



Macomb County Retirees Association

P.O. Box 46593 · Mount Clemens, MI 48046

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

September 16, 2020

Video Conference via Zoom
(due to COVID-19 pandemic)

PRESENT

Directors: George Brumbaugh, Wendy Fisher, Norm Gilmore, Jill Lezotte, Carol Grant,
Thomas Kalkofen, Walter Warfield

Members: Mary Solomon, Ron Heckmann, Tracy Howard, Beatrice Rosso, Linda McLatcher

CALL TO ORDER

President Brumbaugh called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Carol Grant, supported by Walt Warfield to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

WELCOME

President George Brumbaugh welcomed those in attendance to the video conference meeting. Each of the directors and members introduced themselves.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Gilmore reported that as of September 16, 2020 the current membership total is 769. 76 retirees (21 MCRA members) passed away since Sept. 18, 2019. 40 new members joined since the last annual meeting on Sept. 18, 2019. 105 members live outside Southeast Michigan with 59 living out of state. 315 members have renewed their membership into 2021 but 454 memberships are due to expire as of 12/31/2020 however there is still time and renewals are received every day.

Online payments are working well with 82 members to date renewing membership by credit card. Our web hosting service, Yahoo, is implementing a security update by Oct. 20, 2020 but our website should continue to operate. The security changes mostly affect email such as the newsletter.

Our new bulk mail permit in Mt. Clemens began with August 2020 newsletter. Switching bulk mail to Mt. Clemens incurred a one-time \$240 imprint fee. Annual cost for bulk mail permit is \$240 but saves over \$165 postage per newsletter. 139 members have signed up for eNews saving over \$76 per issue.

Any annual meeting lunch payments received were converted to membership dues payments. Our Zoom subscription for meeting by video conference was obtained with 30% discount.

Motion by Jill Lezotte, supported by Tom Kalkofen to receive and file the Secretary's report. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Lezotte's reported Association expenses in the amount of \$9,727.63 including:

State of MI-Non Profit Fee	USPS – Post Office Box
Postage which includes returned mail	Yahoo Website Fees
Newsletters (printing, seals, postage)	Trivia Contest Winners
Office Supplies and Petty Cash	Bonding for Secretary and Treasurer
Reimbursement for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor	
2019 Annual Retiree Luncheon Meeting	

Deposits in the amount of \$ 9,481.00 were made for a total balance of \$15,872.75 as of 12/31/2019 distributed as follows:

Checking Account Balance	\$7,019.73
Silver Share	\$1,505.47
Prime Share	\$7.03
23 month CD	\$5,175.79
36 Month CD	\$2,164.73

Motion by Carol Grant, supported by Norm Gilmore, to receive and file the Treasurer's report and recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brumbaugh asked for a moment of silence to remember those who passed during the year with special recognition of Leonard Reinowski who passed while serving as a MCRA Director.

President Brumbaugh continued by reporting the pension fund is generally in very good shape with assets of \$1.4 billion. The system is nearly 100% funded. To date, 37 pension recipients passed during 2020 but it does not appear COVID-19 has been a significant factor. There are now 1,485 active employees participating in the pension plan while 695 employees participate in the defined contribution plan (the available alternative beginning 2016).

The actuarial report on the 2019 fiscal year indicated that \$67,917,452 was paid in beneficiary payments compared to \$66,297,000 paid in 2018. Macomb County paid \$14,264,000 in 2019 to keep the retirement fund solvent. There are currently 1751 retirees with approximately 2700 beneficiaries in total. The report concluded the pension system is 97% funded. The average employee pay is approximate \$64,000 per year and an average pension is \$1,830 per month (\$21,960 per year).

The Retirement Board meets by video conference approximately twice per month. Various money managers are present during these meetings. An issue has developed due to a change in the online access to the system. The problem is being addressed. Another problem developed regarding a delay for a limited few individuals who still receive paper checks. The situation is being looked into.

Questions were raised regarding the actuarial provider and their contract term and service performance. President Brumbaugh indicated the actuarial reports have been very good following their first effort. The investment funds are well diversified and performing well.

President Brumbaugh concluded by discussing some of the political changes that will be occurring due to elections to the Board of Commissioners. He reiterated that the health care bonding provides a level of assurance for retirees.

Motion by Norm Gilmore, supported by Carol Grant to receive and file the President's report. The motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

President Brumbaugh identified that three Directors' terms expire as of Dec. 31, 2020, currently filled by George Brumbaugh, Tom Kalkofen and Jill Lezotte. Jill Lezotte indicated she would not be seeking another term. Mary Solomon was nominated previous to the meeting. No additional nominations from the floor were received.

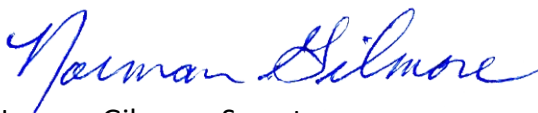
Motion by Jill Lezotte, supported by Carol Grant to elect George Brumbaugh, Thomas Kalkofen and Mary Solomon as MCRA Directors for the 3 year term of Jan. 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Jill Lezotte raised concern that the office of Treasurer will need to be addressed, specifically regarding new checks, adding the person as an authorized name on the credit union accounts and bonding. Secretary Gilmore suggested that those details be addressed at the next Board of Directors meeting on October 14, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Walt Warfield, supported by Wendy Fisher to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Norman Gilmore, Secretary