



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting was called to order by Mark Boumstein at 10:00

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Karl Heinz Gabbey, Rainy Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Bob Lyons, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White

1. Minutes (*Gerie Kay*) The minutes from June 5, 2024 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report for June/July was approved.

3. President's Report (*Mark Boumstein*) Vision and dental State coverage is still being negotiated.

Many Unit 90 members attended the virtual Area 2 Conference on June 20.

Members attended the Schaumburg Boomers Baseball game on July 21.

Our Lake Geneva Cruise on August 6 was informative and enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Linda Wagner for all the arrangements.

In addition to our legislative guests at the Legislative Breakfast, we will also have a police officer from the Arlington Heights Police Department give a brief presentation about scams relevant to seniors.

The political action committee is important to us. \$1 a month, if you choose, can be withdrawn from ones pension monthly to support IRTAPAC. One can also make additional donations on the State IRTA website.

4. Unit 90 Events for 2024 (*Linda Wagner*)

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 **Legislative Lunch Buffet** 11:30 am at Westwood Tavern.
1385 N. Meacham Rd. Schaumburg , Illinois 60173

Our **Holiday Luncheon** will be at Inverness Golf Club on Thursday December 5, at 11 pm.
Entertainment will be the Dist. 54 Jazz Band.

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) Currently there are 549 active members in our Unit. 487 of these are also active in the state IRTA. 247 are Life members.

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Diane Pfister*) Paul Fuller of Dist 211 and Thomas Reader of Lake Zurich Unit School District have passed. Cards have been sent to the family and a memorial donation has been sent to the IRTA Foundation.

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) No report

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*) **Weebly**, a free or low cost website provider is being investigated for our possible future use.

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*) *Feed My Starving Children*. September 11, 2024.
Kids Above All packing backpacks on September 18, 2024.

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley*) 37 copies of Volume 2024 Issue 3 were mailed August 7 and all others were sent by email. Our next newsletter issue will be in November.
It was suggested that a list of upcoming events be included in our newsletters on the first pager and include dates of activities, etc.

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) A list of all incumbent Illinois State Senators and State Representatives and their challengers (if any) were sent Invitations to our Legislative Luncheon Buffet on September 25. There has been one reply from Laura Murphy thus far and we expect more to come.

TRS: (*Bob Lyons*) See Bob's article in our August 7, 2024 newsletter.
At the end of May, 2024 our pension fund was at \$70.98 billion.

Media: (*Linda Wallin*) Linda presented an interesting media program: ChatGPT– OpenAI <https://openai.com> *ChatGPT* helps you get answers, find inspiration and be more productive. It is free to use and easy to try. Just ask and *ChatGPT* can help with writing,

Constitution: (*Bob Kaplan*) No report

Other Business: Discussion as to how we could encourage new members led to this motion: "Any new member will receive a gift of membership in Unit 90 for one year." The motion was made and seconded. It was approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Meeting Schedule for 2024: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).
Newsletters in February, May, August and November

Next Meeting on September 4, 2024 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center