

BCRSPA Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

January 19, 2016

The meeting of the Executive Board of BCRSPA was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President C. David Copenhaver at Saint Isaac Jogues Cronin Center, Room 1.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of November 17, 2015 Executive Board meeting were accepted as e-mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Report for November and December were E-mailed to the Board members. Due to the absence of Treasurer Stu Tucker, no report was available.

President's Announcements/Communications:

- Welcome guest – President C. David Copenhaver welcomed Carmela Veit, Maryland Hall of Fame recipient.
- President C. David Copenhaver announced the appointment of Clair Price as chairperson of the Public Relations Committee.
- MRSPA raffle tickets for their scholarships have been received. President-elect Donna Copenhaver moves to have the Board purchase the sixty tickets and any winnings are brought back to the Executive Board for their action. The motion was second and approved.
- MRSPA offers insurance for officers and directors of our organization at a cost of \$25.00. The Board unanimously approved the expenditure.
- MRSPA Community Service Award is available to locals. Association Nomination and Individual Forms are available through President C. David Copenhaver
- The Executive Board retreat to develop “Standing Rules “which is tentatively planned for March 1st is investigating another location as Oak Crest Village is not available. This will replace the scheduled board meeting for March.
- MRSPA Nominating Committee has requested members of the locals to submit a name for their Nominating Committee. BCRSPA nominee is Ed Veit.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

- Committee to explore 501 (c) (3) Non Profit: Chairperson Sharon Norman reported the committee met in December to draft a memo of understanding (MOU). The committee is now waiting feedback from the Board of Education Foundation. Members who are donating but not seeking a statement for tax purposes may continue to donate directly to our organization.
- By-Laws: The next issue of the “UPDATE” will contain the draft of the By-Laws for action at the annual business meeting in April.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Archivist/Historian, Caroline Seamon... No report
- Budget, Jack Woodward...Jack reported the budget is being finalized and any committee who has not requested the need of additional funding for the next fiscal year will have the same amount as in the last budget.
- Community Service, Dave Peters... No report
- Constitution and By-Laws, George Sparks, Jr.... No report.
- Consumer Education, B.J. Rounsaville...BJ has submitted several articles and were published in the January “Keeping You in the Loop.”
- Health Care/Insurance, Joyce Cummings... Information about the new prescription plan needs some verification. Members are recommended to check with their pharmacy and compare prices with the new plan. President David Copenhaver will be discussing concerns with BCPS Benefit Office tomorrow.
- Legislation, Parker Koons...Parker will be monitoring committees in Annapolis and keeping the organization updated as needed.
- Membership Accounting, Charlotte Price: We have...
 - 1,808 Total Membership (decrease of 79 since March 1st)
 - 4 New Member since September meeting (62 since March 1st)
 - 30 Deceased Members (since November)
 - (85 since March 1st)
 - 92 State Emeritus Members
 - 60 Local Emeritus Members
 - 1,701 MRSPA Dues Paying Members
 - 1,656 BCRSPA Dues Paying Members
 - 15 BCRSPA Only Members
- Membership Recruitment, Maryann Hughes...Packets continue to be available from Kelly Marks at the Benefits Office and will be handed out at the retirement interviews. More packets will be available as needed.
- Program, David and Donna Copenhaver...They are working on the April Spring Business Luncheon program.
- Publication/Update, Donna Copenhaver...The March issue will contain the draft of the new By-Laws. Due to the limited space only urgent news will appear. President David Copenhaver will place articles of interest in the on-line web publications.
- Remembrance Committee, Mary Ellen Zimmerman and Mary Lou Brown...Mary Lou inquired about Margaret Clark’s returned birthday card. She mailed 34 birthday cards since our last meeting. Mary Ellen Zimmerman reported the following deceased members; Allen Brown, Eleanor Rumsberger, Edward Jackovitz, Maria Boehk, Regis Cunningham, Jeane Hendrickson, Lenhard Kollar, Betty Belt, Marguerite Voochries, and

Glenn Wittstadt. In addition, the State Retirement System and MRSPA have released lists of over thirty deceased members. President David Copenhaver announced the death of Les Milbourn of Catonsville on 1/10/2016.

- Scholarship, Edith Kozlowski, Camille Marx, and Madeline Lovera...The selection committee will meet on March 9, 2016 at the Cronin Center to finalize the awards.
- Travel/Social Committee, David and Donna Copenhaver...The Toby's Dinner Theatre Trip has thirty-five reservations. There will be a shortage of funds to cover the cost of bus transportation. Clair Price moved to take money from the Travel Committee supplemental funds to cover the cost. Dave Peters second the motion and the motion carried.
- The Third Annual Crab Feast has been scheduled for Sunday, September 18th instead of Saturday the 17th. Ed Veit moved to accept the change and was seconded by Maryann Hughes. The motion carried. It was also moved and seconded to rent a "Port-a-Pot" which was unanimously approved.
- Clair Price reported one hundred six people signed up for the Christmas breakfast but only ninety-one showed up. \$460.00 in checks was received for the Alzheimer Association and there were eighty door prizes given out. Donna Copenhaver moved to continue the Christmas breakfast and it was seconded by Mary Lou Brown. The motion was passed. The time will remain at 10 a.m. and the menu will be the same unless suggestions are e-mailed and received by Clair. Ed Veit suggested a paper-pencil evaluation be conducted for both the crab feast and the Christmas breakfast. Clair shared that Committee reports are due by our March meeting for the Annual Business meeting in April.

Spring luncheon reservations are beginning to arrive. Three have been received.

Representative Reports:

BCASCO, Weston Dean...Wes reported relay phones are available for those with hearing, sight and speech disabilities. The call is monitor by a 711 national hot line. People in need of this free service need only contact their primary care physician for certification to obtain assistance. The next meeting in March of BCASCO will center on care givers.

TABCO, Jack Woodward...No report.

Unfinished Business:

President C. David Copenhaver drew names for two calendars which were donated to our group. Maryann Hughes and Joyce Cummings were the winners of the calendars.

New Business

President-elect Donna Copenhaver had a newsletter from Howard County group regarding their silent auction to subsidize their scholarship funds. The information was given to the Scholarship Committee for their consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Kane, Secretary

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on February 16, 2016 at St. Isaac Jogues – Cronin Center, Room 1.

The following Executive Board members were in attendance:

Mary Lou Brown

Patsy Holmes

Clair Price

David Copenhaver

Robert Kane

Caroline Seamon

Donna Copenhaver

Edith Kozlowski

Ed Veit

Joyce Cumming

Sharon Norman

Jack Woodward

Wes Dean

David Peters

Linda Yaffe

Maryann Hughes

Charlotte Price

Mary Ellen Zimmerman