

# **OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREES' ASSOCIATION**

**1st. Quarterly Meeting - March 1, 2014**

## **I. ATTENDANCE**

There were (36) members in attendance at the 1st. Quarterly Meeting that was held at the Quality Inn & Suites Golf Resort in Naples, Florida.

## **II. OPENING OF THE BUSINESS MEETING**

President Richard "Butch" Collins called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was deferred to prior to lunch.

## **III. ROLL CALL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Secretary Kevin Titler called the roll of the Executive Board and present were President Richard "Butch" Collins, 1st. Vice President Lou Gliozzi, Secretary Kevin Titler, Superintendent Paul Pride, Bucyrus District Rep. Tim Mahoney, Cambridge District Rep. Dave Peters, Florida Rep. Dennis Bueno, **A total of (4) officers of the Executive Board doesn't constitute a quorum.**

**No business transactions will be voted upon.**

## **IV. OFFICERS REPORTS**

The reading of the minutes from the November 16, 2013 meeting was deferred to the 2nd. Quarterly Business Meeting.

### **Treasurer - Financial Report:**

President Richard "Butch" Collins for Treasurer Brian Landis, provided an overview of the Association's current financial standing. The approximate total of the Regular Checking and Savings Accounts is \$58,000.00. Approximately \$4,000.00 remains in the 80th. Anniversary Account. A report detailing 2013 expenses and a projected 2014 budget was circulated to the members.

### **Attorney - Legal Issues:**

President Richard "Butch" Collins for Attorney Lora Manon, nothing to report.

## **V. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:**

### **Membership & Credentials Committee:**

President Richard "Butch" Collins advised that there are approximately 1,220 sworn retirees' currently. Approximately 1,000 members currently in Retirees' Association. Jim "Skip" Spurrier and Mark Atkeson advised that approximately 600 P.E.R.S. members currently work for the Division.

Membership Work Group (MWG) first met on 12/27/2013. Meetings were also conducted on 1/10, 1/24 and 2/14/2014. Tom Rice, Butch Collins, and Becky Landis attended the AP4 meeting on 1/7/2014 at the invitation of Col. Pride.

MWG members include Dave Sturtz, Rob Hartsell, Arnie Schropp, Mark Atkeson, Becky Landis, Colonel Pride and Butch Collins.

### **Goals and Purpose of the Membership Work Group:**

Improve retiree outreach from the Association and the Division

Increase membership (Civilian and Uniform)

Review / upgrade membership benefits, working with the SHPFCU

Tom Rice is working to fill District Representative vacancies.

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Proposed by-law change regarding membership. Refer to Article 3 Section 1(A) Members and Article 3 Section 2 (A) Associate members.

"Member" is defined as any person who retired in good standing after serving at least (15) years as an active sworn or non-sworn employee of the Ohio State Highway Patrol; or any person who retired in good standing from active service as a sworn or non-sworn employee of the Ohio State Highway Patrol due to a disability.

(Bob Carson recommended that the word "retired" be struck from the paragraph above and replaced with "left" in good standing)

"Associate Member" is defined as any person who served as an active sworn or non-sworn employee of the Ohio State Highway Patrol but left the patrol in good standing before becoming eligible for membership as outlined in Section 1A...

After much discussion Al Branstiter made a motion to vote on a non-binding show of support for the proposed by-law change. Seconded by Gil Jones and approved by a voice vote.

President Richard "Butch" Collins advised that Retirees' Association membership cards haven't been issued to members upon retirement for quite sometime because the Division has been resistant to producing and issuing the cards. The approximate cost to the Association to purchase a machine to produce the membership cards is \$3,000.00.

Jim "Skip" Spurrier made a motion to vote on a non-binding show of support for the purchase of a machine. Seconded by Don Slemmer and passed by a voice vote.

**Resolutions Committee:**

Bob Carson, nothing to report.

**VI. REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Communication Committee:**

President Richard "Butch" Collins advised that the Retirees' Association website has received 1,919 total visits in 2014 as of 02/17/2014. The TroopertoTrooper.com website has received 12,507 total visits in 2014 as of the same date. Don Slemmer commended President Richard "Butch" Collins for an outstanding job managing both websites.

The Phone Tree system cost the Retirees' Association approximately \$1,600.00 in 2013 to provide information to retirees. The Phone Tree system should only be going to retirees who don't have an E-mail address.

**Historical Committee:**

President Richard "Butch" Collins for Shel Senek, nothing to report.

**2015 Snowbird Committee:**

After much discussion it was decided that Keith Miller would host the 2015 Snowbird Reunion. Larry Davis will prepare a Request For Proposal Letter (RFP) to be sent out to numerous Convention and Visitor Bureaus throughout Florida seeking bids from possible host cities.

J.P. Allen and Don Robbins both encouraged members to attempt to recruit additional attendees to future Snowbird Reunions.

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**New Business:**

John Rohal complimented Colonel Pride for having posts check on retirees during inclement weather.

**Adjournment:**

Dave Peters made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Seconded by Jack Walsh and approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:00 AM. when 2014 Snowbird hosts, George and Lisa Williams welcomed members and guests to the luncheon. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Secretary Kevin Titler and the Invocation was led by Don Slemmer.

**Installation of Officers for 2014:**

President Richard "Butch" Collins introduced Gil Jones as the new 2nd. Vice President and Virginia Fogt as the new Columbus District Representative. Rob Hartsell conducted the Oath of Office to President Richard "Butch" Collins, 1st. Vice President Lou Gliozzi, 2nd. Vice President Gil Jones, Secretary Kevin Titler and Superintendent Paul Pride.

**Memorial Service:**

1st. Vice President Lou Gliozzi, Denny Bueno and George Williams recognized the active, retired and spouses of retired members who died in the past year.

**Retirement System:**

Retirement System Director Mark Atkeson reported that System investments were up approximately 12% in 2012 and approximately 19% in 2013. The Retirement Board will re-evaluate both COLA and employee contribution after it receives our 2013 actuarial report later this year. He encouraged retirees to participate in the GXT wellness examination program.

**Active Ranks Update:**

Colonel Paul Pride spoke about the current state, direction and recent achievements of the Division. He said the Division currently has approximately 1,600 uniform personnel. The highest number in the history of the Division. The Memorial Ceremony will be held on May 9, 2014 at the Academy.

**Retiree Board Update:**

Larry Davis and J.P. Allen both advised that the Division continues to receive excellent support from both the Governor and Legislature.

**President's Report:**

President Richard "Butch" Collins said that this is the 27th. consecutive year that the Snowbird Reunion has been held. And 2015 will be the 40th. Anniversary of the Retirees' Association. This is the 1st. Retirees' Association meeting for 2014 and first meeting even held out of state.

**2015 Snowbird Hosts:**

Keith and Deb Miller will host the 2015 Snowbird Reunion. A location in Florida hasn't been determined yet. More information will be forthcoming when it becomes available.

**Adjournment & Benediction:**

Tim Mahoney made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chuck Milam and approved by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM. with a 50/50 and door prize drawings to follow. The Benediction was led by Dave Peters.

**The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Patrol Academy in Columbus, Ohio on May 9, 2014 in conjunction with the Memorial Ceremony.**



