

This Was a Virtual Meeting Held Via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association – Chapter 077
Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Betsy Kruger.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair (*left the meeting after Health Benefits Report*); Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair.

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Norman Stump, President.

OTHER: Roger Klaves, Member of Chapter 077.

MINUTES: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 3/27/24 meeting, they were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. The balance as of 4/29/24 is \$4,220.27.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Cassetta reported that since the last membership report of 393 members, 4 members failed to renew, there were no new members, leaving a current membership of 389 members.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt summarized the provisions of AB 2200, a pending bill that would guarantee health care for all and would be considered by the RPEA Health Benefits Committee on 5/8/24. The bill would discontinue health care programs under CalPERS.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred members to her report in the newsletter that contained information on the status of the State Budget, proposed off-shore wind farms, sale of a vacant lot owned by CalPERS to the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, the CalPERS CEO's support for private equity and private credit as investments, the position of an Inspector General to review the management of the CalPERS Fund, the cost of homeowners' insurance, the increases in PG&E rates, and COLA increases in retiree benefits beginning 5/1/24.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido reported on preparation and distribution of the newsletter, a new post office procedure for processing bulk mailings, and updates to the web site.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Winter sent a sympathy card to the Lineman's College regarding the loss of a student due to an accident, and one to Bobbie Svihus in the loss of her son. Kowta recommended a get-well card to Karen Johnson.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger indicated that the 5/2/24 meeting would feature Jessica Henry, Deputy County Counsel for Butte County, speaking on the topic of Cal Northern School of Law. The June meeting would be the Chapter's annual picnic. The September program was pending, and the October program was covered.

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RPEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Members reviewed information submitted by the State RPEA concerning the upcoming General Assembly scheduled for September in San Diego. Raitt moved that Salcido be designated at the Chapter’s delegate. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary