

This was a virtual meeting held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association – Chapter 077
Wednesday, August 7, 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; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Stump, President; Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair.

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

MINUTES: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 6/26/24 meeting, they were approved as submitted.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt provided an update on increases to health care premium costs for various health care plans to become effective 1/1/25. On 8/19/24 the rates will be available on the CalPERS web site, notices will be mailed to enrollees in September, and the open enrollment period will be 9/16/24 through 10/11/24. He then provided an update on CalPERS' progress in confirming the status of beneficiaries who were receiving benefits. He indicated to Baily that no information was available on what actions might be taken to recover benefits paid erroneously to beneficiaries. There will be a shift for the PPO from Blue Cross to Blue Shield. Baily stated his preference that rural subscribers would be offered the same premium rates.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. The balance as of 7/31/24 was \$4,232.05.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Winters previously sent a get-well card to Cassetta and a sympathy card to Dianne Wilkinson.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: A written report from Cassetta indicated that with the loss of one member who failed to renew, current membership stood at 384.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE: Salcido gave an update on the time frame for preparing, printing and mailing the newsletter. She will be updating the web site with current information. She has sent an email to Nash's to confirm the 9/5/24 membership meeting at the facility along with menu options. Kruger stated that she would visit Nash's in person.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger reported that at the September meeting Meegan Jessee, Butte County Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, is arranging for County staff members to provide a presentation on the County's proposed 1 cent sales tax measure for the November ballot. In October the League of Women Voters will give a presentation on State ballot measures to appear on the November ballot.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: It was noted that the Bylaws provided that a nominating committee should be selected at this time, however, Board members agreed that all members would serve as the nominating committee and each one attempt to secure members to serve on the Board. Klaves suggested that local public agencies staff members should provide RPEA information to retiring members. In exchange for allowing the County to provide a presentation on the County's proposed sales tax measure, Kruger will ask Meegan Jessee for contacts regarding Klaves' suggestion.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta's Legislative Report was contained in the newsletter and contained information on what happened to bills going through the legislative process, health plan premiums to take effect on 1/1/25, and CalPERS investments and returns.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary