BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 8:00 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; Craig Praizler, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President and Membership Chair (Acting); Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 6/26/19 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Palmer provided copies of her Treasurer's report which showed a balance of $2,918.61 as of 7/24/19.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta's report was contained in the newsletter in which she covered CalPERS' return on investments for the fiscal year ending June 30, CalPERS' notice to retirees to verify their dependents, and statements from various individuals giving reasons they did not believe JJ Jelencic should be a candidate for the CalPERS Board. In a subsequent email, she indicated that pensioners who go back to work after retiring on disability were subject to stricter requirements under a new State law.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt indicated that his full report was set forth in the newsletter. It provided further information on the subject of "balance billing" (sometimes referred to as "surprise billing) in which services provided in emergency rooms by out-of-network providers were billed separately to patients. A bill to address the issue was introduced by a member of the State Legislature, but was withdrawn after opposition by hospitals, health insurers, and doctors.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido gave a summary of the preparation and distribution of the newsletter by email and U.S. mail. The web site had been updated with current information.

RPEA DONATION: Following discussion about the death of Tanya Rakestraw, Office Manager of RPEA headquarters in Sacramento, Raitt moved approval of a $100 donation from this Chapter to RPEA in her memory. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. The President asked that an announcement of this action be included in the next newsletter, and that an announcement be made at the September membership meeting.

SUNSHINE REPORT: An email from Salvestrin indicated that she had sent a thinking-of-you card to Valene Smith. An email from Kowta recommended get-well cards be sent to Dolores Campbell and Pat MacIntosh.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger has arranged for the City's Traffic Engineer to present a program at the September membership meeting. She was attempting to arrange a program on adult literacy at a subsequent meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The President suggested that the same Board members who served last year as the Nominating Committee, serve this year as well. (A subsequent review of the 12/27/17 Board minutes by the Secretary reflected that it was Raitt, Salvestrin and Palmer, with Past President Huntsinger serving as chair.)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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Barbara A. Evans, Secretary