



ARTC Board of Directors' Meeting

June 8, 2010

Present: Mike Norman, Margo Chase-Wells, Tom Singleton, Wayne Woodtke, Mike Ieronimo, Helen Bucior, Rick & Louise Follman, John Kane, Sandy Bove, Sandra Fitzgerald, Pat Shultz, Carol Noble, Rich DePaola (VPs from New Haven), Bob Scalzo, Lou Cubelli, Judy Morganroth, Bonnie Reimann, Ed Messina, Rick Cassar, Dorothy Daniels, John Luning, Mary Gracyalny, Trena Caron, Roz Schoonmaker, Pat Yacovacci, Bob Lewandowski, Ken Sopolak

Minutes were accepted. (M. Ieronimo/R. Schoonmaker)

PRESIDENT – Michael Norman

1. Michael promoted the ambassador program, Ellen Long, chairman, wasn't present. He encouraged affiliate presidents to choose a volunteer.
2. John Kane suggested that since there is a surplus of \$167 million collected in the state... let's write a letter asking for some of our \$30 million to be returned. Michael Norman liked this idea and will do it.
3. Report on the possible establishment of FL affiliates brought much discussion. It was decided to bring it up later under old business.
4. Motion made (R. Schoonmaker/B. Scalzo) to endorse Claire Barnett for chairman of TRB. John Kane moved to nominate Rick Follman (Ed Messina 2nd). Roz told him the procedures he'll have to go through for this. Motion was tabled.
5. Michael & Wayne Woodtke reported results of survey taken at luncheon. **Very positive!** John Kane moved we send the "How are we doing?" survey to all members in the fall. Diane Alverio will help design the questions. Ken Sopolak suggested we add the question "How many of these functions have you attended?"
6. Michael reported on how thrilled Gloria Cutler, the Mo Nirenstein recipient was, and about the letter she sent him.

TREASURER – Ed Messina

Ed explained our portfolio balance and recent trades with a handout. J Kane said Denise Napier has added \$1.8 million to our pension fund from investments. It's safe for 25 more years!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Wayne Woodtke

1. We've officially received approval for our non-profit "Bulk Mail Permit." We'll get postal credit for all mailings sent after 3/11/10.
2. The 2010 – 2011 renewal "invoice" has been sent out.
3. Wayne distributed the tentative new calendar for 2010 – 2011 meetings. It will be confirmed by the UAW and available on our website (www.artct.org) soon.
4. Wayne reported he is still struggling with learning to operate the new tape recording/transposition software but promises to have it "up & running" for all meetings beginning in September.

AMBA – Jerry Morgan, CEO / Kyle Hafner, District Manager

Jerry Morgan spoke about a new program they'd like to offer our members; Reverse Mortgages. It would be sent in their fall mailing. The Board will review and vote on the issue prior to this meeting's end.

HEALTHFLASH CARD – Wayne Woodtke / Kevin Kohn, District Sales Manager

Kevin told us about a credit card sized flashdrive that will hold ALL your medical information, emergency contacts, MRI, x-rays, test results, medications, etc., The card may be inserted into any computer USB port. It is a onetime cost of \$35pp for the basic program and ARTC receives a \$7 rebate from each one sold. It would be on our website and sent in the newsletter mailing.

PRESIDENT ELECT – Tom Singleton

1. Tom attended an AARP informational Healthcare Plan meeting on 6/7/10 and brought booklets for us explaining the new healthcare reform.
2. This fall he'll present a by-law change regarding the automatic succession of "president elect-to-president" position and the line of succession. An ad hoc committee was formed for this: Tom Singleton, Bob Scalzo, Lou Cubelli, Ellen Long, Trena Caron, and Rick Cassar
3. The evaluation committee is working on their evaluation of our Executive Director, Wayne Woodtke, required by law.

FINANCIAL OFFICER – Mary Gracyalny

1. Mary handed out the profit and loss budget vs. actual document. We are in good shape.
2. Showed the proposal for the 2010-2011 budget. Motion made, 2nd, (MCW/PY) and passed.
3. (R. Schoonmaker/L. Cubelli) moved that as of 7/1/10 all new LIFE membership money

(Currently \$500) be put into a separate account and that the current “Annual (Regular) Membership Fee” in effect (currently \$40) be applied to our regular account (ex. \$500 / \$40 = 12.5 years of application. Passed.

MEMBERSHIP – Bonnie Reimann / Roz Schoonmaker

1. As of this writing ARTC has 10,522 paid memberships compared to 10,597 this time last year. AMBA brought in 330 new members.
2. Diane Alverio suggested to the committee that we concentrate on signing up the new retirees and those who will retire in 3-5 years, rather than waste our efforts on the ones who have said no year after year. She will attend the membership meeting on June 15. We need new ways to contact them like Twitter and Facebook. We will use technology.

LEGISLATIVE – Sandra Bove / Cathy D’Agostino

1. The next LEG Committee meeting is on June 14.
2. LEG would like to invite the candidates for governor to the fall luncheon meeting on 10/19/10. Motion (J Kane/ T Singleton) made, voted on and passed.
3. Sandra & Cathy have set goals for 2010-2011: a) Work on the GPO-WEP, and b) Pursue getting to know and work with the TRB.

INSURANCE – Rick / Louise Follman had to leave before giving report.

SCHOLARSHIP – Judy Morganroth

1. This year a different application process was used that brought in many more applicants. Pat Yaccovacci questioned the process asking why there is never a Fairfield County winner. Judy explained the process and Bob Scalzo pointed out one of the winners this year WAS from Danbury in Fairfield County.
2. Lou Cubelli questioned why there are private school applicants and Judy said this has been investigated in the past (winners go on to become teachers usually in public school) but she will see what is necessary to ban private and parochial students from applying to the scholarship.

PAC – Rick Cassar

1. Fundraising has been successful. We have the funds to donate to 3 candidates who are good to us.
2. Rick announced an invitation to the UAW golf tournament to be held June 27 at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain for the benefit of the March of Dimes. (\$100/person entry fee that PAC will pick up of up to 4 players.)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Michael Norman wants us to push joining ARTC to our affiliate members.
2. Finished the discussion about establishing a FL affiliate. Ken suggested we not call them an affiliate, but an “associate affiliate group”, and not call the leader a president, but a “coordinator”. That seemed to solve the problem. The original motion was passed. Michael will continue to assist establishing 2 “units” in Florida.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion (John Kane/Helen Bucior) made to NOT allow AMBA to add Reverse Mortgages to their member benefit list. Tabled the motion until September. Wayne Woodtke will do some research thru Executive Director’s around the country who have both decided to go with the additional “Reverse Mtg.” offering –AND- with those ED’ who decided NOT TO go with the added benefit.
2. Motion (R Schoonmaker/P Yaccovacci) that we endorse the Healthflash Card benefit to our members.. This program is available to members and associate members. Passed unanimously. Wayne Woodtke will work with Kevin to get the benefit available on our website ASAP!

NEXT MEETING:

Next “Tentative” scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

ADJOURNED 2:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Margo Chase-Wells/wpw