

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, August 29, 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 Sharon Salcido.

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; (Vacant) Membership Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Judy Winter, Member at Large; Sandra Thomas, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret Ballinger, Member at Large; Craig Praizler, Member at Large; James Gregg, Member at Large.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 7/25/18 meeting were approved as submitted, copies having been previously emailed to all board members.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Palmer distributed copies of her report for the period ending 8/29/18 which showed a balance of \$1,766.82.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred to her report in the Newsletter on a State Supreme Court decision to restore defined benefit pensions to San Diego city workers, an Appeals Court decision now before the State Supreme Court about pensions needing only to be reasonable rather than what was agreed upon in the original employment agreement, and Abe Baily replacing George Otterbeck as Area II Director. In addition CalPERS is involved in a lawsuit which would compel the disclosure of the names of retirees receiving disability pensions. Stump indicated that unions would be appealing the court decision which ruled that employees could not be forced to pay union dues.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reviewed his report set forth in the Newsletter about how to access information regarding the health plans being offered during the open enrollment period, September 10 – October 5.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin reported that she had mailed a goodbye card to John Martinez who has moved away, a get-well card to Ballinger, and a sympathy card to Ann Linn, the wife of former State RPEA President George Linn. (The State RPEA subsequently notified chapters that Ann Linn had also passed away.) She will also mail a sympathy card to the family of Ruth Colbie.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido gave an update on preparing and distributing the Newsletter by email and by bulk mail using labels provided by the State RPEA. The web site has also been updated.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: It was agreed that the Membership Chair Ballinger's resignation would be held in abeyance until further information was available concerning her health.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger noted that Horst Wolff and Julia Shovein would be speaking at the September membership meeting about their experiences in sailing around the world in 7 years. The October program would consist of League of Women Voters members Mary and Mark Kowta as well as herself to go over ballot measures that will appear on the November ballot.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS: Raitt and Kruger, bylaws committee members, reviewed the last draft of the amended bylaws, copies of which were emailed to members. Stump and Kruger asked about providing definitions for the various membership categories listed in the bylaws. Raitt noted that the State RPEA bylaws provided definitions and he would add language giving reference to them. Members agreed with the changes as discussed, having Raitt draft the final language, and having Stump print copies for the September membership meeting. The bylaws would be provided to members at the October membership meeting, approval could take place at the November membership meeting, and then they would be forwarded to the State RPEA for its approval. Raitt added that the Board does not have to be involved in preparing and reviewing the bylaws amendments, but the details were more efficiently worked out at the Board level.

BOARD MEETING DATES: It was agreed that the October Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 24, rather than October 31, to avoid falling on the day prior to a membership meeting. In addition, the December Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 19, rather than December 26, the day after Christmas.

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