

# **BCRSPA**

## **Annual Membership Meeting**

### **April 18, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Columbus Gardens, Belair Road by President Donna Copenhaver.

President Copenhaver led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Our National Anthem. President Copenhaver introduced the following guests who were present or would be joining us later:

MRSPA President Fay Miller

Beth Thomas and Kelly Marks from the Office of Benefits, Leaves, and Retirement

Bo Lundh, Oak Crest Community Associate Executive Director

Eight new members several of whom were in attendance today

**Minutes:** President Copenhaver called for the approval of the minutes of the April 19, 2016 Annual Membership Spring Luncheon meeting which were included in the membership packet upon entering. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer E. Stuart Tucker moved for the acceptance of the report included in the membership packet. He commented on the reserve fund under Current Assets on the Balance Sheet and explained why most of this amount was in savings. He stated he kept a minimum amount in the checking account since money could easily be transferred from the savings accounts to the checking account. In the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual he explained why there was a deficit under the operations' annual project expenses. The Treasurer's Report was accepted subject to audit.

President Copenhaver delivered her annual report which is printed in pages three and four of the Committee Reports Booklet which each member received upon entering. She highlighted membership, improved relationship with BCPS, Perry Hall High music groups at the Fall Luncheon Meeting and the Breakfast meeting, the Executive Board meeting and luncheon at Eastern Technical School, the BCPS library awards to Chesapeake Terrace Elementary School and Stemmers Run Middle School, the annual crab feast, the annual Breakfast meeting in December, the new and improved websites, and the charitable giving to the Assistance Center of the Towson Churches.

#### **Introduction of Committee Chairpersons and Committee Reports**

**Budget** - Chairperson Jack Woodward moved to accept the 2017-2018 Budget found on pages five and six in the Committee Reports Booklet. He commented on the need for new members to increase revenue and the annual project expense is now included in the new budget. There being no further discussion the budget was accepted as published.

**Scholarship Funds** - E. Stuart Tucker report is found on page six in the Committee Reports Booklet. He explained the difference in the two donation categories – BCPS Education Foundation is for those wishing to use their donations as a tax deduction as opposed to our past donations which were not tax deductible. This is the difference between a 501c3 vs a 501c7.

Additional information can be found in the UPDATE publications.

**Archivist/Historian** – Chairperson Caroline Seamon’s report may be found on page seven in the Committee Reports Booklet.

**Retiree Benefits** – Chairperson Joyce Cummings’ report may be found on page seven in the Committee Reports Booklet.

**Consumer Education** – Chairperson BJ Rounsville’s report may be found on page eight in the Committee Reports Booklet.

**Legislation** - Chairperson Parker Koons’ report may be found on page eight in the Committee Reports Booklet. He added that the MRSPA Legislation Committee received over 2700 bills which were reviewed by members of MRSPA committee. Also, our health care cost can only be negotiated by TABCO who is the only legally recognized negotiator.

**Membership Accounting** – due to Chairperson Charlotte Price’s recent illness and death the report on page nine is last year’s report but the numbers for this year are similar.

**Membership Recruitment** – Chairperson Maryann Hughes’ report may be found on page nine in the Committee Reports Booklet. It is important to make personal contact with newly retirees and invite them to attend our activities and meetings.

**Community Services** – Chairperson Dave Peters’ report may be found on page ten in the Committee Reports Booklet. He thanked all who donated today.

**Nominating** – Chairperson David Copenhaver recognize his committee members and introduced the nominees. His report may be found on page ten in the Committee Reports Booklet. The slate of officers for 2017 – 2019 term are:

President Elect	Parker Koons
Treasurer	E Stuart Tucker
Recording Secretary	Barbara Barzyk
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Yaffee
Director	Sharon Norman
Director	Della Curtis

**Social/Travel** – Chairperson David Copenhaver’s report may be found on page eleven in the Committee Reports Booklet. He reported the Cherry Blossom Cruise was successful, a planned December trip to the Dutch Apple Theater and the possible dates for the Fall Crab Feast.

**Bylaws and Parliamentarian** – Chairperson George Sparks’ report may be found on page twelve in the Committee Reports Booklet. The Standing Rules committee will continue to meet.

**Remembrance** – Co-chairpersons May Lou Brown and Mary Ellen Zimmerman’s report may be found on page twelve in the Committee Reports Booklet.

**Scholarship** – Co-chairperson Camille Marx, Edith Kozlowski, and Madeline Lovera’s report may be found on page thirteen in the Committee Reports Booklet.

**Public Relations** – Chairperson Clair Price was excused and no report was available.

**Publications/UPDATE** – Editor David Copenhaver will continue to work with UPDATE as well as the electronic- Keeping You in the Loop, and e-mails.

**Technology** – Chairperson Bill Groth announced information is now available on FACEBOOK and is easily accessible. He would be glad to help users who need assistance.

**BCASCO Representative** – Weston Dean announce all seniors are welcomed to attend this organization’s meetings.

**Election of Officers** - Chairperson David Copenhaver moved to accept the Nominating Committee report. President Copenhaver opened the floor for additional nominations:

for President-Elect – there being no further nominations the nominations were closed;  
for Treasurer - there being no further nominations the nominations were closed;  
for Recording Secretary - there being no further nominations the nominations were closed;  
for Corresponding Secretary - there being no further nominations the nominations were closed;  
for Directors - there being no further nominations the nominations were closed. Since there were no further nominations the slate of officers was elected.

**Installation of Officers** – MRSPA President Fay Miller installed all newly elected officers and declared them duly installed.

**New Business** – None

**Necrology Service** – Mary Ellen Zimmerman called the names of the fifty-seven members who are no longer with us.

**MRSPA** – President Fay Miller remarked on this being her second visit, the need to continually recruit new membership, the State website is up and working and a reminder on the May 9 MRSPA Annual Meeting.

**Benefits Office** – Kelly Marks announced that Medicare insurance rates will remain the same and basic life insurance may increase since the retirees' portion is being subsidized by the current employee through 2019. The Benefit Office needs to be notified of any change of address or changes of beneficiaries.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectively submitted,

Robert L. Kane, Secretary.

