

This was a Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77  
Wednesday, December 29, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Kruger.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair & Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair.

**BOARD MEMBERS LATE OR ABSENT:** Norman Stump, President (arrived during discussion of future meetings); Ralph Huntsinger, Past President (arrived prior to adjournment); Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

**OTHERS:** Roger Klaves, RPEA Area II Director.

**MINUTES:** There being no corrections, the minutes of the 11/17/21 meeting were approved as submitted.

**HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT:** Raitt reported that Medicare Part B (prescriptions) premiums would be set based on income and CalPERS should have notified anyone affected. He encouraged members to read the Health Benefits Update article in the last issue of the State RPEA newsletter.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Raitt said that the Chapter gained one new member and lost 4 members in November, for a total of 327 current members. He noted that Evans and Salcido provided assistance by keeping track of addresses, cash membership renewals, and other information relating to members.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Kowta referred members to her report contained in the Newsletter on various legislative matters.

**RPEA AREA II DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Klaves reported on the long-term care insurance premiums case, with a 1/28/22 deadline to decide on reimbursements or a new long-term care policy with an outside company. He added that Grants Pass, Oregon, and Yreka, California, were considering withdrawing their chapters, and that the matter would be discussed at an upcoming Area Directors' meeting and during the General Assembly.

**NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT:** Salcido gave an update on the preparation and distribution of the newsletter and updating of the Chapter's web site.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Salvestrin mailed sympathy cards to the wives of Karl Kumli and James Roberts.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** Members discussed the status of the Covid pandemic and the Omicron variant and agreed to consider future membership meetings on a month-by-month basis. Suggestions were made for outdoor meetings and another box lunch perhaps for Easter. Salcido previously informed members of the success of the December 15 box lunch.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Barbara A. Evans, Secretary