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**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**TEACHERS RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Thursday, March 13, 2003**

**Sheraton Madison Hotel**  
**706 John Nolen Drive**  
**Madison, Wisconsin**

**BOARD PRESENT:**

Ted Bratanow  
Reginald Delwiche  
Suzanne Doemel  
Don Ganther  
Wayne McCaffery, Chair  
Lon Mishler  
Robert Niendorf, Vice-Chair  
Gerald Pahl  
Dennis Pratt  
Nancy Thompson  
James Tripp  
David Wiltgen

**BOARD NOT PRESENT:**

Irena Macek

**PARTICIPATING ETF STAFF:**

Eric Stanchfield, Secretary  
Dave Mills, Deputy Secretary  
Julie Reneau, Administrator, Division of Retirement Services  
Linda Owen, Division of Retirement Services  
Pam Henning, Director, Office of Strategic Services  
Shelly Schueller, Office of the Secretary  
Christina Licari, Board Liaison

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Debbie Danoski  
Ed Danoski  
Bill Ford, Legislative Council  
Dave Hinrichs, Department of Employee Trust Funds  
Nancy Ketterhagen, Department of Employee Trust Funds  
Peg Narloch, Department of Employee Trust Funds  
Mary Pierick, Department of Employee Trust Funds  
Bob Willett, Department of Employee Trust Funds

Wayne McCaffery, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

***Motion: Mr. Niendorf moved approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2003, and December 13, 2002, meetings as submitted by staff. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.***

## ELECTION RESULTS

Ms. Henning announced that Lon Mishler has been elected to the retired teacher seat [§ 15.165 (3) (a) 1] previously held by Don Ganther. The election results were certified by the Teachers Retirement (TR) Board election committee prior to the morning Joint Informational Meeting on March 13, 2003.

Secretary Stanchfield noted that this would be the last meeting for outgoing Board member Don Ganther. He presented Mr. Ganther with a plaque displaying the Teachers Retirement Board resolution in Mr. Ganther's honor. Secretary Stanchfield thanked Mr. Ganther for his contributions and dedication to the members of the WRS during his membership on the Board.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Licari requested the action of the Board regarding the election of officers. A memorandum was provided in the Board mailing, which included a list of current officers as well as a current roster.

***Nomination: Mr. Pratt nominated the current slate of officers for another one-year term. Mr. Tripp seconded the nomination.***

***Motion: Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Pratt moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the current slate of officers (McCaffery – Chair, Niendorf – Vice Chair, Thompson – Secretary) for another one-year term. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.***

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

**Scope Statement: Dividend Distribution.** Ms. Owen presented a Scope Statement that would allow the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) to proceed with a possible revision to the administrative rule that governs when annuitant dividends are distributed. In 2002 the administrative rule was revised to require annuitant dividends to be distributed in the April 1 payment rather than in the May 1 payment. Due to the harm that would result from the earlier distribution date this year because of the negative variable adjustment and 0% fixed dividend, on February 24 the Boards approved an emergency rule that moved the distribution back to the May 1 payments for this year only.

Board members raised issues about whether amending the rule again would constitute good public policy. The Department stressed that approving this scope statement does not commit the Department or the Boards to any specific course of action with respect to revising the rule. Instead, it would keep options open for revising the rule before next year's dividend is distributed and permit the Department to study the merits of alternative approaches. Possible alternatives include changing the permanent rule back to the May 1 distribution date, establishing a conditional effective date for changing to an April 1 distribution date, etc.

***Motion: Ms. Thompson moved approval of the scope statement regarding amending the rule governing annuitant dividends. Mr. Ganther seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.***

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Pending Appeals Status Report.** (Included for the Board's information.) Ms. Reneau presented an update on pending appeals, noting that the number of TR Board appeals remains low.

## DISABILITY STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT

(Included for the Board's information.) Ms. Schueller reviewed the *WRS Disability Benefit Annuity Statistical Report* that was included in the Board packet. Ms. Schueller noted that this report also contains the November data that was not yet available at the December 2002 meeting. Members were also provided with a corrected *WRS Disability Benefit Annuity Statistical Report* for the period of September 2002 to October 2002. In addition to Ms. Schueller, Peg Narloch, Disability Program Policy Advisor, was available to answer questions.

## DISABILITY STATISTICS ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT

(Included for the Board's information.) Ms. Schueller reviewed the *Year 2002 Benefit Annuity Statistics* report that was included in the Board packet. Ms. Schueller explained several details of the data, charts and graphs contained in the report and noted that this report will continue to be updated with 2003 comparison data as it becomes available. In addition to Ms. Schueller, Ms. Narloch was also available to answer questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

***Motion: Mr. Pratt moved adjournment. Ms. Doemel seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.***

The meeting of the Teachers Retirement Board adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Nancy Thompson, Secretary  
Teachers Retirement Board