

Minutes ERA Board of Directors May 20, 2020

President Ken Plourde called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm central time.

Attendees: Art Glass, Ronnie Charnes, Jim Richer, Mike Schroeder, Michele Schroeder, Mike Mackey, Jeff Cazel, Paul Sillon, Gene Kaiser, Mike Tweed, Tom Barrett, Kenny Turner, Jerry Kieffer, Lonnie Bain, Ken Plourde, David Kieffer, Ted Heywood, Glen McLaughlin, Daren Roggentien.

1: Consent Agenda:

- a. Paul Sillon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jim Richer made a second to the motion. All ayes. Motion approved.

2: Secretary Report:

- a. Mike Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15th, 2020 ERA Board of Directors meeting. Jim Richer made a second to the motion. All ayes. Motion approved.

3: Treasurers Report:

- a. Mike Schroeder presented a Profit and Loss Statement for the month of April 2020. Ken Plourde questioned the \$700.00 expense for Accounting and Legal. Mike explained that the IRS had made a mistake on the 2018 return and the \$700.00 fee was for 2018 and 2019 to the ERA Accountant.
- b. Mike reported a balance of \$16,480.48 in the ERA Checking Account. Daren Roggentien made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Paul Sillon made a second to the motion. All ayes. Motion approved.

4: Membership Report:

- a. Michele Schroeder reported that as of April 23rd, 2020 the ERA has 359 members with 4 new Rebuilder Members for the month.
- b. Michele informed attendees that she made 11 phone calls to delinquent members with the following results:
 - 1) 3 members rejoined by phone.
 - 2) 2 will be mailing in payment.
 - 3) 1 will rejoin when funds are available.
 - 4) 5 left messages and waiting on return calls.
- c. Ken Plourde reminded all Regional Vice Presidents need to contact Michele at the ERA Office to set up getting their list of delinquent members that they need to contact in their Region.

5: Correspondence Report:

- a. There were no Correspondence Reports from the ERA Office or the ERA Secretary.

6: Exchange Magazine Report:

- a. Stephanie Schroeder was unable to attend the meeting.
- b. Michele Schroeder reported that the June issue of the Exchange Magazine is at the printers.

7: ERA Web Site Report:

- a. Bob Thomas was unable to attend the meeting.

8: Technical Advisor Report:

- a. Mohammad Samii was unable to attend the meeting.

9: 2020 ERA Trade Show Report:

- a. Ken Plourde reported that the 2020 ERA Trade Show has been cancelled and rescheduled for the last weekend of March 2021 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Ken informed attendees that this was not an ERA decision as the Governor of Ohio has not lifted the ban on gatherings of 50 or more people and won't consider lifting the ban until after July 1st, 2020. Mike Schroeder reported that the Hotel has agreed to keep the room rates the same for 2021. All reservations that have been made for rooms have been cancelled and will need to be reserved in 2021. Mike added that he has not been able to contact the Sign Museum or the Ventriloquist at this time.
- b. Mike Schroeder informed attendees that the ERA Office has received calls from ERA Members on donating their registration fee back to the Association. Mike added that anyone that donates the registration back to the Association will be recognized on the ERA Web Site, Exchange Magazine and at the 2021 ERA Trade Show. Jerry Kieffer questioned if this will help keep the ERA financially solvent. Mike informed that everything helps. Glen McLaughlin offered to donate for any ERA Rebuilder Member that couldn't afford to. Michele would like Glen to contact her at the ERA Office on this. Ken Plourde thanked the ERA Executive Board/2020 ERA Trade Show Committee on all the extra time and effort that was put into making the decisions for the 2020 ERA Trade Show.

10: Open Forums:

- a. There were no Topics for discussion.

11: Old Business:

a. Membership Drive:

- 1. Ken Plourde reported that the Membership Drive is ongoing and there are updates that need to be finalized on the ERA Web Site.
- 2. Ken informed attendees that the ERA Liaison with WAI is now Bill Ernst.
- 3. Ken informed attendees that the ERA Liaison with J&N is now Matt Dodson.
- 4. Ken informed attendees that WhatCom Electric has joined as a Rebuilder Member.

12:New Business:

a. Annual Meeting:

1. Ken Plourde reported that the Annual Meeting for the ERA will be held at the June 17th, 2020 ERA Board of Directors Conference Call. Ken added that the Election of Officers and Honor Roll Inductees will be voted on at the meeting. Daren Roggentien will send out a list of Candidates as well as the list of Honor Roll Inductees.

Being no further business a motion was made by Mike Schroeder to adjourn the meeting. Paul Sillon made a second to the motion. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm central time.

THE NEXT ERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 17TH, 2020 AT 6:30 PM CENTRAL TIME.

Respectfully submitted.
Daren Roggentien.
Secretary.