

This was a Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Friday, August 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Norman Stump.

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 & Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, RPEA Area II Director; Abe Baily, State RPEA Secretary-Treasurer.

CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Raitt gave background information on the COVID-19 virus and the Delta variant, along with CDC recommendations (not mandates) for keeping infections and spreading of the virus and variant to a minimum. The purpose of today's meeting was to decide the future of indoor person-to-person board and membership meetings in view of these recommendations.

Various opinions, thoughts and suggestions were given by members. Raitt then moved to continue holding Board meetings on a virtual basis, and to postpone the 9/2/21 membership meeting to a later date to be determined by the outcome of continued monitoring of the COVID-19 and Delta variant situations. The motion was seconded by Kruger and carried with Huntsinger voting no.

The Board members requested that Raitt draft an article for the newsletter notifying members of the background information provided today, the concerns raised by members at today's meeting, and the decision that was agreed upon. Raitt will draft the article and circulate it to members via email. (The article is set forth at the end of these minutes for reference purposes.)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. on a motion by Huntsinger that was seconded and unanimously carried.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary

Newsletter Article attached to 8/6/21 Board Meeting Minutes

At a special RPEA Chapter 077 Board meeting held Friday, August 6th, via Zoom, the Board reviewed the most recent CDC guidelines as these relate to both future monthly Board and general Chapter meetings. The decision was: (1) Go back to holding board meetings virtually; (2) cancel the next Chapter meeting which was originally scheduled for Thursday, September 2nd; and (3) continue to monitor on at least a monthly basis the CDC guidelines and recommendations to help determine when both the board and chapter meetings could resume being face-to-face.

The Board made this decision with great reluctance and only after considerable discussion about how the CDC guidelines apply specifically to our Board and general Chapter meetings and what the alternatives might be. However, out of an abundance of caution and a concern for all chapter members regarding their health and safety, this was determined to be the best course of action as disappointing as it might be. As the Board continues to monitor the evolving CDC recommendations, this will be done with the hope that we will eventually be able to return to face-to-face meetings at the earliest time possible. Please watch for updates in future newsletter editions.