

Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants

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Minutes of Meeting October 21, 2019

The meeting was held at the Wisconsin Education Association Council, Media Room, 33 Nob Hill, Madison, and was called to order by the Chair Sandy Drew at 9:30 a.m.

DIRECTORS & ALTERNATES PRESENT: W. Backes, AFSCME 32; R. Beglinger, WFT-R; B. Brooks, CWCR; S. Drew, SWIB; E. Frank, DNR; S. Haase, UWRA; B. Holmes, ESP; R. Kratz, DOC; T. Leithold, KM-R; J. Maydak, West Allis; G. Mitchell, AFSCME 52; J. Munro, WARSDA; J. Palmer, WPPA; B. Schaefer, SEA; J. Stangl, DCAREA; S. Sweet, BAREA; J. Vreeland, Wauwatosa; C. Welch, BAREA; C. Wren, WSAA.

GUESTS: J. Forester, T. Hunter, E. Mallow, C. Preisler, P. Smelser, B. Stamm.

EXCUSED: J. Blank, J. Egan, J. Grosklaus, A. Knop, J. Miller, R. Springman.

DIRECTOR: Welcome, Christopher Wren who will be representing the WI State Attorneys Assoc.
MINUTES of the September meeting were approved as mailed.

GUESTS: Eileen Mallow, Director of the Office of Strategic Health Policy, ETF.

Brian Stamm, Deputy Director of the Office of Strategic Health Policy, ETF.

A handout was provided covering the topic “**2020 Health Benefit Changes**”.

Group Insurance Board members are mainly appointed by the Governor through the cabinet appointments. Presently there is one vacancy. ETF staff have been impressed with their preparation.

Health Plan Changes include the Security Health Plan ending Dec. 31 2019. Dean Health Plan and WEA Trust-East are now covering the counties previously covered by Security Health.

Vaccines available at in-network pharmacies have been expanded and at no cost. Out of country vaccines are not covered at network pharmacies and need to be provided by a physician. Bariatric surgery is now available and needs time for approval.

Health Savings Account administration will now be done by Connect Your Care, you may keep your TASC account at a cost of three dollars per month beginning in February.

Pharmacy Cost Project has several state departments along with ETF looking at pharmacy cost reduction. Joint purchasing is a topic.

Medicare Advantage Program has been successful with 4300 retirees insuring 6500 members. Service satisfaction is measured at 97%. Split contract is a new option, retirees may change their health plan when their dependents medicare enrollment changes.

Well Wisconsin is administered by StayWell and there are almost 48,000 participants. StayWell has a new portal and participants need to create a new account. Participation in StayWell’s diabetes disease management program has lower prescription co-pays and support/coaching.

2020 Dental Plan, Delta Dental, is available to all state retirees with or without the state health insurance plans.

ALEX is at ETF’s website, is an interactive decision making tool for medical, dental, and supplemental benefits. Give Alex a try!

GUEST: Tarna Hunter, Director of Strategic Engagement and Government Relations, ETF.

Legislative the only bill that has had committee action is restitution from an annuitant who commits a financial crime while in public office. There are other bills however it does not appear they will receive any action.

Task Force on Retirement Security will be holding their first meeting this coming Friday. The emphasis is on the private sector and they will be looking at the WRS and other agencies for guidance.

In December we will hear about the CEM benchmarking process.

GUEST: Chris Preisler, Communications Specialist, SWIB.

Preliminary returns as of September 30, 2019 the Core Fund is at 14% with a benchmark of 13.5% and the Variable Fund is at 17.7% with a benchmark of 17.6%. As of this moment everything looks relatively good, with real estate down a little bit and private equities are up.

SWIB Board Member Esther Ancel has received Senate approved. There is still one vacancy for the Governor's appointment.

SWIB will have their off site two day conference the end of this week in Sheboygan.

CORRESPONDENCE - Following the last meeting Tarna provided clarification on the Delta Dental costs, which was emailed to the Directors.

OLD BUSINESS -

ByLaws - Committee had several recommendations. The Committee made a number of motions for changes. Copy attached following minutes.

Nomination Committee - The Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer have agreed to run for another term. Without any nominations from the floor the committee recommends an unanimous ballot for the three officers. There are two nominations for Chair: Bob Schaefer and Diane Wilcenski. The secretary will send out a electronic notice and voting will be by email.

The Bylaws and Nomination Committee's were recognized and thanked for their work.

The trifold will be reviewed at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - A brief discussion resulted in the following motions.

MSC The WCOA secretary be given a \$150 honorarium.

MSC The WCOA treasurer be given a \$100 honorarium.

MSC The WCOA Annual Conference/Treasurer Assistant be given a \$50 honorarium

Annual Conference Chair, Ed Frank, chair of Annual Conference will meet with the committee today.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Check book balance \$9,802.25. Treasures Report approved as presented. Organizations dues invoice available following today's meeting.

NEXT MEETING: December 16, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Wisconsin Education Association Council, Media Room, 33 Nob Hill, Madison, WI.

The meeting adjourned by 11:15 a.m.

Annual Conference Friday May 15, 2020

Respectfully submitted – Dick Kratz

ByLaws revisions of October 21, 2019 . . . here

ByLaws with revisions . . . here