

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PHOENIX OFFICERS

Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 20, 2011

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Association of Retired Phoenix Officers (ARPO) President Marcus Aurelius.

Reunion Dinner

ARPO President Aurelius welcomed the members to the meeting. He then commented that the ARPO Board has discussed a reunion dinner in 2012 and that he would solicit further discussion from ARPO members at a later point in the meeting.

Secretary Report

ARPO Secretary John Augustyn reported that the association had conducted a special meeting on Healthcare Insurance issues on October 21, 2010; a Business Meeting on October 21, 2010; a Pension Issues meeting on January 26, 2011 and a City Insurance and Other Benefits meeting on April 28, 2011.

Vice President Report

Vice President Larry Gray reported that he had testified at the State Legislature regarding the impact of the rehire revisions. He commented that the proposals would give significant advantage to out-of-state applicants for positions.

President Report

ARPO President Marcus Aurelius reported that Rusty Draper was elected Treasurer at the 2010 election but was subsequently unable to serve for health reasons. In January Ernie Bakin agreed to fill the post; however he relocated. As a result Marcus Aurelius assumed the Treasurer responsibilities pending the 2012 election.

The President attended meetings with PSPRS representatives and the representatives of the FOP, APA, Firefighters union, teacher organizations, elected officials association and other groups to discuss strategies regarding pension-related issues. These meeting evolved into meetings and testimony at the State Legislature. A total of 33 meetings were attended by ARPO President Marcus Aurelius regarding pension-related issues.

Preliminary Treasurer Report

Marcus Aurelius reported that ARPO maintains an account at Sunrise Bank. In 2011 eleven new members contributed \$110 in initiation fees. Mileage reimbursement of

\$564.90 was disbursed to Marcus Aurelius to attend 33 meetings regarding pension-related issues. The expenditure for Board meetings was \$39.38. The balance of the ARPO treasury was \$4742.51. The Association was financially healthy.

Further President Report

A copy of the annual report was filed with the Corporation Commission.

Four off-duty employment opportunities were posted on the ARPO Group, including the MLB All-star game.

There were five contacts from media outlets seeking comments on use of force or Phoenix Police Department leadership issues. All were declined.

Senate Bill 1609 has resulted in the creation of Study Committee to conduct four meetings and produce a report with their findings. Among the topics to be discussed are a defined contribution plan, the definition of average compensation, merging supplemental into PSPRS and methods to minimize cost.

As a result of the pension issues Marcus Aurelius has registered as lobbyist with the State Legislature. He has participated in discussions with FOP, APA, and several other organizations in a coordinated effort to protect the pension benefit increase.

The Fraternal Order of Police has been authorized by its members to proceed with a lawsuit to challenge the revisions, most prominently the pension benefit increase.

A discussion regarding a 2012 Reunion Dinner was directed by Marcus. A tentative reservation of the FOP facility was pending for March 10, 2012 from 6PM to 8PM. A possible menu featuring prime rib was discussed with the FOP chef at an estimated cost of \$31.25 per person with a charge of \$35.00 per person to members. A consensus agreed that it was desirable to have a reunion dinner in 2012.

Election of 2012 Officers

Nominations were accepted from the floor. Marcus Aurelius and Larry Gray agreed to continue as President and Vice President, respectively.

Andy Baxter made a motion to nominate G. Marcus Aurelius as 2012 ARPO President. The motion was seconded by Ken Lapka. Marcus Aurelius was elected by unanimous vote of the members present.

Andy Baxter then nominated Larry Gray as 2012 ARPO Vice President. The motion was seconded by Leonard Zingg. Larry Gray was unanimously elected by vote of the members present.

Andy Baxter then nominated Ken Lapka as 2012 ARPO Treasurer. Ken accepted the nomination. Ed Catlett seconded the motion. Ken Lapka was elected by unanimous vote of the members present.

Without a nomination for 2012 ARPO Secretary, the position will remain vacant until filled.

Marcus Aurelius informed the members that Gail Kavanaugh will remain as the ARPO representative regarding the 10-7 Newsletter and Mike Nikolin will remain ARPO representative regarding Phoenix Police Museum issues.

Treasurer Report

Marcus Aurelius gave the Treasurer Report. The ARPO treasury had a balance of \$4742.51. This represents 2011 income of \$110. Expenditures were reported as \$560.94 for mileage reimbursement for pension-related meetings and \$39.38 for Board meeting expenses.

Larry Gray made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded by Ken Lapka. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the members present.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.