

This was a virtual meeting held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association – Chapter 077
Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – 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; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Stump, President; Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, Member of Chapter 077.

MINUTES: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 5/29/24 meeting, they were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. The balance as of 6/26/24 is \$4,062.17.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta reported that the Governor and Legislature had passed a budget for the next fiscal year. In the last State RPEA newsletter, Al Darby, Vice President, provided a report on the need to reach and secure new members as they retired. She noted that Pat Moran, RPEA lobbyist, mentioned a single-payer medical plan and divestment were before the Legislature. There was also a proposition for the November ballot to address retail theft and drug charges.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt discussed a special power of attorney form developed by CalPERS for CalPERS items only. If a power of attorney is part of a trust or an estate, the recipient may not be able to make the necessary decisions relating to CalPERS due to mental or physical issues. If a retiree has a power of attorney that won't work for CalPERS items that is when they ask for the special CalPERS power of attorney. The form can be obtained on the MyCalPERS site. Lastly, CalPERS was in negotiations with health care companies in an attempt to secure five-year contracts.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: A report from Cassetta indicated that membership was the same as last month, 385 members.

NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE: Salcido gave a status report on the preparation and distribution of the newsletter, which will continue to be published during the summer months when there were no membership meetings. The new mailing process developed by the Post Office has been appreciated. She was also updating the web site.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Winter stated that she had sent a second get-well card to Yvonne Morton as she was not feeling well again. A thank you card and note was received from Margaet Tinnel indicating that she appreciated the get-well card previously sent to her by the Chapter.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger indicated that her name/organization (RPEA) was given to Butte County staff, and it was her intent to follow through by reaching out to them to invite a speaker to the Chapter concerning the proposed County 1 Cent sales tax for the November ballot, if the request was approved by the Board. Members agreed that she could pursue the request for the September membership meeting. Kruger was also attempting to secure a speaker for the October meeting for a presentation on the Electoral College.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Some members indicated that they would be absent from the 7/31/24 meeting, so members agreed to meet on Wednesday, 8/7/24 at 9:00 A.M. Kruger stated that she would have to leave the meeting by 10:00 A.M.

Evans announced that in July the Bylaws provided for the Board to appoint two or more members as the nominating committee, to be chaired by the immediate past president or a designee. The committee reports to the membership at its November meeting. Election of officers takes place at that meeting and they would be installed in January.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary