

# **BCRSPA**

## **MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

### **MAY 17, 2016**

The meeting of the Executive Board of the **BCRSPA** was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President David Copenhaver at TABCO, 305 Joppa Road, Towson, Maryland, 21286.

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 15, 2016 Executive Board meeting were accepted as e-mailed. The minutes of the October Annual Meeting were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reports for April were E-mailed to the Board members. Stu Tucker explained how the balance of the Association and the Scholarship Funds are managed. He commented on the Social Committee money and was making a special note of the money remaining. The report was accepted for audit.

#### **President's Announcements/Communications:**

President David Copenhaver welcomed our guest, Carmela Veit.

President David Copenhaver announced belated happy birthdays to Jack Woodward, Edith Kozlowski, Mary Lou Brown and Clair Price and a happy birthday to Madeline Lovera.

President Copenhaver recognized the newly elected Directors Patsy Holmes and William Groth who were duly installed by President Copenhaver. He announced the appointment of William Groth as Chairperson of the newly formed Technology Committee.

In reference to the new Bylaw that committees have only one chairperson, President Copenhaver presented the idea of having current committee co-chairs being grandfathered. They would continue to serve as part of the Executive Board, however each committee would have only one vote on issues. Ed Veit so moved to accept the committee who currently have co-chairpersons to be grandfathered in our association. Caroline Seamon seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

President Copenhaver announced that the Association won the raffle of the Bucket of Cheers at the MRSPA Business Meeting in May. Donna Copenhaver moved to raffle the Bucket of Cheers at the December Breakfast with one half of the proceeds be donated Toys R Us and the second half to the charity selected by the Clair Price, Breakfast Chairperson. George Sparks seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Archivist/Historian, Caroline Seamon**

No report

##### **Budget, Jack Woodward**

The budget has been approved and is ready to begin in July.

##### **Community Service, Dave Peters**

Seventeen bags were collected at the April Business meeting and \$135.00 in donations were received and given to the Assistance Center of Towson Churches. An Acknowledgement has been received.

##### **Constitution and By-Laws, George Sparks, Jr.**

No report, and the Standing Rules are being formulated.

**Consumer Education, B.J. Rounsaville**

Articles on Bill Groth, and Alan Zink, Principle of Perry Hall Middle have been collected. Also articles are being collected for our newsletter.

**Retiree Benefits, Joyce Cummings**

No report.

**Legislation, Parker Koons**

No report

**Membership Accounting, Charlotte Price**

President Copenhaver gave the report.

1,803 Total Memberships

4 New Members

6 Deceased Members

112 State Emeritus Members

60 Local Emeritus Members

1,195 Dues Deduction Members

498 Cash Paying Members

1,676 MRSPA Dues Paying Members

1,631 BCRSPA Dues Paying Members

45 Members cancelled Nov. 1, 2015

15 BCRSPA Members Only

**Membership Recruitment, Maryann Hughes**

In progress.

**Program, David and Donna Copenhaver**

We are working on the program for the October Fall Business Luncheon program. Menus have been completed.

**Publication/Update, Donna Copenhaver**

The June edition is now on line and printed copies are being prepared for mailing in the next few days.

**Public Relations, Clair Price**

President Copenhaver reported Clair has been working on the answering system along with Stu Tucker. The problems have not been resolved. Some of this may be a result of the current strike.

**Remembrance Committee, Mary Ellen Zimmerman and Mary Lou Brown**

Mary Ellen Zimmerman is improving since her recent surgery. The following deceased members were: Thomas T. Clance, Dennis J. Lane, Marlene R. Marne and Ann Rouch.

Mary Lou Brown sent twenty-one birthday cards to members April and May.

**Scholarship, Edith Kozlowski, Camille Marx, and Madeline Lovera**

Edith and Camille thanked the greeters for their help in entertaining the scholars and their families at the luncheon. Information will be given in the beginning of the school year to counselors. Articles will be put in the local newspapers working through the Public Relations Chairperson, Clair Price. A concern arose about the number of awards to be given and not publishing the number to be awarded. The number of scholarships and amounts of the scholarship will be determined by the Executive Board at its January meeting.

The status of 501(c)7 with regard to endorsement of candidates during election was

discussed and tabled to our general membership meeting. Further discussion was tabled until membership could act on this.

Camille Marx moved to increase the number of scholarships based on the amount of money in the budget and that the number of scholarships offered will not be announced until the Board decides in January. Jack Woodward seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### **Social Committee, David and Donna Copenhaver**

The Third Annual Crab Feast will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

The Navy Holiday Concert at the DAR Constitution Hall is tentatively being planned for 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 18, 2016. We have been placed on the list to receive tickets and twenty-five reservations are already requested. Only fifty general admission tickets will be available and the cost of transportation will be between thirty and thirty-five dollars.

President Copenhaver reported for Clair Price. The Christmas Breakfast with Colleagues is planned for December 8, 2016 at 10:00 am. The Board Picnic is scheduled for August 20 and flyers with directions will be distributed at the June Board meeting. Clair, along with Stu, continues to spend an extraordinary amount of time correcting the phone answering system update.

#### **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

##### **BCASCO, Weston Dean**

Wes Dean reported the Director of Advocacy for AARP spoke of the interest of seniors not being served by legislations. More active interest is needed and seniors need to be involved in legislation action. BCASCO should be more active. She cited one example of special interest groups attending legislation action and seniors not being represented. Wes cited his BGE gas bill with cost added which exceed the cost of units used.

##### **TABCO, Jack Woodward**

Jack reported the first pamphlet on TABCOR shows they have increased their membership significantly. National Park passes are available to seniors at any park. These passes were originally free to seniors.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ed Veit introduced his wife, Carmela who spoke on standing rules of an organization in preparation for our next meeting. A two page paper was given to Board members for reading prior to the next meeting. Standing Rules define the duties of the members of the Executive Boards and can be changed without amending the By-Laws. Copies of the current activities were distributed to chairpersons and elected members. Board members were encouraged to add any additional operational items and bring them to the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert L. Kane, Secretary

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Executive Board and Retreat will be on June 21, 2016 at Saint Isaac Jogues, Cronin Center Room 1 from 10:00 am to 2:00 PM. Lunch will be provided.

The following Executive Board members were in attendance:

*Mary Lou Brown*  
*Joyce Cummings*  
*David Copenhaver*  
*Donna Copenhaver*  
*Weston Dean*  
*Bill Groth*  
*Patsy Holmes*

*Maryann Hughes*  
*Robert Kane*  
*Camille Marx*  
*David Peters*  
*B J Rounsaville*  
*Cindy Schulz*

*Caroline Seamon*  
*George Sparks, Jr.*  
*E. Stuart Tucker*  
*Carmela Veit (guest)*  
*Ed Veit*  
*Jack Woodward*