

**MINUTES OF MEETING
STATE OF WISCONSIN**

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**EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS BOARD
ELECTION COMMITTEE
Friday, March 16, 2007**

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

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATING: John Brown
Wayne Koessler

STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Ketterhagen, Election Coordinator
Linda Esser, Board Liaison

The Election Committee was called to order at 7:48 a.m. Ms. Ketterhagen called for a nomination of chair for the Employee Trust Funds Board Election Committee (Committee).

John Brown nominated Wayne Koessler to act as chair of the Committee and there were no objections. Mr. Koessler reported that the Committee would certify the election results for the Employee Trust Funds Board election for the Educational Support Personnel seat first and the Annuitant Member seat second.

ACTIONS

Committee Review of Invalid Ballots of Educational Support Personnel Election.

Ms. Ketterhagen referred to the Department's criteria on page three of the University of Wisconsin Survey Center (UWSC) *Report to Election Committee* regarding the explanation of ballots declared invalid. Under the criteria, the Committee unanimously deemed 20 ballots invalid in the Educational Support Personnel election.

Election Certification. Ms. Ketterhagen noted that there was one seat open on the Employee Trust Funds Board with membership requirements as stated in Wisconsin Statute Section 15.16(1)(f) for a Wisconsin Retirement System participant who is either a public school district educational support personnel employee or a technical college district educational support employee to be elected by educational support personnel. The vote totals by candidate are: Kathleen Kreul, 4,133 votes; Steven J. Eichman, 1,646 votes.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to certify and accept the *Report to Election Committee*. Mr. Koessler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

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Committee Review of Invalid Ballots of Annuitant Member Election. Ms. Ketterhagen referred to the Department's criteria on page one of the UWSC *Report to Election Committee* regarding the explanation of ballots declared invalid. Under the criteria, the Committee unanimously deemed 305 ballots invalid in the Annuitant Member election.

Election Certification. Ms. Ketterhagen noted that there was one seat open on the Employee Trust Funds Board with membership requirements as stated in Wisconsin Statute Section 15.16(1)(d) for a Wisconsin Retirement System Annuitant as defined for purposes other than life insurance under Section 40.02 (4) to be elected by WRS Annuitants. The vote totals by candidate are: Theron "Butch" Fisher, 9,116 votes; Christine M. Williams, 7,476 votes; James P. Egan, 7,461 votes; James A. Gruentzel, 6,781 votes; Gary Tveten, 4,559 votes; Rose Bowen, 3,494 votes; Robert Cavanaugh, 2,522 votes; Robert C. Duero, 2,189 votes; Michael T. Lew, 2,150 votes.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to certify and accept the *Report to Election Committee*. Mr. Koessl seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Discussion

Ms. Ketterhagen indicated that Kathleen Kreul has been reelected to the Educational Support Personnel seat and that Theron Fisher has been reelected to the Annuitant Member seat. The election results will be reported at the Employee Trust Funds Board meeting later in the day. The candidates will be notified following that announcement.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Koessl moved adjournment. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Employee Trust Funds Board Election Committee adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Linda K. Esser, Board Liaison