

This Was a Virtual Meeting Held Via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Retired Public Employees Assn. – Chapter 077

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – December 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Norman Stump.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Stump, President; Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer (arrived after the Membership Report); Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor and Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Judy Winter, Member at large.

OTHERS: Abe Baily, Area II District Director.

MINUTES: There being no corrections, the minutes of the 11/16/22 meeting were approved as submitted via email.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Cassetta noted that in talking to individual members, some indicated that they were not receiving communications from the Chapter, and he wondered if this could be some issue connected to RPEA headquarters. Baily asked that he be provided with the names so that he could check with their office. Salcido asked for the names as well in order that she could check against her records for distributing the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Palmer stated that she had been on an extended trip, just arrived home this morning, and would be submitting a report to the Board.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported that at a 12/8/22 virtual "Roundtable" meeting held at the Sacramento CalPERS office, a presentation entitled "Medicare Part B Premiums and IRMAA" was made by June Ramos, Medicare Administration Section Leader in the Health Account Management Division. Everyone pays a monthly Part B premium to the Social Security Administration (SSA). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) determine the Medicare Part B premium rates. The SSA and CMS notify Medicare enrollees of their upcoming Medicare Part B Premium. The standard Medicare Part B premium for 2023 is \$164.90. An Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) is an extra charge for beneficiaries with incomes above a set threshold and is based on one's Maximum Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) as reported on your IRS tax return from 2 years ago. CalPERS offers Part B reimbursement for State and CSU retirees. The system automatically calculates the reimbursable amount for eligible members based on the Medicare Part B premium for that year. To receive reimbursement, IRMAA members need to submit documentation from SSA including: (1) IRMAA breakdown; (2) IRS Filing Status; and (3) MAGI. These documents can be uploaded via myCalPERS. Reminder emails are sent to all members with an IRMAA which includes a bar-coded cover letter with which the documents may be mailed.

Kruger suggested that Baily ask the State RPEA to place information in its next newsletter.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Relating to the above report, Kowta discussed the reimbursement of Part B premiums paid by eligible State and CSU retirees, and she will provide more detailed information in the next newsletter. Her full report was in the newsletter and she urged members to read the newspapers in the coming days for information on new laws, effective 1/1/23.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE: Salcido reported on the preparation, printing and distribution of the January newsletter and she had added information about the program for the meeting. She will be updating the web site.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin reported via email that she had sent sympathy cards to the families of Hannie Voyles, Elizabeth VanLaan and Ron Angle (Jeanne Angle, spouse).

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger noted that the January membership meeting would feature Eric Bartelink, PhD, DABFA, from the Department of Anthropology at CSU Chico, speaking on the topic of Forensic Anthropology at Chico State. She also mentioned tentative plans for other upcoming programs.

AREA II DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Baily reported on contacts he had made with other chapters in Northern California and Oregon who were having difficulty in maintaining their membership and he thought they were in need of recruiting more and younger members.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: President Stump reviewed responses he had received from the survey that was sent to members with email addresses. Only 5 responses were received. Suggestions were made to have a smaller lunch or brunch-type meal, rather than the larger dinner-type meals, plus dessert, that they were now being served. Another person did not want to see the price of meals increase.

(Subsequent to this meeting, Kruger transmitted an email in which she suggested asking the Elk's if an earlier meeting time could be accommodated.)

Members agreed to have the President discuss the suggestions with the management of the Elks Lodge, provide a report at the next membership meeting, and call for a vote if necessary. He will also ask about menu options that could accommodate individual meal restrictions if possible.

Members agreed that Baily could contact the Enterprise-Record about placing advance notice of meetings and programs in the newspaper, possibly in the Community Snapshot section.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary