

August 19, 2026 - CCREA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Sam Heaton, Mike Ball, Melvin Holton, Linda Burke, Wilma Robinson, Julie Arnold, John Reida

1. The 4% stipend increase will likely begin at the first of 2027, along with the health insurance year, based on Sam's conversation with Tressie. There is currently no HR Director, and she is basing this on what happened in 2015.
2. Ty Mitchell and Finance Director Buddy Tesar are confirmed for September. Sam will confirm with Dr. Jackie McMorris for November.
3. Tressie and Houze & Associates are secured for the October meeting. Houze also works with Tressie to sign up under 65 members for medical coverage as well as supplemental dental and optical for all members.
4. Regarding next year's speakers, we had a request for Kelli Wolk (February) and Stacy Dearborn, who may speak on cutting the cable (January - antenna).
5. 2027 Annual Planning will be in January at Three Amigos – Linda will preside. Judy Sheppard and Dan Streett will be invited to also offer their expertise. The date will be set as it gets closer.
6. Regarding the Christmas luncheon menu, the Board consensus was to keep the same menu as last year. Invitations will be sent out via Punchbowl, at a cost of \$19.99 for the service. Houze typically donates \$1k toward the luncheon. We ordered 130 plates last year but ended up raising it to 145 or 150. Decorations will be minimal due to space. Sam will see if Chairwoman Cupid will come just to mix. If she can't come then, Sam will see if she is available in January or February to possibly give her State of the County address.

7. Board Elections for 2027 will take place at the November meeting. Melvin would like to be shadowed as co-Treasurer and roll off at the end of 2027, and his replacement needs familiarity with Quicken and Excel. Wilma would like to stay as 2nd VP and concentrate on membership. Sam agreed to stay on in his current role, as did all the other officers. Regardless, nominations from the floor will still be accepted at the October meeting.
8. CCREA began accepting Zelle this summer for membership payments. To encourage membership for those living outside the immediate area, streaming of the monthly meetings is being considered. Sam will talk to Ross Cavitt about setting up videography. In deference to the stipend increase, the decision was made to put off increasing dues until 2028.
9. Sam thanked Linda for leading the meetings during his absence, and also Wilma for her devotion to increasing membership.
10. The Board voted to roll over the \$7,500 CD at Regions bank currently earning 4%.
11. Wilma suggested increasing the footprint of the CCREA Facebook page. Sam mentioned Stacy Dearborn might be willing to do it. Members need to be made aware of the page and encouraged to interact.

Minutes submitted by Julie Arnold, CCREA Secretary

CCREA 2026 Meeting Dates and Speakers

January 21- Jason Harder with CCPD – Fraud, scams, etc.

February 18 – Open Microphone and Pizza

March 18 – Ryan Patrick – Wills, trust, and estate planning

April 15 – Steve White and Christine Stinchcomb – Property tax assessments

May 20 – Cook-out

June 17 – Nancy Ingram Jordan – Staying fit as we age

July 15 – Tina Williford - Trafficking and The Table

August 19 – BBQ Lunch

September 16 – Buddy Tesar and Ty Mitchell

October 21 – Houze & Associates

November 18 – **County Manager McMorris?**

December 16 – Holiday Luncheon