

**ACRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**April 15, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Mike Lee.

**Board members present:** Mike Lee, Richard McBryde, John Johnson, Jim Nichols, Darrel White, Francis Bradley, Doug Sanders, Gary James, Don Lewis, Bob McCulley, Donne Walden, Dan Melancon and Legal Advisor Clyde Keenan. Dennis Pope who is a member of the IT/Webmaster committee was present.

**Opening Prayer:** The opening prayer was offered by John Johnson.

**President's Remarks** Mike Lee. There are two ACRE Facebook pages. The official Facebook page is used to post information by Tim Cook for posting information regarding deaths, policy changes, etc. The other is identified as the "ACRE Group Facebook Page" and ACRE has little or no control over the postings. There was lengthy discussion among the board members regarding the Group Facebook page and the conclusion of the discussion the following motion was made:

**Motion** by Darrell White that the ACRE Group Facebook Page be shut down immediately. The motion was seconded by Francis Bradley.

**Discussion:** No further discussion.

**Board Action:** The motion passed without objection.

Mike informed the members that the city budget will be presented on April 21st. The budget will have an impact on healthcare for retirees, both pre-65 and post-65. As it stands now the pre-65 retirees will have access only insurance at the end of December, 2015.

Mike informed the members that the next healthcare oversight committee meets on April 28, 5th floor, City Hall. He and Francis Bradley plan on making that meeting.

**Approval of the minutes:** **John Johnson** presented the minutes for the board of directors meetings and the membership meeting for March for approval.

**Motion** by Donne Walden to approve the minutes of both meetings, seconded by Dan Melancon.

**Discussion:** Jim Nichols made an inquiry regarding the minutes of the March 31 board meeting as to whether Dennis Pope was going to have a vote on the board. The answer was no. The motion on March 31 specifically stated that he would receive no pay and did not have a vote.

**Board Action:** The motion passed.

**Vice President's Report.** Richard McBryde. At the last board meeting there was a discussion regarding mail received by most retirees from Liberty Mutual regarding insurance discounts. The question came up at the last meeting as to whether or not Liberty Mutual had a list of names and addresses of all retirees. Richard contacted the local Liberty Mutual agent and was advised that the insurance company did not have a list. They furnished the insurance letters to the city and the city mailed the letters offering

the discounts. This raised a question: Did the city pay to mail the letters to the retirees, and if so, where did the funds come from?

**Treasurers Report.** Treasurer Jim Nichols presented the Treasurer's Report for March. A copy of his report will be on file and available for review by ACRE members.

**Motion** by John Johnson to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Richard McBryde.

**Discussion:** None

**Board Action:** The motion passed without objections.

**Public Relations and IT/Webmaster Report.** President Mike Lee welcomed Dennis Pope to the meeting and Dennis presented the IT report that was prepared by Tim Cook. A copy of his report is on file and will be made a part of the minutes.

**Sgt-At-Arms and Membership Report** Darrell White and Doug Sanders. They reported that they have made contact with most of the retirees that are several months behind in paying their dues. They anticipate there will be good response from the membership. Darrell reports that he will have ACRE hats and shirts for sell at the general membership meeting.

**Legal Advisor's Report. Clyde Keenan.** Clyde reports that there is no update on the lawsuit in Chancery Court. Clyde informed the board of an incident where the widow of a retired officer moved and had received no information regarding the changes in the healthcare. After the first of the year she had an accident during icy weather and presented her old insurance card. The claim was filed and she discovered she had no insurance. The city is taking a hard stand on this issue. Clyde states that there may be others in the same boat.

**Pension Oversight Committee:** Dan Melancon reports that the pension fund has \$2.220 billion, which is 88.1% funded. The city is taking the position that there will be no raise until the pension is 100% funded.

**Insurance Oversight Committee** Francis Bradley gave several examples of retirees that are having problems with their healthcare plans.

Additional information:

The city has granted a 30 day extension on the BMI Dependent Audit. May 31 is now the deadline for furnishing the requested information. BMI phone number 877-634-7780.

Mr. Bradley gave a good explanation regarding "pre-certification" for medical care that will be shared at the general membership meeting.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

*John M. Johnson*  
Secretary