

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, April 24, 2019, - 9:00 A.M. - Farmer's Skillet, 690 Rio Lindo Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Norman Stump, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Stump, President; Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Judy Winter, Membership Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Craig Prazler, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: James Gregg, Member at Large.

MINUTES: A motion made by Huntsinger to approve the 3/27/19 minutes was seconded and unanimously carried.

NOMINATION PAPERS FOR CalPERS BOARD POSITION: Pursuant to the letter received 4/19/19, via email from RPEA president, Al Darby, advising that the statewide RPEA Board had voted to support JJ Jelincic in his bid for CalPERS Board member, president Darby requested that petitions be completed in a specific manner and sent directly to Mr. Jelincic at the address shown at the top of the petitions by no later than 5/10/19. A majority of Chapter 77 Board members in attendance at today's meeting signed the petition as specifically requested by president Darby. President Stump indicated that he intended to have petitions available at the 5/2/19 membership meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Palmer's report for the period ending 4/24/19 showed a balance of \$3,030.61. A motion by Huntsinger to accept the report was seconded and unanimously carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Full report contained in Newsletter. Kowta reported on several legislative bills that had been proposed in response to issues associated with the Camp Fire, including the rebuilding process, road improvements to expedite evacuation orders during emergencies, defensible space around dwellings, weather monitoring in high threat areas, and the State exploring the acquisition of disaster insurance. She also mentioned matters associated with CalPERS' monitoring major companies with regard to their board diversity and executive pay. The State RPEA newsletter contained a list of bills being monitored by the State RPEA's lobbyists.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Full report contained in Newsletter. Raitt reported that during the 4/11/19 Stakeholders meeting held at CalPERS headquarters in Sacramento, staff reviewed 3 areas of interest regarding health benefits: (1) Health insurance program appeals process, (2) Opioid management, and (3) Long-term care. He provided detailed information on each of the three areas.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Winter indicated that she was now receiving hard copies of the Chapter's membership roster from RPEA headquarters. Letters were sent to prospective members along with packets of information, and she reported on feedback from some of them.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido gave an update on Newsletters that were distributed by email and those sent through the U.S. Postal Service. Notice was received from the State RPEA concerning the implementation of its new web site: webmaster@rpea.com.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin will send get-well cards to Mark Kowta and Betty Stump.

JUNE PICNIC: Salvestrin will contact the Elks Lodge to make arrangements for the Chapter's annual picnic on 6/6/19. In addition to hamburgers and hotdogs, members provided suggestions on other food items for the picnic. It was agreed that a donation jar would again be displayed to offset some of the costs associated with the picnic.

BOARD MEMBER: Raitt will contact Jim Gregg concerning his wishes to continue as a member of the Board since he has been absent from several Board meetings. He continues to attend membership meetings.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger noted that the 5/2/19 membership meeting would feature Joan Palmer, Board member and Treasurer, concerning her recent trip to Antarctica. She mentioned other programs that she would be exploring beginning in September.

BYLAWS: President Stump reported that he had received notice from the State RPEA that the Chapter 77 Bylaws had been approved, and he would provide copies to members of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on a motion by Huntsinger that was seconded and unanimously carried.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary