

This Was a Virtual Meeting Held Via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association - Chapter 077
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - April 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Norman Stump.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Stump, President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

OTHERS: Abe Baily, RPEA Area II Director; Roger Klaves, Chapter 077 Member.

MINUTES: There being no corrections, the minutes of the 3/29/23 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report showed a balance of \$4,317.64 as of 4/26/23. There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred members to her report in the bulletin that contained information on legislation regarding Red Dye No. 2 in candy, holding up a proposed bill to notify parents if their child claimed to be transgender or transitioning, several bills being watched by State RPEA's lobbyists, comments in the State RPEA bulletin about CalPERS investments, and a bill that proposes to have CalPERS and CalSTRS divest investments in fossil fuels.

RPEA Area II Director Baily suggested that members write to their legislators opposing a bill that would make CalPERS investments not subject to the public records act.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported on CDC guidelines that it recommended for positive and negative results when administering COVID tests, as well as guidelines when being exposed to the COVID virus. He related his recent personal experiences in testing positive. He also answered questions about booster vaccinations.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Cassetta noted that membership stood at 315, the same as last month. He was unable to calculate the exact number on his own from information sources provided by State RPEA staff.

NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido indicated that information was included in the newsletter that asked members to RSVP about attendance at lunch meetings along with any special dietary needs. The web site was updated with the newsletter and minutes of meetings.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Palmer reported on the passing of Carl Johnson.

PROGRAM REPORT & FUTURE MEETINGS: Baily reported that he had arranged for Loran Vetter, State RPEA Community Involvement Chair to speak at the 5/4/23 membership meeting about members' volunteer activities in various community organizations.

Stump informed members that he would have to leave membership meetings by 12:30 p.m. due to his job as a school bus driver.

Salcido updated members on her discussions with the Double Tree hotel staff regarding membership attendance, meeting accommodations and lunch menus. Palmer reported that the chapter was being charged for estimated attendance rather than actual attendance for lunches.

It was agreed:

That the May 4 meeting would be held in the café if it was available, otherwise in a conference room.

That the Chapter should purchase its own microphone.

To have round tables at meetings, if available.

That Double Tree be asked if it could provide a picnic-type lunch for the June 1 meeting, similar to past lunches held at the Elks Lodge.

That Baily could contact Gary Bright, an ex-Marine helicopter pilot, to speak about his time in Viet Nam, at the September, October or November (veterans' month) membership meeting.

That members could provide Baily with any agenda items for the next State RPEA Board meeting.

That the next Board meeting would be held on 5/24/23, rather than 5/31/23, so that it would not be held the day before the 6/1/23 membership meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary