local Emeritus Members - 65

MRSPA Dues Paying Members – 1,602
BCRSPA Dues Paying Members – 1,551
BCRSPA Members Only – 14

President Donna Copenhaver reported she has not received an answer to her inquiry concerning our new MRSPA membership quota. She will continue to seek an answer as to how the 128-new member quota was established.

Membership Recruitment, Maryann Hughes

No Report

Program, David and Donna Copenhaver

President Donna Copenhaver said programs will depend on whether we continue to have a luncheon or have a breakfast. She requested feedback on having a speaker at the luncheon meeting. The Board agreed to have a speaker at the October Luncheon and to consider having personnel from BCPS as speakers.

David Copenhaver is investigating using one of the culinary arts schools for our Executive Board meetings. Members would have to pay individually the cost for their luncheon.

Publication/Update, David Copenhaver

Items for the newsletter are required in advance and due to the rigid schedule articles must be submitted early to be published.

Public Relations, Clair Price

Clair reported the deadline for the breakfast in December is November 30. We are close to meeting our minimum requirement. Camille Marx reported she has received about sixty door prizes. Past President David Copenhaver volunteered to explore using PATCH to announce our activities. Weekly and daily newspapers as well as television could be used to cover some of our activities.

Remembrance Committee, Mary Ellen Zimmerman and Mary Lou Brown

Mary Lou Brown mailed eight birthday cards to members since our last meeting. One card has been returned by the Post Office from Jane Stone of Bridgewater, Virginia.

Mary Ellen Zimmerman reported six deceased members – Elaine G. Decker, Dorothy Fix, Delmar Gruver, Richard P. Newby, Estelle L. Pollock, and Ruth Wirtz.

Retiree Benefits, Joyce Cummings

President Donna Copenhaver reported the retiree booklets have not been mailed.

Scholarship, Edith Kozlowski, Camille Marx, and Madeline Lovera

No Report

Social Committee, David and Donna Copenhaver, and Clair Price

David said there are four seats remaining on the bus trip to attend the U.S. Navy Band concert. Senior Box Office has numerous trips at reasonable rates. Membership is \$30.00 per year per family. As more information is available he will bring it to the Boards attention. Eighty surveys were returned (80) expressing interest in various trips. The Cherry Blossom luncheon cruise was the top interest selected. David is planning another cruise if he gets fifty interested people.

Technology, Bill Groth

We now have seven members on our Facebook – BCRSPA page. Use the search box at the top of the screen to access BCRSPA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Standing Rules Update – Carmela was unable to attend. This item is tabled to the next meeting.

Volunteer list from the Luncheon – Information is not available at this time. It will be rescheduled for the January meeting.

BCPS Connection update – The Supervisor of BCPS libraries is compiling a list using our parameters to find schools eligible for our award. Sharon Norman, Bill Groth, David Copenhaver, Jack Woodward and President Donna Copenhaver volunteered to serve on the BCPS Connection Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Kane, Secretary

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Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Executive Board will be January 17, 2017 at Saint Isaac Jogues.

Be sure to check the BCRSPA answering system weekly.

The following Executive Board members were in attendance:

<i>Mary Lou Brown</i>	<i>Parker Koons</i>	<i>Caroline Seamon</i>
<i>David Copenhaver</i>	<i>Camille Marx</i>	<i>Cindy Schulz</i>
<i>Donna Copenhaver</i>	<i>Sharon Norman</i>	<i>George Sparks, Jr</i>
<i>Donna Copenhaver</i>	<i>David Peters</i>	<i>Angela Tanner (guest)</i>
<i>Weston Dean</i>	<i>Clair Price</i>	<i>Jack Woodward</i>
<i>Bill Groth</i>	<i>Charlotte Price</i>	<i>Linda Yaffe</i>
<i>Robert Kane</i>	<i>B J Rounsaville</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Zimmerman</i>

