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ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 19, 2022
Zoom Conference Call

The Zoom Conference Call meeting was called to order at 12:58 p.m. by Chair Bill Funkhouser.

Members Present: Bill Funkhouser, Chair; Doris Heaton, Secretary; Don Ostrom, Treasurer; Sharon Teefey, PAC Committee Chair; and Jo Anne Nelson, Wendy Wieggers, Marjorie Sucansky, Donna Sargent, Jim Barr, and John Harland, Area Representatives and Larry Pfeiffer, IRTA Vice President.

Member Absent: John Flaherty, Past Chair

Also Present: Jim Bachman, Executive Director; Nathan Mihelich, Director of Membership/Marketing; and Andrew Bodewes, Contract Lobbyist.

The minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2022 were approved as presented.

Don Ostrom presented the Treasurer's Report which was approved as presented.

John Flaherty entered the meeting.

Sharon Teefey expressed that the PAC Committee met and the new members who volunteered to be on the committee were enthusiastic.

Sharon presented the four goals of the committee and the strategies to further them:

1. To recommend endorsements of legislative and gubernatorial candidates.
2. Raise money for the IRTAPAC by increasing participation in the \$1/month deduction program.
3. Assist in organizing campaign volunteers, particularly in units that will have Tier 1 races.
4. Support Congressional Candidates that support repeal or modification of the Windfall Elimination Provision/Government Pension Offset provisions of the Social Security Act.

Talking points will be developed regarding goals 3 and 4.

Jim Bachman and Andrew Bodewes spoke about the late primary election this year. There were four candidates that reached out to IRTAPAC and requested financial assistance in their primary races. It was felt that each of these would then win the fall election if they won their primary election.

1. Rep. Luft – 91st District – IRTA has previously supported Rep. Luft. John Flaherty moved, seconded by Jim Barr, that PAC be authorized to support and endorse Rep. Luft and donate up to \$10,000 in support. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

2. Rep. Windhorst – 118th District – John Flaherty moved, seconded by Jim Barr, that PAC be authorized to support and endorse Rep. Windhorst and up to \$2000 be available to support him. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

3. Rep. Severin – 116th District – John Flaherty moved, seconded by Jim Barr, that PAC be authorized to support and endorse Rep. Severin and up to \$5000 be available to support him. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

Wendy Wieggers left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

4. Kyle Ham – 105th District – Sharon Teefey moved, seconded by Jim Barr, that PAC be authorized to support and endorse Kyle Ham and up to \$1000 be available to support him. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

The Minority Speaker of the House asked that we support Rep. McCombie, 71st District. Motion by John Flaherty, seconded by Jim Barr, that \$2500 be set aside for Rep. McCombie in case it is needed as determined by Andrew Bodewes and Jim Bachman. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

The questionnaire to be completed by candidates desiring our support in the fall election will go out July 1 with a return date of August 1. The PAC Committee will then meet by zoom on August 17 and the PAC Board of Directors on August 18.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Doris Heaton, Secretary