

**ACRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
December 16, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by President Mike Lee.

**Board members present:** Mike Lee, Richard McBryde, Jim Nichols, John Johnson, Tim Cook, Francis Bradley, Doug Sanders, George Harris, Donald Lewis, Bob McCulley, Donne Walden, Darrel White, Gary James, and Legal Advisor Clyde Keenan. 14 members present.

**Opening Prayer:** The opening prayer was offered by **Donne Walden**.

**Opening Remarks by the President:** The board of directors were notified of the death of Welborn Marr, Sergeant at Arms. Welborn was killed in a traffic accident in Germantown on Sunday, December 14, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Betty. The family is having a private funeral service for Welborn.

President Lee asked the board members to consider making Betty Marr a "life-time" member of ACRE.

**Motion** by **Jim Nichols** to make Betty Marr a "life-time" member of ACRE, seconded by **Bob McCulley**.

**Discussion:** None.

**Board Action:** The motion passed.

President Lee reminded the board members that the elected officers will be installed on 12/17/14 at the general membership meeting. At that meeting Mr. Marr would have been included in the installation as Sergeant at Arms. President Lee asked the board to consider making a motion to approve the appointment of Darrel White to fulfill Mr. Marr's term of office for the next two years.

As a point of order, Darrel White will continue as the membership chairman.

**Motion** by **Jim Nichols** to approve the appointment of **Darrel White** to fulfill the unexpired term of Welborn Marr as Sergeant at Arms, seconded by **Francis Bradley**.

**Discussion:** None.

**Board Action:** The motion passed.

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

**Motion** by **Jim Nichols** to approve the minutes of both meetings, seconded by **Richard McBryde**.

**Discussion:** None.

**Board Action:** The motion passed.

**Treasurers Report.** Treasurer **Jim Nichols** presented the Treasurer's Report for November, 2014. 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 **Tim Cook**.

**Discussion:** None.

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

**Public Relation's / Webmaster's report.** Tim Cook presented the public relation and webmaster's report, along with a hard copy of his report, which will become a part of the minutes.

**Legal Advisor's Report.** Clyde Keenan. The board members were given an update on the lawsuit as it pertains to healthcare issues. Clyde said that when these retirees (ACRE members) get a notice of cancellation he needs to know if (a) they did not receive a enrollment booklet from the city, (b) received the booklet but did not respond because in past if you did not have changes you didn't have to do anything, or (c) have confirmation that the paperwork was turned in, but lost by the city.

**Pension Oversight Committee:** There was no pension report due to the fact that Dan Melancon was absent due to illness.

**Membership Committee Report:** Darrel White and Doug Sanders. Darrel reports that:

- Peggy Tines (widow of Deputy Chief Graydon Tines) passed away this past Saturday,
- Captain Cham Payne passed away around the first of December.
- Connie Lee became a life member due to her age.
- There was a group discussion regarding members who have failed to pay their dues and what the by-laws say in regards to this issue.

**By-Laws and Legislative Committee:** Robert McCulley will handle the reinstatement of the newly elected officers at the general membership meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

**Insurance Oversight Committee.** Francis Bradley and Don Lewis.

- The biggest issue is the healthcare ID cards not being issued by the city and/or CIGNA for 2015 yet. It is unclear when the ID cards will be mailed out.
- The Income Tax credit for healthcare cost of first responders (up to \$3,000) is still available for 2014 taxes, according to Clyde Keenan.
- There are some questions that the city needs to clear up as it pertain to healthcare deduction codes on our pension checks.

**Presidents Report,** Mike Lee advised that he will be attending the city council meetings this afternoon. He informed the board members on the Halbert amendment to Lowery's proposal as it pertains to the pension system. We will be informed on the outcome of the vote.

Having no further business, Donne Walden offered the closing prayer.

*John M. Johnson*  
Secretary