

**HRSPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 28, 2006**

President: Dianne Hughs Shuler  
Vice President: Rose Tanner  
Secretary: Vacant  
Treasurer: Becky Goshorn  
Past President: Swift Williams (Absent)  
AARP Liaison, Historian: Vacant  
Membership: Ellis Sasser  
Hospitality: Carol Townes  
Social: Myrna Cartledge  
Mailing: Sybil Powell  
Publicity: Vacant

Remembrance: Linda McCullough  
Legislative: Nelson Taylor  
Scholarship: Mary Brownfield  
Website: Linda MacCleave (Absent)  
Parliamentarian: Gordon Sandridge (Absent)  
District C/VRTA: Nancy Harris  
Support Service Rep: Thomas Folly (Absent)  
Others: A. P. Hall (Absent)  
Audrey Batchelder (Absent)  
Joanne McCabe (Absent)  
Barbara Porter  
LuVellen Spratley (Absent)

Dianne Shuler, President brought the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. After passing out the agenda, new address and telephone list for the board, and the minutes from the last meeting, she asked that we peruse the minutes and let her know if there were any corrections or additions.

Becky Goshorn, Treasurer handed out the bank account statement from July 1, 2006 through August 19, 2006. The HRSPA account has a balance of \$4,349.47 and the Scholarship fund has a balance of \$2909.60. We are no longer working in a deficit. She also gave out the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2006/07. The amounts for community project donations were increased to \$75.00 each. A motion was made to accept the Budget Report and the Proposed Budget as presented. Motion was made, seconded, and accepted by the board.

Dianne asked the board for approval to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund in the memory of Jamie Sears and a donation to St. Martin's for use of the facility. A motion was made to give a \$50 donation in memory of Jamie Sears. Motion was seconded and accepted by the Board. A motion was made to give a \$100 donation to St. Martin's. Motion was seconded and accepted by the Board.

Joe Sellers and Mary Shepherd received flowers from the Board during their recent illnesses.

Ellis Sasser, Membership Chair, thanked the board members for their notes and cards of concern on the recent death of her mother.

Ellis reported that at present we have approximately 550 members. 40 new members have joined since June.

Shirley Uzel, Contact Chair, advised that we have 48 contacts for 70 locations. Letters are ready and waiting to be sent with a deadline for call completion of mid-October. The contacts will receive a list of potential members to call, a Membership Form, a flyer with a list of points to cover when calling, a list

of the next three luncheon dates, and other useful information. Contacts will be asked to keep a “Do Not Call” list for future reference.

Dianne has some real concerns with the path of HRSPA. It has become increasingly hard to get members to agree to take on any of the positions on the board. We presently need a Secretary, Publicity Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, and Membership Records Chair. After much discussion, it was decided to get a membership list of names and phone numbers to board members for help in finding potential candidates for these and other jobs. Becky will get that list to the board. Dianne asked that we get her names to call by September 15. It was also decided that we need to give new potential candidates a clear job description when asking them to serve. These are in the By-Laws and will be updated by the Executive Committee, hopefully in September.

After some discussion, it was decided that the October Luncheon will be held at The Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen on Thursday, October 26. The program for October will be on our Legislative branch with help from Nelson Taylor and Charlie Todd as to whom to invite to speak. Locations for our March and June meetings will be determined at the January meeting. Linda McCullough suggested a new location, the Times Dispatch building on Route 301, for our luncheons. This will be investigated. It was suggested that a performance by a large group (such as a band) with dessert and drinks (instead of lunch) might be a refreshing change for our March meeting. It was suggested that a representative from Central Office be our speaker at the June meeting to discuss the PREP Program.

Nelson Taylor, Legislative Chair, again urged us to attend the VRTA meetings to support our stand on legislative concerns. The insurance credit is still the most important issue we are facing at the present. We are still capped at 30 years whereas other State Employees had that cap lifted this year. The need to impress the unfairness of this situation on our legislators is of the utmost importance. He also suggested that we urge VRTA to hire an Independent Insurance Consultant to evaluate the long-term insurance carrier. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for Dianne to bring this issue to VRTA.

Carol Townes, Hospitality Chair, was thanked for her great job at handling the luncheon reservations. She advised that attendance is averaging 100 members at the luncheons.

Myrna Carledge, Social Chair, was thanked for providing the refreshments.

Lee Reynolds, Newsletter Editor – Deadline for articles for the October Newsletter is Friday, September 22, 2006. The suggestion was made and approved to change the new Membership Cards to read “Member Since (date)” to replace “Expiration Date.” This will be implemented immediately and will be on new and renewal membership cards.

Mary Brownfield, Scholarship Chair – Mary suggested we increase the scholarship amount from \$750 to \$1000. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to make this year’s scholarship \$1000.00. Dianne noted that Becky would need to make that adjustment in the previously adopted budget.

Linda McCullough, Remembrance Chair advised that she has sent 12 Sympathy Cards and 5 Get Well Cards since May of this year. She urged us to let her know of any illnesses or deaths.

Sybil Powell, Mailing Chair asked for help with the mailing on October 5.

Other Business – Becky Goshorn advised that Mt. Vernon Middle School is in need of books for their library. She asked the board to donate any “appropriate” books to the school and it was suggested that we highlight this in the Newsletter and at the luncheons.

VRTA Meeting is October 2 & 3 in Blackstone, Virginia. All were urged to attend if possible.

The following dates were scheduled:

October 26, 2006 – HRSPA Fall Luncheon at The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen

January 25, 2007 – HRSPA Board of Directors Meeting

March 15, 2007 – HRSPA Spring Luncheon

June 21, 2007 – HRSPA Summer Luncheon

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Tanner  
Vice-President