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ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 2, 2021
Zoom Conference Call

The Zoom Conference Call meeting was called to order at 10:12 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, IRTA Vice President

Also Present: Jim Bachman, Executive Director; Nathan Mihelich, Director of Membership/Marketing; and Courtney Hayes, Government Affairs & Grassroots Coordinator.

Motion by Don Ostrom, seconded by Jim Barr to approve the minutes of December 17, 2020 and April 13, 2021 passed.

Treasurer's Report: Don Ostrom, treasurer, presented his financial report. As of 9/30/21 the IRTAPAC fund has \$176,122.14. It was reported that the number of \$1 per month members has gone down. Doris Heaton made the suggestion that when the IRTA office receives notice of a new IRTA member, they be sent a personal letter explaining the PAC fund and the progress that IRTA has made legislatively. Included would be a form for joining the PAC. It was suggested that the letter be delayed for a few months so as not to overwhelm new members by asking for money. The office preferred email but agreed to try both ways as a pilot study.

Ed Wollet, IRTAPAC Committee Chair, gave his report. His committee would like to investigate the formation of a federal PAC. Sharon Teefey will be the chair of the PAC Committee during 2022-23 and at this time only 5 present members wish to remain on the committee. The suggestion was made to open the committee to any IRTA member who wishes to help as the IRTAPAC Bylaws do not state the number or location of committee members. The 5 members who wish to remain are from different areas.

Motion by Doris Heaton, seconded by Wendy Wieggers, to approve opening membership on the IRTAPAC Committee to any IRTA member passed.

As Ed Wollet is not continuing as chair of the IRTAPAC Committee, he was thanked for his time and effort on this work. A thank you to Jan Bryant and Roger Hampton was also extended for their time on the committee.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ed Wollet, seconded by Roger Hampton, at 11:07 a.m. Motion passed.

Doris Heaton, Secretary