

**SOUTH DAKOTA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL  
BOARD MEETING**

Monday, September 27, 2021  
7:30 P.M.

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** President, Rhonda Preller; Past President, Ron Riherd; Vice President, Kay Ainslie; Director, Gerri Larson; Legislation, Bob & Sharon Rose; Publicity/Newsletter, Paula Brakke; Community/Health, Carm Tobin

**Board Members Absent:** President Elect, Jacque Sly (joined through Zoom); Secretary, Amy Ramsey; Treasurer, Pat Johnson

**President Rhonda Preller called the evening Board meeting to order.**

**Secretary's Report:** Copies of the Secretary's Report were passed out to the Board by Carm Tobin. The report was read by the members of the Board. Corrections were requested, but none were made. Bob Rose made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ron Riherd seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Pat Johnson, sent copies of the Treasurer's Report with President Preller to share with the Board. It was a brief but thorough review of the July 2021 budget proposal.

**2021 Leadership Meeting:** This meeting which was postponed in August will be held on Tuesday, September 28th, immediately after the final afternoon convention event. The estimated time is 4:20 p.m.

**Old Business:**

**Logo Changes:** Gerri had option 1 and option 2 of the new SDRSP logos to share with the Board. The Board members, as well as the convention attendees will have the opportunity on Wednesday morning to vote for their logo preference.

**2020 We Care Grant:** Door prizes in the amount of \$50 dollar bills will be given out during the two-day convention. Treasurer Pat Johnson shared that we customarily give fifty dollars to any convention presenter that does not charge a fee. Therefore, Bill and Cathy Zubke will be given \$50 dollars after their African presentation on Tuesday afternoon. That will leave 35 door prizes of fifty dollars yet to be given away.

**2021 NRTA Grant:** Gerri Larson shared that the NRTA Grant of \$2,500.00 is earmarked for technology. She suggested setting up a session at the 2022 Convention. After discussion, it was determined by the Board that several sessions will be needed. Jacque Sly via Zoom requested that one of the sessions be on hacking. Paula Brakke

felt that it was important to use this grant money to get our name, SDRSP, out to the public in a positive method. She suggested advertising on the radio during sporting events.

**New Business:**

**NRT/AARP's Getting Connected Program:**

Gerri shared that Broad Band is a federal initiative designed to cut the high cost of high-speed internet. The Getting Connected Program wishes to include our name, SDRSP as a supporter of their initiative. The Board members agreed as they saw no down-side to this proposal.

**Transitional Insurance:** This was briefly discussed to help recruit new retirees. It was suggested we plan a special Board meeting in late March 2022 to further investigate this topic and make a final decision.

**2022 State Convention:** The SDRSP Convention tentatively will be held on May 3rd-4th at the AmericInn in Fort Pierre. The theme is "Let's Fiesta".

**Slate of New Officers Needed:** Three positions must be filled by the May 2022 Convention. The open slots will be President-Elect, Treasurer and Membership. Ron Riherd, as Past President, and the Nominating Committee, which is any other Past President, must fill the open offices.

**Florence Krieger Awards:** Past President, Ron Riherd will present Betty Beyer from Aberdeen with the 2020 Award. President Rhonda Preller will honor Cathy Anderson from Sioux Falls with the 2021 Florence Krieger Award.

**Unit Membership Lists:** Paula Brakke made the motion to keep inactive members on the membership list for two (2) years. Kay Ainslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Newsletter:** Paula Brakke requested that convention photos be emailed to her so she could include them in the upcoming November Newsletter.

**History Booklet:** Jacque via Zoom suggested the possibility of creating a SDRSP History Booklet that would include highlights, a list of deceased members and a listing of Florence Krieger Award winners. Paula suggested we add a Historian position to the Board as it is important to keep track of our historical information. This suggestion was tabled to discuss at our July 2022 Board meeting.

**Adjournment:** Kay Ainslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Riherd seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carm Tobin for  
Amy Ramsey, SDRSP Secretary