

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 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 led by Craig Praizler.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Stump, President; Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Judy Winter, Member at Large; Craig Praizler, Member at Large; Sandra Thomas, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Margaret Ballinger, Membership Chair (resigned); James Gregg, Member at Large.

MINUTES: Copies of the 5/30/18 minutes were approved as submitted, copies having been emailed to all members prior to this meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Palmer distributed copies of her Treasurer’s Report which showed a balance of \$1,648.65 as of 6/27/18 and it was accepted as submitted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta discussed her report set forth in the Newsletter. While sending the budget to the Governor, some State legislators were still concerned about unfunded pension commitments. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the Janus case that employees would no longer be required to pay union dues, which could hamper unions’ efforts to negotiate on behalf of employees.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt referred to his report contained in the Newsletter. The open enrollment period will be 9/10/18 through 10/5/18 for health benefit plans beginning 1/1/19. The premium rates were presented to the CalPERS Pension & Benefits Committee on 6/20/18 in closed session, then they will go to an ad hoc meeting of interested stakeholders, and then announced in open session. On 8/27/18 an email will be sent by CalPERS announcing the open enrollment period and how to obtain Health Plan Statements. A second reminder will be emailed shortly before the 9/10/18 start date for open enrollment.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Members were notified by Ballinger that she had submitted a letter of resignation to President Stump, to be effective 6/9/18, resigning as Membership Chair due to health reasons, which members regretted because she had done an outstanding job as Chair. A Membership report from her was contained in the Newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin sent a sympathy card to the family of Reva Gray. She will send a get-well card to Carlos Chinas. (Two get-well cards were previously mailed to Margaret Ballinger.)

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger reported that the September program would feature Horst Wolff and Julia Shovein, who sailed around the world in 7 years. The October program will be a presentation by the League of Women Voters about the pros and cons of ballot measures to appear on the November ballot.

BYLAWS, NOMINATIONS & PICNIC: Raitt reported on the status of revising the Chapter's Bylaws, which was being undertaken by himself and Kruger. He also reported on the status of nominations for officers for next year, including contacting incumbents about continuing to serve. For next year's June picnic, the Elks will be asked if it can provide watermelon/fruit, potato salad instead of French fries, and if they intended to again provide a dessert which they did this year for the first time.

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

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary