



Allegheny County

Retirees Association

ACRA Board of Directors
September 17, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m.

Present: Jack Exler, Eric Buncher, Marge Lubawy, Hugh Hackmeister, Kathy Burk, Donna Johnson, Sharon Silvestri, Cathy Thomas, Connie Pryzbyla

Absent: None

Review and Approval of May 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Cathy Seconded: Hugh

Financial Reports were presented by Cathy Thomas

Motion to Approve: Sharon Seconded: Donna

Lunches and events were subsidized by ACRA for \$2,097.30

Bills to be paid

 Doubletree

 Kreider Printing

 Connie (reimbursement)

 Hugh (reimbursement)

 Cerida

 Krieder Printing

Total Bills = \$7192.19

Move to Approve: Kathy Seconded: Donna

Cathy mentioned that there was a \$20 NSF check fee. This happened in April 2024. A \$20 refund was deposited into ACRA checking account.

Programs and Luncheons

September 17, 2025 – The History of Chatham Village – Dave Vatter and Hugh Hachmeister

 Assignments Ed and Hugh will do 50 50

 Registration: Sharon and Marge

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Duncan Financial was suggested as a future presentation,

Hugh mentioned for future meetings. Various presentations such as History of Railways in Pittsburgh, Growing up Yinzer, Rock Talks, History of National Record Mart. Double Decker Bus trip, Narcisi Winery. Kathy mentioned the Moonshot Museum on the North Side. Hugh will schedule a Pirate game.

For October meeting review and discussion of 2026 Programs and Outings

Hugh will contact Medi-Connect about the October Luncheon

Eric talked about some of the talks that the Rock Talks presenter could do, at no cost.

- History of Rock and Roll
- History of Black Music
- Music Made in Pittsburgh
- Session Rock

Jack will send a template for next year's events with

October 15, 2025 – Retirement Board and Medicare Updates.

The October meeting will include review and discussion of 2026 Programs and Outings

Contact Medi Connect – Sean Horn

Pension Fund Update

New Pension Portal for Retirees.

Jack spoke to Walt Szmansky. In addition to a Pension Fund Update, Walt will talk about the portal that will launch in October. The information will include all our pension account information. Walt will do a presentation about it and will need a projector and a screen.

Information included in portal:

- Previous Pension payments
- Beneficiary Status
- Insurance
- In the future, 1099s

Week before meeting we need to submit a list of Attendees (This is so Walt's office can look up retirement identification numbers)

We need someone to fill Hugh's and Connie's position. Jack will ask people at the meeting today if they would like to try it out for a year.

Ballots for Board Officers' Elections (Discussion)

November 19, 2025 – Legends and Lore of Western Pennsylvania – Thomas White

Results of Board Officers Elections

Marge will call him to confirm

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There was discussion about the balance in the checking account. Eric proposed that we do something for the good of ACRA to spend some of it.

Cathy stated that the lunches are heavily subsidized by ACRA funds. There was discussion about the lunches being subsidized at the rate they are. They are subsidized at nearly \$1,000 per luncheon.

Projector Cost: \$150 to rent from the hotel.

Hugh put together a template of the luncheon dates for next year. He will revise it.

There was discussion about raising annual dues. It was decided that dues stay at \$20

Motion to Approve: Marge Seconded: Donna

It was suggested that Duncan Financial give a brief presentation.

And that Medicare be presented in October to give people time.

Connie talked about all plans for the Holiday Luncheon.

Kathy will do table cards for the 12 days of Christmas

Christmas trivia and bingo. Lenny is not interested in doing a singalong. Board members will all lead in the singalong.

Reindeer Food

Auction. All board members are to bring a \$35 gift.

Connie showed a magnet with 2026 retirement check dates, which will be the favor at the holiday party

ACRA Cookbook

Connie needs assistance in editing. Cathy and Kathy volunteered.

Connie. The cookbook has 80 recipes.

Cardstock covers with spiral binding

150 copies \$973

200 copies \$1,230.

Connie Circulated a draft order form

Percentage of Cookbook Sales will go to charity

Donna suggested Jada house which benefits families including grandparents raising grandchildren.

New Business and General Discussion

Membership Renewals

Pension Board Updates

Number of County Employees 7,000

Request For Qualifications – Independent Review and Recommendations of the Allegheny County Employees' Retirement System

Motion to Approve: Marge Seconded: Donna

NSF - Jack sent a letter and the payment was received

Pension Increase. A member said he never received an increase in pay. We have had some through the years, the latest in 2022.

Pension Fund: running out of funds

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Eric Seconded: Marge

Time of Adjournment: 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burk

Kathleen Burk, Recording Secretary

October 2, 2025