

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, August 28, 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; Ralph Huntsinger, Membership Chair (Acting) and Past President; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Craig Praizler, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Judy Winter, Member at Large.

MINUTES: A motion by Huntsinger to accept the 7/24/19 minutes as presented was seconded and unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Palmer presented copies of her report for the period ending 8/28/19 which showed a balance of \$3,157.85.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta reported on an article from the Orange County Register of 8/26/19 concerning the effect of the California Rule disallowing reopening negotiations on pensions and an IRS ruling limiting the amount of deferred benefit payments to \$220,000. Her report in the Newsletter covered the average benefits received by employees and those receiving 6-figure pensions, a Superior Court judge's urging of CalPERS to settle a lawsuit over long-term care policies costs, and a CalPERS trust fund allowing public employers to save to fund pension obligations.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt indicated that his report was contained in the Newsletter and covered information relating to the upcoming open enrollment period for health plans, which will be from September 9 to October 4, 2019, for health plans beginning 1/1/20. Notices will be sent by CalPERS to all health plan holders on 8/26/19.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Huntsinger reported that the current membership of Chapter 77 was 324 based on the July Membership Roster from RPEA headquarters.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido indicated that she had been concerned with the late delivery of the August Newsletter via U.S. mail, however, the September Newsletter was sent out in a timely manner. The deadline for articles for the October Newsletter will be 9/9/19.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin reported that she had sent a sympathy card to the family of Tony St. Amant and a thinking-of-you card to Carlos & Beverly Chinas who had moved to Washington state per the Membership Roster from RPEA headquarters. Kowta indicated that the Washington state address was most likely that of their daughter, and the Chinas were currently residing in an assisted living facility near the California Park area. She gave a status report on Judy Winter who hoped to begin coming to meetings again next month.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger noted that the September 5 membership meeting would feature Bikram Kahlon, Senior Traffic Engineer, and Brendan Ottoboni, Director of Public Works (Engineering), who would be reporting on traffic issues in Chico. Kruger said she was working on a program for the October meeting about the Adult Literacy Program at the Library. Stump stated that JJ Jelincic had asked to

address members at the meeting, and it was agreed that he would be allowed to do so at the end of the meeting.

In order to avoid meeting the day after New Year's Day, Salcido moved to change the January 2 membership meeting to January 9. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

LUNCH COSTS: Stump reported that he had been notified by Manzanita Place/Elks Lodge that the cost of lunches would increase to \$19 beginning in September. Various options were discussed at length among Board members and it was agreed that Stump would meet with the management to reduce the minimum number of lunches to be guaranteed from 40 to a lesser number, and the cost of lunches be reduced based on some modified lunch menus. He also directed that the cost of the September 5 lunch remain at \$16 until further options were explored. The Board would discuss options at the 9/25/19 Board meeting. A sign will be placed at the entrance to the meeting room regarding the price of the lunch. Salcido can notify those members who receive their Newsletters via email.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. on a motion by Huntsinger that was seconded and unanimously carried.

SEPTEMBER 5 MEETING: President Stump requested that membership meetings begin at 11:15 a.m. rather than 11:30 a.m. at the September 5 meeting.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary