

EARTA BOARD MEETING  
ETA/IEA OFFICES  
ELGIN, IL  
OCTOBER 14, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER** President, David Wedemeyer, called the meeting to order at 9:37.

**Present:** Adrienne Berna, David Brown, Maureen DeDobbelaere, Jean Jederman, Peggy Jurgensen, Cindy Lange, Kay Lincicome, Cliff Olson, Karen Patterson, June Preucil, Coral Reinert, Bonnie Skapyak, Cindy Ruszkiewicz, David Wedemeyer, Irene Wedemeyer. **Absent:** Susan Frederitzi, Barb McGee, Shelly Singer, Mick Williams.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

**Recording Secretary – Kay Lincicome** Minutes from the August 12, 2016, Board Meeting were corrected as follows: Money from the ticket sale for the play "Hamilton" is included in the savings account report. The wording of "savings account report" was changed to "checking account report." The minutes were accepted as corrected and are on file.

**Vice-President – Barb McGee** The next EARTA General Meeting will be at Randall Oaks Golf Club in West Dundee, Illinois, on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Social hour will be at 11:30 and the luncheon will be at 12:00 noon. The menu will be house salad, roast turkey with stuffing, whipped potatoes with gravy, fresh vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls/butter and beverage. Please send a check to Barb for \$18 for reservation.

**Treasurer Report – Jean Jederman** reported that as of October 1, 2016, there is \$1941.64 in the checking account and \$9048.08 in the savings account. The report will be on file for audit.

**President – David Wedemeyer** gave a report on suggestions for improving financials, along with some suggestions from board members:

Eliminate life membership as we are living longer.

Educate members on the understanding of how membership income works.

David will have a sample budget by January and then discuss the sample.

David Brown and Jean could work on the history of income flow.

Maybe look at the cost of dues.... possibly charge more for membership.

Consider making money by raffles.

Establish a 50/50 ticket sale with 50% going to EARTA.

Discuss whether we would consider an endowment fund.

Discuss the issue of lack of new members.

Discuss why we are not getting all the IRTA members in our EARTA area.

Coral and Jean could compare EARTA and IRTA membership numbers.

David will put together a comprehensive list to discuss at the January Board Meeting.

Please contact David W. if you have additional ideas for improving financials.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Auditing – Peggy Jurgensen** reported that Dave, Coral, Jean, and Peggy did an audit and everything is fine.

**Chaplin – Mick Williams** No report

**Charity – Coral Reinert** Coral has sent out the EARTA charity contributions to the recipients. David W. finally hand delivered the returned check to the ETA office, addressed to the new ETA President, Richard Johnson.

**Community Participation – Cindy Lange** EARTA will continue to donate articles to the Crisis Center. List of suggestions to donate can be found in the “Jogger”.

**Contact – Bonnie Skapyak** David reported that all is well. Membership changes are in order. It was decided that Cliff will make a blast phone call to EARTA members to remind them to vote. Also, decided, was for Cliff to suggest that members support Moeller and Cullerton in the election. Cliff will make the general call on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Historian – Vacant**

**Information Services – Maureen DeDobbelaere** No report

**Legislation – Cliff Olson** discussed his printed report that all board members were given. We were reminded to stay up to date and be ready for a Call to Action and to always check the EARTA, IRTA and TRS websites. Cliff’s report is on file.

**Membership – David Brown** reported that he is working on getting people to renew memberships. Eighty – 100 letters have been sent to non-life members. David needs up-dates on new phone numbers. David W. questioned why we need to send out directories 8 months old as the cost of sending them out now is \$1.50. Those new members needing current directories could pick them up at the next general meeting. Discussion was had on possible solutions to help make the cost of the directories less. Some suggestions were making the font smaller or putting the information into 2 columns. Cindy Lange received a quote from Elgin Instant Print as follows: \$1016 for printing the Directory which includes folding and collating. This offer will be considered next year.

**Jogger Mailing – Karen Patterson** reported that it costs \$41 for the rental of EARTA’s post office box for 6 months. It costs approximately \$70 to mail the “Jogger”, plus the P.O. Box fee and the UPS fee. In 2015 the cost for the mailing was \$950. As of July, 2016, the cost for mailing the “Jogger” is \$640. There are 2 more mailings this year. New members need to be added to this list, also. Discussion was had concerning the IEA/ETA office printing the “Jogger” as that organization deals with more immediate issues of education, not retirees. A committee of June, Irene, Maureen, Peggy, and Karen will meet at Karen’s home, 2:00, to assemble the “Jogger” for mailing.

**Jogger Editor - Cindy Ruszkiewicz** requested that all information for the “Jogger” be to her by noon on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

**Nominations – Adrienne Berna** announced that the election of the Vice-President and Recording Secretary will be held at the November Luncheon. Nominees are the current officers, Barb McGee as Vice-President and Kay Lincicome as Recording Secretary. This announcement will be printed in the October/November Jogger.

**New Members - (Pre-Retirement) - Irene Wedemeyer, Barb McGee, Cindy Lange** Discussion was had about the possible expectations of the position of the Past-President of EARTA. The Past-President is

part of the board for 2 years. Should the expectations of different “Jobs” be on a volunteer situation. The board decided to see how this idea works before making it a requirement.

**Programs – Shelly Singer** Librarian, Tish Calhamer of the Gail Borden Public Library, will present the program. She will present an interactive program which will include recommendations of books for everyone to read. She will offer suggestions for holiday shopping for books to interest all types of genre.

**Social – Coral Reinert** reported that the Supper Club met on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at Hooper’s Bar and Grill at 5:30. The next Supper Club will meet on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at Hooper’s at 5:30. Everyone is invited to attend and bring guests. Members had a great time at the Epicurean Adventure on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Patten House Restaurant in Geneva. The next gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at Villa Verone, in Geneva. On Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Epicurean Adventure will go the TL Four Seasons Restaurant in Bartlett. On Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the group will be going to The Buckingham Steak House at the Queen Victoria Casino. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00, the group will be going to the Anvil Club in Dundee. Please contact Karen Patterson or Irene Wedemeyer for information and reservations. The bus tour to “Hamilton” will be on October 30, 2016. The group will meet at Country Inn Suites at 12:00 noon and the bus will depart at 12:15. The show is at 2:00 and will last 3 hours. After the play, the tour group will travel to Chandler Chop House in Schaumburg for dinner.

**Website – June Preucil** reported that bills will be coming due soon. She is on top of everything. June will research the possibility of a fund raiser with Amazon. This will be introduced at the next Board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** None

### **STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**State Legislation – Cliff Olson** Report is on file

**Adjournment** David adjourned the meeting at 10:50.

### **CALENDAR**

October 31, 2016	”Hamilton”
October 25, 2016	6:00 – Epicurean Adventure, Villa Verona, Geneva
November 2, 2016	6:00 - Epicurean Adventure, TL’s Four Seasons, Bartlett
November 3, 2016	4:00 - TRS Pre-Retirement Meeting – Jacobs HS, Algonquin
November 8, 2016	ELECTION DAY
November 14, 2016	5:30 - Supper Club, Hooper’s, Elgin
November 18, 2016	11:30 – EARTA Meeting/Luncheon, Randall Oaks, West Dundee
December 8, 2016	Epicurean Adventure, Buckingham’s (The Boat), Elgin
December 12, 2016	5:30 – Supper Club, Hooper’s, Elgin
January 9, 2017	5:30 – Supper Club, Hooper’s, Elgin
January 13, 2017	EARTA Board Meeting, ETA Offices, Elgin

