

This was a virtual meeting held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association – Chapter 077
Wednesday, December 18, 202 – 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; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair; Faye Johnson, Member at Large

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: *Norman Stump, President (arrived after membership report); Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, Chapter 077 member.

MINUTES: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 11/20/24 meeting, they were approved as submitted.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt indicated that a question was raised on the decreasing number of individuals receiving COVID vaccinations and the health risks to elderly patients. FDA staff experience would indicate that those over 65 were at risk by not securing their vaccinations. JAMA staff were recommending that health care providers advise their patients to obtain their vaccinations and lessen the chances of being hospitalized. Complacency might be due to the lower number of infections. It was estimated that 35% secure their vaccinations and 65% do not.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE: Salcido reported on the status of preparing and distributing the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP: A report from Cassetta indicated that current membership was 374. He stated that he would take responsibility for bringing the name tags to the membership meetings, as requested by Kruger. Salcido noted that she would continue to make the name tags.

Johnson recommended an article be placed in the newspaper about RPEA, on either the senior or community page, to educate the public about the purpose and activities of the organization and encourage public employees to become members.

**President Stump arrived at the meeting at this time.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Members acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report. There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. The balance as of 12/18/24 is \$4,442.54.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Winter submitted an email in which she advised that a sympathy card was mailed to the family of Doris Arbuckle.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger reported that the 1/9/25 program would feature Kristy Bird MaKieve and Keri Lynn Anderson speaking on the topic of “Healthy Rural California: Empowering Health, Inspiring Hope”.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary