

Executive Board Meeting  
December 20, 2010  
Red Blazer Restaurant  
Concord, NH

Present: David Kelley, Ernie Loomis, Herb Frink, Roland Lamy, David Cargill, Don Carlson, Neal Scott, Dick Campbell, Kathy Kimball

Unable to attend: Walt Morse

Dave Kelley opened the discussion by familiarizing those present about the Coalition that had been formed by various state employee unions to address the interests of their members surrounding retirement issues. Dave advised that representatives of several unions had met on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Ernie Loomis attended the November meeting. Kathy Kimball, Dave Kelley and Ernie Loomis attended the December meeting. The Board members were informed about the Coalition's current efforts to raise money from those participating (\$2,500 requested from each organization) to hire an individual to track legislation and keep Coalition members informed about all issues relevant to retirement bills. Concerns were expressed that the Coalition might be more interested in issues important to active employees and not retirees.

The two issues identified for NHRSTA to follow are: Health Care & COLAs

Several questions need to be asked and answered:

- 1) Should the NHRSTA join the NH Retirement Security Coalition?
- 2) If so, should we contribute \$2,500 to support the hiring of a coordinator?
- 3) Do we stand alone and continue our efforts as in the past? If so, what is our plan/strategy moving forward?

To assist in the discussion, Dick Campbell had developed a question and answer-type sheet to look at these questions.

After discussion, the Executive Board voted NOT to be a part of the NH Retirement Coalition. Dave Kelley will send a letter to the Coalition to advise that we will not be participating in their efforts.

Discussion then turned to the NH legislature and its make up since the election in November. Due to the significant changes in the make-up of the legislature, a discussion ensued with regard to the identity of those legislators that would be supportive of the NHRSTA stance on the issues.

Discussion continued with regard to the formulation of a strategy moving forward as the new legislature sets to begin its work in January. The following items were discussed:

- Note that we, as retired troopers, are in a different position relative to other retirees of concern to the Retirement Coalition
- Many newly elected officials may be misinformed with regard to the retirement system, retiree healthcare and retirement benefits so we must educate them.
- Develop talking points for NHRSTA members in order for them to speak effectively about legislation affecting retirees (Dick C.)
- Develop a 1-page Facts & Figures Sheet for use as a reference (Dave K. & Kathy)
- Distribute Retirement Handbook to new reps and flag certain pages for them to read with a new cover letter from Dave K.
- Contact several members of the House and Senate to forge new relationships and renew existing ones (Ernie L.)
- Monitor new LSRs (bills) for any that are relevant to the benefits of NHRSTA members
- Review NHRSTA membership for potential members to contact reference their possible assistance in testifying at future hearings if necessary (Roland)
- Schedule meeting with NH Retirement Board Chairman Dick Ingram to discuss possible future joint efforts in addressing bills before the legislature (Dave K., Dick C., and any others to be named)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kimball  
NHRSTA Secretary