

Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants

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Minutes of Meeting November 12, 2012

The meeting was held at the Wisconsin Professional Police Association Building, 660 John Nolen Drive, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Madison, and was called to order by Secretary Dick Kratz at 9:37 a.m.

DIRECTORS & ALTERNATES PRESENT: O. Berge, WARSDA; D. Burke, UWRA; V. Cutler, UWMRA; S. Drew, SWIB; B. Fendel, AFSCME; J. Grosklaus, West Allis; R. Hoessel, DOT; C. Howard, WEAC-R; D. Kratz, CORR; J. Maydak, West Allis; J. Miller, DNR; J. Munro, WARSDA; D. Rohweder, ESP; W. Rowe, ACE; B. Schaefer, SEA; J. Skiles, UW-R; T. Speranza, RPPFW; A. Wallace, UWRA.

GUESTS: R. Boehnen, D. Burke, A. Fendel, F. Nepple, J. Strohl, M. Susman, C. Preisler, R. Wojciak.

EXCUSED: D. Bennett, B. Davis, B. Beglinger, J. Craig, J. Egan, J. Palmer, J. Vreeland.

GUEST: Ron Boehnen was introduced and is a retiree who is interested in the WCOA activities.

DIRECTOR: Dale Burke was introduced as the president-elect of the UWRA and next year will be the alternate director.

MINUTES of the October meeting were approved as mailed.

GUEST: Chris Preisler, Communications, SWIB

Mr. Preisler indicated that Vicki Hearing is unable to be present with us this morning, and she will be rescheduled for the January 2013 meeting.

The preliminary return numbers for the end of October are core fund 10.8% ahead of the benchmark of 10.3% and the variable 13.3%, matching the benchmark of 13.3%.

Mr. Preisler provided a handout on Total Assets Under Management and the individual portfolios totaling \$89,686 billion.

SWIB continues to review the possibility of posting preliminary returns on the website. The preliminary numbers are shared with us and others; however, they are not posted on the web. The concern is with external managers reporting at different times of the month.

The SWIB Board October two-day asset allocation workshop was informal, educational and informational. Mr. Preisler provided a two-page Frequently Asked Questions Summary of the event.

David Villa, SWIB CIO, was recently recognized by the Asset International magazine, *Chief Investment Officer*, as one of the power 100 investment leaders in the world, which includes pensions, endowments, foundations, and sovereign fund investing. http://ai-cio.com/Power_100.aspx Mr. Villa was named as number 18 and is one of only seven investment officers in the United States who ranked in the top 20.

Mr. Preisler provided a copy of the media release issued by SWIB supporting the Oshkosh Corp. against Carl Icahn's takeover bid. SWIB is one of largest Oshkosh Corp. institutional shareholders.

Mr. Williamson, SWIB Executive Director, was interviewed for Wisconsin Eye and may be linked at www.wicoa.org under News. It is an informative interview.

SWIB budget does not include any new staffing, but does have a request to upgrade the IT structure. Security of the IT system is not a concern.

There was group discussion surrounding double dipping and the rehiring of annuitants. The Milwaukee County pension system has been in the news, and it is expected that rehiring of annuitants will once again be a legislative topic. With the increase in contribution rates there may be pressure from the lower-paid, younger employees to opt out of the WRS. We need to educate active

employees of the benefits of participating in the WRS. Double dipping was an issue in a recent Senate election. The media names and blames the rehired employee and not the hiring employer.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: There has been mention of the state income surplus and those who sacrificed last year, specifically state employees, receiving a pay increase. There has also been mention of school aid but no mention of school district or municipal employees receiving an increase.

The Taxpayers Alliance has a report due out today on school aids and the Act 10 impact. Approximately 2/3 of the loss in aid was made up by the employees pension and health plan increased payments.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: Officer nominations are the incumbents and a unanimous ballot was cast. Chair, Jim Palmer; Vice Chair Jerold Vreeland; Treasurer, John Maydak; Secretary, Dick Kratz.

NEW BUSINESS: Bylaws - Membership in the WCOA requires organizations to have a minimum of 100 members. There are organizations with fewer than 100 that would like to join and would be a good addition to WCOA. The chair appointed Jim Skiles, Fred Nepple and Sandy Drew as the bylaw drafting committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Present balance \$6669.33. Billing of organizations will be provided at the December meeting with follow-up mailing.

NEXT MEETING: December 17, 2012 9:30 am, WI. Professional Police Association Building.
The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.
Respectfully submitted – Dick Kratz