

# **ARTC Board of Directors Minutes**

## **September 9, 2009**

1. Meeting called to order by President-elect Tom Singleton. (Michael Norman was in the hospital)
2. April's notes by secretary Margo Chase-Wells were accepted with one correction on Ed's financial report. June's notes by Margo were accepted with one correction from Roz.
3. Ed Messina presented his Treasurer's report. Accepted
4. Executive Director Wayne Woodtke -
  1. New "bad address" button to put next to 600 names of retirees who do not have an address. (AMBA wouldn't pay the \$1 for them). Roz will find out from TRB if they can verify addresses for any of the 600 who receive pension monies from the TRB.
  2. Apologies to the 5 Affiliate Presidents who showed up yesterday, 9/8. A new calendar of meetings has been sent out again.
  3. Extra staff needed? Decision was made for Wayne to look for sources of better telephone coverage. Check "Round the Clock", "Cox Cable", "Act" answering service. Wayne said there really were not very many complaints, but he gave his report on costs, etc. Answering service would have a script written by Wayne for answers to 10 common questions. The Executive Board had suggested a 30 day trial. It was moved and seconded NOT to pursue the extra phone service at this time. Unanimous vote. Phone is manned 9-4 M-Friday.
  4. AMBA is the new "manager" of our benefits. They will redesign our website. We can Add links such as scholarship or consumer protection. Question arose about joining Sam's Club, Costco, BJ's through AMBA. Wayne will follow this up.
5. Patty McDonnell reported on the Fall Newsletter- special issue- 12 pages! She listed the proposed schedule for the Fall Luncheon. Speakers will be Lobbyist Mary Phil Guinan, the 4 Democratic candidates for Governor and main speaker Wiley Mullins, The Salad Man.
6. Membership— Bonnie Reimann said the jewelry was designed from beads made in Africa. The necklaces would be sold for \$50- \$75 and ½ the profits would go back to Africa. Normally, a vendor would pay \$200, but because of the circumstances, it was decided to only charge \$100. The first mailing brought in 47% response. Membership is now 9,179 with a goal of 11,000. AMBA has contributed 178 new members. An ad was placed in the Fall newsletter. If you sent in your e-mail, your name would go into a lottery. 5 names would be pulled. The prize- free lunch at the Aquaturf for the ARTC Fall Lunch. Also, if you brought a new member who signed up, they would also get in free. At the ASRTE meeting in Chicago, Wayne got a new idea to contact membership. People there had a lot of success using an invoice approach. The back of the page could list the benefits. Question was raised about the possibility of \$500 Life for Affiliates. The committee will think about it.

7. Legislative - Sandra Bove and Cathy D'Agostino reported nothing to require board's attention now. After meeting with Randy Collins, they will prioritize goals for the year. Oct.17 meeting in RI for New England States re: Social Security. Only people retired after 1992 will be affected by no increase in SS C.O.L.A. John Kane moved **(second by whom?)** that we demand legislature not take funds from the Teacher Health Insurance Premium Account. Seconded by Roz Schoonmaker. Roz stated that Joe Fields says if it's only for one year we should be OK. If they take money for 2 years, we'll go bankrupt. Ellen Long said both sides of the aisle agreed on this.

8. Mary's budget was distributed. \$37,000 in donations came in last year.

9. Social Services- Junior Achievement Course. John Kane said it's a good program. Over 50,000 kids have been affected by it. Teachers in his 8 communities have been involved.

10. Insurance- Rick Follman advised all to read his article in the newsletter carefully. It had a lot of information in it. There are 1,200-1,500 fewer teachers this year thus bringing in less money. Darlene's group at TRB is down 8 members. MEDCO refused to sign new 3 year contract. They did not like the "hold harmless" clause regulated by the state. Joe Fields is looking for new provider. It may mean everyone has to get a new script from their doctor. **It was moved and seconded that John Kane's motion be sent to TRB also...By whom?**

11. Scholarship- Judy Morganroth said the committee is reviewing guidelines on how to solicit scholarship applicants.

12. Nominations - Carol Noble needs a small committee for next year. Board will approve slate by April 10th meeting. We'll print it in the Spring newsletter to vote on at May Luncheon.

13. President's Report- Tom Singleton

1. New Affiliates- Carol Noble and Ed Messina are reorganizing New Haven. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> is next New haven luncheon at Grassy Hill Country Club- \$30. There's a possibility of 2,600 members from old and new lists. \$10 annual dues. Naugatuck is growing and showing interest. They have 100 members.
2. New PR- In June the job description was approved.
3. Table Mo Nirenstein memorial award decision.

14. Old Business:

15. New Business:

Motion (by whom? – second by whom?) was made to pay for president's lunch at Aquaturf for this year only. Passed.

Adjourned @ 1:30pm. Next meeting Tues. Dec.1, 2009

Temporary secretary- Pat McDonnell