RETIREMENT PLAN for CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYES

The 95th Meeting of the Retirement Allowance Committee was held on April 15, 1957, in the Secretary's Office, Room 746 in the Merchandise Mart and the following were in attendance:

> Mr. J. E. Hastings Mr. A. E. Johnson Mr. D. J. McNamara Mr. H. B. Storm

Mr. J. H. Finch, alternate for Mr. E. A. Imhoff, was also present. Neither Mr. C. Burns nor Mr. T. Murray nor their alternates were present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

On a motion by Mr. Meinardi, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the minutes of the 94th Meeting held March 18, 1957, were unanimously approved as written.

Announcement of deaths reported since the last meeting was made by the Secretary as per attached listing.

On a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Meinardi, the 39 applications recommended by the Secretary were unanimously approved. Of the 39 applications, one **application** for Total and Permanent Disability Benefits for Hugh Garry was recommended by the Secretary to be retroactive to April 1, 1957. On a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Committee approved this application to be retroactive to April 1, 1957.

The Secretary reported that during the month employes on Total and Permanent Disability, as per the attached listing, were examined by the Medical Department. On a motion by Mr. Meinardi, seconded by Mr. McNamara, the Refund of Contributions to be made April 30, 1957, amounting to \$47,948.28, were unanimously approved as per attached listing.

The Secretary read a Report of deposits, disbursements, and investments, during the month of March as per the attached report.

The Secretary read a Report of Chicago Transit Authority bills totaling \$1,931.39 and miscellaneous bills totaling \$378.46. On a motion by Mr. McNamara, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Committee unanimously approved these bills.

The question regarding Rule 16, which was held in abeyance from the meeting of March 18, 1957, was discussed. The Secretary asked Mr. Meinardi to explain to the Committee the purpose of Rule 16. After general discussion by the Committee, on a motion by Mr. Meinardi, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Committee unanimously agreed to pass Rule 16 as per copy attached. Mr. O'Connor suggested that the Secretary's Office prepare a form to be signed by employes returning from military service who have received their retirement contributions, in the event they do not reimburse the Retirement Fund, stipulating that their new entered service date under the Retirement Plan is the date they returned to duty.

Mr. Hastings brought up the question of the sale of Chicago Transit Authority Bonds which were purchased after September, 1956. Mr. Hastings felt that there were two courses which the Retirement Committee could follow. One, to get a ruling from the Tax Commissioner in Washington, D.C. regarding these bonds, which might open some questions regarding the tax exemption of the Retirement Fund. Two, to sell all the Chicago Transit Authority Bonds purchased after September, 1956. After general discussion by the Committee it was agreed that Mr. Hastings should take this question under advisement with the Trustee of the Retirement Plan and make his decision regarding the Chicago Transit Authority Bonds after the discussion with the Trustee.

Mr. Hastings brought up the question of advising employes on Total and Permanent Disability Retirement on their status as to Federal Income Tax. The Secretary advised the Committee that the present practice of the Secretary's Office was to decline answering any inquiries regarding the taxability of Retirement Benefits and to refer such individuals asking such questions to the local Director of Internal Revenue. After general discussion by the Committee it was agreed that such practice should continue and the Secretary's Office should in no way attempt to explain Federal Income Tax regulations.

There being no further business on a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Finch, the Committee unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

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