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future meeting

ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
IRTPAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 21, 2020

The Zoom Conference Call meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, John Flaherty.

Members Present: John Flaherty, Chair; Ed Wollet, Vice Chair; Roger Hampton, Past Chair; Doris Heaton, Secretary; Don Ostrom, Treasurer; and Jo Anne Nelson, Wendy Wieggers, Jan Bryant, Donna Sargent, Jim Barr, and John Harland, Area Representatives and Bill Funkhouser.

Also Present: Jim Bachman, Executive Director; Courtney Hayes, Government Affairs & Grassroots Coordinator; and Andrew Bodewes, Contract Lobbyist.

Motion by Jim Barr to approve the minutes of the meeting of 4-30-20 passed.

A report was given on the list of candidates which were recommended for endorsement by the IRTAPAC Committee. Motion by John Harland to approve the recommendations of the IRTAPAC Committee passed.

Inasmuch as the committee had not made a decision on two requests for endorsement, this board then discussed their endorsement.

Motion by Bill Funkhouser to add Mark Luft from the 91st District to the list of endorsed candidates passed.

Motion by Bill Funkhouser to add Nathan Reitz from the 116th District to the list of endorsed candidates passed.

Approval of Recommended Campaign Expenditures: At this time, seven races are expected to be Tier 1 races. The IRTAPAC Committee recommended that up to \$15,000 be expended on each of these races.

Motion by Ed Wollet that the IRTAPAC allocate up to \$15,000 for Tier 1 races passed unanimously by roll call vote. Jim Bachman and Courtney Hayes will decide the amounts and times of donation.

Motion by Ed Wollet to provide up to \$2500 in non-Tier 1 races to endorsed candidates or Senators not currently up for re-election but are a friend and have supported IRTA issues passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other Business: Ed Wollet stated that the committee had discussed the use of the questionnaire as the gateway to endorsement but no action was taken.

The results of the congressperson's questionnaire on supporting the repeal of WEP/GPO will be distributed later in the Action

The Illinois Fair Tax Amendment is a legislative issue and not for this board. However, Jim Bachman will be sending information to the IRTA Executive Committee for their approval and then for distribution to IRTA members.

Motion by Don Ostrom to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. passed.

Doris Heaton, Secretary

Senate Candidates Endorsed by IRTPAC

Laura Murphy District 28.
Melinda Bush District 31.
Patrick Joyce District 40.
Meg Loughran-Cappel district.
Terry Bryant District 58.

House of Representatives Candidates Endorsed by IRTPAC

Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz District 17.
Robyn Gabel District 18.
Lindsey LaPointe District 19.
Bradley Stephens District 20.
Edgar Gonzalez District 21.
Kam Buckner District 26.
Tim Ozinga District 37.
Debbie Myers-Martin District 38.
Diane Pappas District 45.
Jennifer Zordani District 47.
Terra Costa-Howard District 48.
Mary Edly Allen District 51.
Maggie Trevor District 54.
Jonathan Carroll District 57.
Daniel Didech District 59.
Rita Mayfield District 60.
Sam Yingling District 62.
Brian Sager District 63.
Suzanne Ness District 66.
Maurice West District 67.
Jeff Keicher District 70.
Tony McCombie District 71.
Michael Halpin District 72.
Daniel Swanson District 74.
Lance Yednock District 76.
Camille Lilly District 78.
Charlene Eads District 79.
Barbara Hernandez District 83.
Dagmara Avelar District 85.
Karla Bailey-Smith District 88.
Seth Wiggins District 90.
Mark Luft District 91.
Norine Hammond District 93.
Mark Batnick District 97.
C. D. Davidsmeyer District 100.
Dan Brady District 105.
Monica Bristow District 111.
Jay Hoffman District 113.
Nathan Reitz District 116.
Dave Severin district 117.