

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 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 led by Lawrie Salvestrin.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Stump, President; Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Margaret Ballinger, Membership Chair; (Vacant) Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Judy Winter, Member at Large; Lawrie Salvestrin Member at Large; Sandra Thomas, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; James Gregg, Member at Large.

Craig Praizler, Member at Large – State RPEA received application and 2 years dues and he was entered into the database on 4/11/18.

MINUTES: A motion by Ballinger to approve the 3/28/18 minutes was seconded and unanimously carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: In the absence of the Treasurer, Kruger reported that the Chapter 77 checkbook showed a balance of \$1715.16.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: In the newsletter, Kowta reported on SB 1031 which proposed to prohibit any COLA adjustment in any year after 1/1/2019 in which the unfunded liability of the pension system was greater than 20%. The bill was opposed by RPEA and would hopefully be rejected by the Legislature. As to the new Financial Officer hired by RPEA, some questions were now arising as to his qualifications to fulfill the position. The State Senate Committee on pensions voted against the proposed bill to curtail COLA increases and another bill proposing to replace CalPERS pensions with 401K’s for new hires.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: In the newsletter, Raitt outlined difficulties with OptumRx, the pharmacy benefits manager for CalPERS. Donna Snodgrass, State Director of Health Benefits, made a presentation to the CALPers Board, accompanied by Jim Anderson, State Director of Legislation, regarding a “vote of no confidence” in the OptumRx program unanimously approved by the RPEA Board. He also alerted members to potential scams associated with the new Medicare cards that were being mailed to all Social Security recipients. He added that Jim Anderson had resigned as State Director of Legislation.

MEMBERSHIP & SUNSHINE REPORTS: Ballinger indicated that no new members joined since her last report. She sent sympathy cards to the families of deceased members Michael McGie and Betty Spilsbury.

PROGRAM REPORT: As noted in the newsletter, Kruger stated that the May program would feature Jim Tanimoto speaking about his internment in the Tule Lake camp during World War II.

DISTRICT II DIRECTOR: Stump reported that George Otterbeck was leaving the position of District II Director.

BYLAWS: Stump noted that he had been informed that the State RPEA was now requiring chapters to update their bylaws in accordance with State guidelines. He requested that Raitt and Kruger, as a Bylaws Task Force, review the bylaws format recommended by the State and provide a Chapter 77 bylaws update to the Board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Huntsinger recommended that David Wilkinson be considered for appointment to the Board as an at-large member.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Huntsinger will deliver the Thought For The Day at the May 3 membership meeting.

JUNE PICNIC: Members agreed that cookies would serve as dessert and that any interested Board Members could bring a dozen to the picnic. Also agreed that the Elks/Manzanita Place would be asked to serve lunch at 12:00 Noon rather than 12:30, since there would be no business meeting prior to lunch.

BUDGET: In reviewing Chapter expenditures, Thomas questioned the need for a post office box for the Chapter and, at the President's request, she agreed to discuss her concerns with the Budget Committee (Kowta & Raitt) and the Treasurer.

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