

October 1, 1981  
Organizational Meeting  
Room 118, Capitol  
2:30 P.M.

#### MINUTES

Representative John Sarna opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Senators Peterson, Frederickson, Renneke, Spear and Moe  
Representatives Sarna, Rodriguez, Rice and Kaley

#### Introduction of New Commission Actuary

Representative Sarna introduced to the Commission Mr. James Bordewick who was selected by a Subcommittee of the Commission to replace the late Dr. Franklin Smith as Commission Actuary. Mr. Bordewick, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, is an independent actuary who concentrates in the area of employee benefits..

#### Election of Officers

The election of Commission officers was as follows:

Senator Collin Peterson, chair

Representative John Sarna, vice-chair

The election of both was by unanimous ballot.

The election of a Commission secretary was postponed until a later meeting so that staff could research to determine if traditionally the positions of Chair and Secretary were held by members of the same body.

#### Approval of Staff Salaries

Lawrence A. Martin presented to the Commission a memo on the Legislative Coordinating Commission's suggested cost-of-living increases for the members of the staff.

The LCC preapproved increases amounting to the following formula:

9% on the first \$20,000

8% on the next \$10,000

6% on the next \$10,000

0% on salary amounts in excess of \$40,000

Rep. Sarna moved the adoption of the LCC's preapproved COLA increases. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Report on Subcommittee Actions

Senator Peterson requested that Rep. Rodriguez report on the activities of the Disability Benefits Subcommittee, the only Commission subcommittee actively working at the present time. Rep. Rodriguez reported that the Subcommittee has heard testimony in meetings at New Ulm and Duluth in August and September, will hear testimony in Saint Paul on October 1 and 2 and in Rochester on October 30 through November 1, and will have more meetings at the Capitol in November. Rep. Rodriguez reported that the subcommittee has heard testimony on issues such as provisions of less hazardous duty employment for marginally disabled police officers and firefighters, disability benefit offsets, and improvement of disability benefit coverage for associations with below average disability benefit coverage. The Subcommittee will in the future hear testimony on alternatives to current relief associations providing disability benefit coverage through a statewide insurance plan underwritten by an insurance carrier. Rep. Rodriguez stated that he expected the Subcommittee to make recommendations to the Commission after the mid-November meetings in the Capitol.

No other subcommittee chairmen had reports on their subcommittee's activities at this time.

#### Audience Comments

St. Clair Beeman, representing the Committee of Thirteen of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association, thanked the Commission for its efforts in securing a post retirement adjustment for the members of MTRFA.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Rep. Leo Reding  
Secretary/Commission

Karen Dudley  
Assistant