President Gulla called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m., asking to amend the agenda by removing “f.” Mary Fields motioned to accept the agenda as amended. Avis Crane seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brenda Thomas motioned to accept the April 13, 2023 Board meeting minutes. Mary Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed.

John Hattan motioned to accept the April 28, 2028 Special Board meeting minutes. Avis Crane seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Betty Vanlandingham motioned to add Ryan Stampfli to the Information Technology Advisory, Member Discounts, Political Education, and Social Activities committees. Kristy Blanchette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Gulla’s President’s Report was included in Board members’ packets.

Cullen Tiernan and Bob Blaisdell provided a legislative update. The Public Defenders insurance bill is on its way for the Governor’s signature. The bill had no opposing votes.

President Gulla reported that Senator Bradley approached Rich, Cullen, and Bob stating he wanted to let us know that the Senate would find funding for state employee raises in the Senate budget. Representative Wyler came over and talked about the importance
of state raises. He testified in favor of the House’s version and mentioned state employees deserve this raise.

Cullen Tiernan added that President Gulla testified about us being tax payers.

President Gulla noted both parties are now coming to us and actively engaging us when we are there.

Cullen Tiernan added getting members out there is also making a difference. Cullen thanked the Board members for the e-poll. He noted we were cohost at Councilor Warmington’s recent fund raiser.

Ralph Mecheau added he is finding people very welcoming to labor folks.

President Gulla reported that Senator Carson’s event was at Hermanos. He met with state chair of the Republican party and had a long talk with him. Senator Carson commented at the event that it has been a long time since legislators did anything for group 1 retirees. She added they also need to do something regarding the Social Security offset bill.

John Hattan motioned to affirm the results of the e-polls. Duly seconded. Motion passed.

President Gulla asked if members of the Board had heard concerns about contacting SEA staff, specifically staff response time. The group responded SEA staff has generally been responsive.

Melissa Kelleher motioned to go into Executive Session. Mary Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m.

Out of Executive Session at 2:55 p.m.

Melissa Kelleher motioned to approve an annual step increment for one management staff member. Ken Muske seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Melissa Kelleher motioned to provide a $1,000 one time lump sum payment to all non-bargaining unit staff who are non-probationary. Ken Muske seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Melissa Kelleher motioned to authorize Legal to enter into a discussion with a management employee within the parameters of our discussion. Ken Muske seconded the motion. Motion passed.
Mary Fields motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Avis Crane seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brenda Thomas provided the Finance Committee report. The Committee met on Tuesday. There are materials in the Board members’ packets. Under income, line 4040, this is investment income that will be increasing thanks to Jasmine Gosselin. Brenda reported that the audit is going forward.

Ken Muske presented the Stewards Committee report. The Committee met last month. There were nine stewards attending. There was good discussion. The next Stewards meeting will be more stewards.

Political Education report – provided with the Legislative update.

Germano Martins spoke about the Retirement Board of Trustees. The day before a Retirement Board meeting, we are going to review every contact we have with members who will be retiring. They have twelve months from retirement to file a disability claim. This gives a higher benefit.

John Hattan reported there were no associate member applications this month.

Brenda Thomas motioned to accept all reports into the record. Ken Muske seconded the motion.

There was no new business before the board.

Mary Fields asked if the sub-committees established at last month’s Board meeting have started meeting or taken any action. Some have. Still pending.

Kristy Blanchette reported she attended the recent COSH dinner. Annie Kuster came and spoke at the meeting. The event had inspirational speakers.

John Hattan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ralph Mecheau seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Vanlandingham
SEA Board Secretary