

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 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.

**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; Judy Winter, Membership Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Craig Prazler and James Gregg, Members at Large.

**MINUTES:** A motion by Huntsinger to approve the 1/30/19 minutes was seconded and unanimously carried, copies of the minutes having been emailed to all members.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Palmer provided copies of her Report that showed a balance of \$2,635.29 as of 2/28/19. Reference to the WTC (Work Training Center) will be deleted.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Kowta referred members to her report that was contained in the Newsletter. She reported on an appearance of CalPERS new CIO Ben Meng before the Senate and Assembly legislative committees concerning CalPERS unfunded liability and investing in private equity funds. Also, CalPERS has been shedding its investment in American Media since 2014, at one time having owned 1/3.

**HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT:** Raitt referred members to his report in the Newsletter. He discussed “Reference Pricing” with regard to the cost of medications. The CalPERS staff will be presenting to the full CalPERS Board its recommendations for phase one implementation of this program in 2020 and phase two in 2021.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Winter discussed her efforts in getting organized as Membership Chair. The State RPEA will be making initial contact with prospective members and mail them information that will be useful to them before submitting a membership application and this will save local chapters time and expenses.

**NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT:** Salcido thanked the Legislative, Health Benefits and Membership Chairs for submitting articles for the March newsletter, and the Vice President for providing information on the March 7 membership program. The Print Shop, where newsletters were printed, was sold and is now named Wilson’s. The number of “hits” on the Chapter 77 web site continues to increase.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Salvestrin mailed a sympathy card to the family of Steve Muders and a get-well card to Nancy May.

**PROGRAM REPORT:** Stump left the meeting at 9:40 a.m. and Kruger presided. Kruger reported that the March 7 program would feature Michelle Curran speaking on the Reading Pals Program.

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

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Barbara A. Evans, Secretary