

ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
IRTAPAC Committee Meeting
March 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Wollet at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ed Wollet, Chair; Jeanne Kovanda, Reg. 1; Karl Gabbey, Reg. 3; Vic Corder, Reg. 4; Cliff Olson, Reg. 5; Steve Ramsdell, Reg. 6; Roger Hawk, Reg. 8; Jim Balzer, Reg. 9; Diane Waren, Reg. 10; LaVonne Chaney, Reg. 13; Gil Deimel, Reg. 14; Dennis Kimmel, Reg. 17; and Lee Rodgers, Reg. 18.

Members Absent: Norb Wolter, Reg. 2; Don Gibb, Reg. 7; Joan Jordan, Reg. 11; John Abell, Reg. 12; Ken Perkins, Reg. 15; Kelley Kesterson, Reg. 16.

Also Present: Mary Shaw, Director of Government Affairs; David Davison, IRTA President; Roger Hampton, IRTA Vice-President; and Doris Heaton, IRTA Secretary.

Motion by Cliff Olson to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 4, 2016 passed.

Update on Member Contributions: Over 1500 new \$1.00 PAC deduct members have been added to the plan since early in 2016. Regarding the incentive plan for those units which doubled their number of PAC deduction members in 2016 and were eligible for a \$25 gift card, a discussion followed on whether to require those units with a small number of members in the deduct plan to increase their number of member involvement to over 10 new enrollees.

Dennis Kimmel moved that any unit that meets their goal of double the number of IRTAPAC participants in 2016 will receive a \$25.00 gift card regardless of the number of participants. Motion passed on roll call vote: Yes = 8 – No = 4

Yes: Jim Balzer, LaVonne Chaney, Gil Deimel, Karl Gabbey, Dennis Kimmel, Jeanne Kovanda, Lee Rodgers, and Diane Warren

No: Vic Corder, Roger Hawk, Cliff Olson, and Steve Ramsdell

Motion by Diane Waren: Any unit that doubles their PAC membership from January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 will receive a gift card of \$25.00. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote. (The intent of this motion is that any unit that qualified in 2016 is eligible for a second gift card if their number of participants doubles in 2017)

Motion by Jeanne Kovanda: Any unit that qualifies for the \$25.00 gift card from January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 will be placed in a prize drawing to take place at the 2017 convention. This drawing is in addition to the drawing for 2016 participants. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

Election Review and Preparation: Mary Shaw reported on the success of the 2016 election with regard to our endorsements. The endorsement procedure was explained stressing that IRTA must remain neutral when it comes to the party designations.

Goals for 2017 IRTAPAC: The following goals from 2016 were reviewed:

- By December 2017, increase the number of IRTA members who contribute monthly to IRTAPAC to 6000.

- Identify key legislative races and coordinate with IRTA regional legislative committee members in order to ensure local involvement with those candidates.
- Assess each state local to determine how often they invite area legislators to the local meeting in order to increase member contact with their state representatives and senators for the purpose of determining endorsement.

Members were asked to review these goals and email any suggested changes to Ed Wollet. These changes will then be discussed at the meeting on May 17.

Ed Wollet showed a power point presentation that he has used at unit meetings. It covered current pension litigation, health insurance with possible changes, and an appeal to join IRTAPAC \$1 per month deduction program. It was suggested that committee members might wish to utilize this information in a similar presentation as they visit the units.

The next meeting will be held on May 17. The goals will be finalized at that time.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Doris Heaton, Secretary