

# **Minutes of RPEC Chapter 28 Virtual Meeting**

Tuesday September 8, 2020

Meeting was conducted by Zoom and Tele-conference

**Called to order by President Mary Marbles. @ 11:21 A.M**

## **Roll call of those present:**

Mary Marbles	Aurelia Turner
Alma-jean Marion	Claude Burfect
John Hampton	Kandy Krai
George Armour	Colleen McGinn
Bill Ziegler	Barbara Mercer
Benester Fields	

## **Chapter Reports:**

### **Kandy Kraig, RPEC President seeking re-election**

- Exec Director James on paternity leave, returning 9/21/2020.
- Chapter 28 Representatives on Executive Board Alma-jean Marion and Claude Burfect.
- Better communication between RPEC chapters.
- Because of new memberships more money coming in to AFSCME.
- Donations welcomed for various legislation and legislator support.
- Virtual convention packets have been mailed. There will be no in-person “Legislative Day” due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- RPEC members have testified before congress on our behalf supporting the protections of senior benefits.
- There has been a 17.3% increase in membership/Medicare subscribers remain.
- Zoom/Tele-conference meetings are operating effectively.
- Voting after election for RPEC leadership.

### **Claude Burfect, Chapter 28 Executive Board representative**

- RPEC virtual convention to be held Wednesday September 23, 2020. More information contact: [www.rpec.org/convention](http://www.rpec.org/convention).
- Several legislators will speak in person during the virtual convention i.e. Susan DelBene, Adam Smith, Marilyn Strickland, Kim Schrier, 8<sup>th</sup> district.
- RPEC supports various candidates for office, Adam Smith, Denny Heck, Marilyn Strickland and many others.
- We support 5 in 5: Your vote, telephone 5 and in turn they telephone 5.

**Bill Ziegler, Convention Council Representative**

- Continue to add information and ideas to RPEC policy and procedures.
- Endorse candidates on their ability of what they can do for our membership.
- Resolution 1, lobbying efforts
- Monetary contribution from RPEC to encourage legislators of where and what we want them to go.

**Colleen McGinn, Membership Committee Representative**

- Members have joined after moving out of state or out of country located by using last 4 digits of SS numbers,
- Receive newsletter by email or postal mail. DRS, PERS 1,2,3.
- Allow chapters to set up their own Zoom meeting.

**John Hampton, Treasurer Chapter 28**

- Final treasurer reports sent to Chapter President and Secretary.
- \$11,684, \$1000 from state office member dues.
- CD's renewed August 1, 2020
- \$19,474.51, total assets,
- Chapter 28 membership, 401 members as of August 17, 2020.

Moved and second to accept Treasurers report.

**Remarks from Alma-jean Marion, Vice President Chapter 28, District 9 Representative**

- Get involved in Community, continue to give back during this time of Covid-19
- Continue to encourage and accept new members.
- Current membership RPEC 10, 071.
- Donation of \$6,000 raised for unemployed union workers.

**Meeting adjourned by President Mary Marbles 12:35P.M.**

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Benester Fields, Trustee Chapter 28.

(covering for Chapter 28 Secretary Kathy Craig.)

**“DON'T AGONIZE ORGANIZE” VOTE!**