

APA Executive Board Meeting February 8, 2011

Call To Order

2:15 pm

Members Present

- Nick Bourland
- Jean Chisnell
- Ramiro Gonzales
- Maurice Koffman
- Sean Leahy
- Vivian Leung
- Debra Porter
- Cynthia Schneider
- Leo Sell
- Rachel Zakhem

Uniserv

- Mary Henson
- Melissa Sortman

Members Absent

Excused

- Vikki Tormala

Approval of Agenda

Addition of official guests

- Motion: To approve the agenda.
 - Moved by Deb, seconded by Jean
 - Passed unanimously, the agenda was approved

Approval of Minutes

- Motion: To approve the minutes.
 - Moved by Deb, seconded by Nick
 - Passed unanimously, the minutes were approved
- Official guests were introduced
 - Brent Bowditch
 - Renee Rivard
 - Dan Mackey
 - All were present to discuss the potential changes to the retirement plan for MSU employees
 - There has been a recommendation to reduce the number of funds that are available to MSU employees

- This change is due to IRS regulations that have been placed on employers
- The University is trying to work with the unions for input before announcing their decision and communicating it to MSU employees
 - The target is the end of this year to complete the changes

President's Report

- Internal MEA matters
 - The MEA is still having financial issues due to reductions in membership
 - There will be another reduction in MEA staff
- Social events
 - The APA would like to hold a picnic for members in May
- BCN issues
 - Lansing Urgent Care is accepting BCN but we are looking into what the upfront cost is
- ESP Conference
 - March 18th and 19th in Kalamazoo

Treasurer's Report

- The CPA report was not done by the February meeting but will be coming soon
- The final financial statement and account review is done
- Our finalized tax return will be submitted by the end of the week
- Motion: To accept the finalized financial review from Charles Poor, CPA
 - Moved by Leo, seconded by Deb
 - Passed unanimously

Committee Reports

- Elections Committee
 - Vivian reported
 - They met in January
 - They have received 8 nominations for the election
- Communications Committee
 - Cynthia reported
 - The committee would like to have a lunch and learn to introduce the new board members and maybe also the officers, after the election
- Negotiations Committee
 - Maury reported
 - The committee will be meeting on February 28th at 5:30 pm
- Uniserv Report
 - Melissa reported
 - There have been a few issues that have come up including one for improper discipline and one for excessive discipline
- Legislative Committee
 - Some anti-labor bills have been presented that APA members should know about
 - Vivian will get more information to the board

Member Concerns and Comments

None

Business Items

- Timo Vasquez would like to be added to the negotiations committee
 - Concurrence of the board would accomplish this
 - Moved by Leo, seconded by Ramiro
 - Passed unanimously, Timo was appointed to the negotiations committee
- Upcoming meetings
 - March 15, 2011
 - April 19, 2011
 - May 10, 2011
 - June 14, 2011

Executive Session

- Motion: To enter executive session.
 - Moved by Deb, seconded by Nick
 - Passed unanimously, moved into executive session at 4:17 pm
- Motion: To rise and report from executive session.
 - Moved by Leo, seconded by Vivian
 - Passed unanimously, exited executive session at 4:45 pm
- Report: The board discussed bargaining issues.

Adjournment

- Motion: To adjourn.
 - Moved by Leo, seconded by Vivian
 - Passed, meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm

Submitted by Rachel Zakhem, APA Secretary