

This was a Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, December 30, 2020, 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 MEMBER ABSENT: Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair.

OTHERS: Abe Baily, Area II Director; Roger Klaves, Assistant Area II Director.

MINUTES: There being no changes or corrections, the minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period ending 12/29/20, showing a balance of \$4,418.53, was accepted as submitted and filed for review.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta reported that the Legislature was planning to go back into session on 1/11/21 and were going to check on holding remote meetings. CalPERS was checking on climate control considerations in connection with its investments. Baily observed that some members of the RPEA Board did not agree with this possibility.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt referred members to his report in the newsletter concerning ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences), pandemic alternatives to the Christmas and other holiday experiences, and maintaining a patient and longer-term view of the process related to the pandemic. He also gave an update on the status of vaccinations that were being distributed and administered throughout the country.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Raitt indicated that there were 7 new members who were provided with a welcome letter along with information relating to RPEA. As of the end of November, 29 new members had joined and total membership currently stood at 340.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido stated that the newsletter was slightly delayed in being sent out due to the printer's employees being infected with COVID, however, they should be received by members in advance of the 1/7/21 meeting. The web site was updated with all current information. Raitt added that Roger Klaves had informed him that Rudy Jensen had asked to receive notice of all future Chapter meetings, and members present agreed with the request.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Evans reported that Salcido had informed members of the death of John Sutthoff and that she also asked that Salvestrin send condolences to his family.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger referred members to the Newsletter that contained information on the 1/7/21 Chapter meeting that would feature Dr. Robert Bernstein, Butte County Public Health Officer, speaking on COVID-19 management and vaccine distribution.

AREA II DIRECTOR'S & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Klaves mentioned that his report in the Newsletter (written 11/29/20) contained information on long-term-care premiums along with CalPERS health insurance plans. Baily stated that CalPERS was still seeking legislation to keep investment considerations secret. The bill was defeated last time it came before the Legislature and RPEA wants to kill the bill again.

AMBIA: There was general discussion on what AMBIA's experiences might be in signing up RPEA members for various programs that it offered.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary