

RPENM MINUTES February 28, 2017

Board Members Present: Dianne Cress, Clara Mapstone, Marilyn Bowman, Patty French, Don Wencewicz, Cannon Visor

Members Present: Patricia Diaz, Carlos Diaz, Isabel Clendenin, Michael Clendenin, John Rivers, Tanya Chavez, Gerald Chavez

Meeting called to order by president Patty French and role call of the Board done.

Isabel gave membership report: 54 paid members and 78 unpaid members. At one time Chapter 5 had approximately 500 members.

Isabel report that Chapter 5 has \$1300 in the treasury.

Gerald reports that statewide local chapters are fading out as established leaders have relinquished leadership; no new leadership has stepped up. Our local chapter (Chapter 5) and the Raton Chapter are the only remaining active chapters. And, local chapter members are willing to let the main RPENM organization take charge. Patty supports local chapters as members can influence their local elections. Also, local chapters have more current information.

Are changes needed in organizing local chapters? :

should there be a representative for the local chapters on the RPENM governing board?

do local chapters need to organize regionally?

Gerald updated us on House Bills and Senate Bills that are being considered that could effect public employees retirement.

There was a brief discussion about the increase of health care premiums. Will there be a recommendation that PERA employees go to the health care insurance market for coverage and not depend upon state funded health plans? RPENM Board makes decisions about retirees health care.

Isabel made the motion that Chapter 5 remain an active chapter. The motion was seconded by Patty.

Mike will continue to format our newsletter. It was recommended that Patty monitor newsletter contents. Anyone can contribute to the newsletter.

Patty made the motion to pay Mike \$100/newsletter as compensation for his work in making the news letter a reality. The motion was seconded by Don.

Vice president Donald Peterson has resigned his position. John Rivers agreed to fill the vice president position. This was approved by Patty (Board Chair) and the membership.

RPENM annual meeting will be May 5th and 6th in Santa Fe. The hotel has not been yet confirmed.

Next RPENM Chapter 5 meeting will be April 14, 2017 at the RPENM conference room (site of today's meeting).

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Bowman, RPENM Chapter 5 secretary