

This was a Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Betsy Kruger in the absence of President Norman Stump.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair & Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Stump, President (arrived later in meeting); Joan Palmer, Treasurer (arrived later in meeting); Judy Winter, Member at Large.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, District II Director.

MINUTES: There being no changes or corrections, the minutes of the 2/24/21 meeting were approved as submitted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta reported that CalPERS' plans to recruit a new CIO had been halted. She reviewed events surrounding efforts to recall Governor Newsom, and taxing stimulus payments that were designed to assist small businesses (no Federal tax, awaiting Legislative action to take similar action at the state level). Her report in the Newsletter noted that former CalPERS Board member JJ Jelincic was suing CalPERS to produce various documents associated with the resignation of former CIO Ben Meng. CalPERS was reviewing investments with regard to climate change.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt referred members to the Newsletter that reported on the Stakeholders meeting held virtually from the CalPERS offices in Sacramento. Dr. Julia Logan provided a COVID-19 update; the State has contracted with Blue Shield to be a third-party vaccine administrator; the CDC will be releasing guidelines for nursing homes; information on virus variants; and results of a study by the Mayo Clinic showing that the CORONA-19 virus was present in the nosopharynx of only 20% of people who were at least 2 weeks past their second vaccination.

+President Stump was present at this time.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Raitt provided a status report and noted that membership was currently at 336.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido provided a status report on preparation, printing and distribution of the Newsletter and noted that the Chapter's web site was updated.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin sent a get-well card to Margaret Ballinger.

+Treasurer Joan Palmer was present at this time.

AREA II DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Area II Director Roger Klaves reported that during the State Board meeting it was announced that Marie Reed had resigned as Secretary/Treasurer, that Abe Baily was appointed to fill that position, and that he was appointed Area II Director to replace Baily. He will share Area II meetings with Ernest Sandoval. The Board endorsed Margaret Brown in her reelection to the CalPERS Board. He included a short message in the Newsletter to Paradise Chapter 074 dated 3/2/21.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger announced that the speaker for the 4/1/21 meeting will be Roy Applegate, Coordinator, Trauma Response and Recovery, Butte County Office of Education. She asked that members mute their microphones to diminish noise during program presentations at membership meetings. The Board will discuss in-person meetings after May.

VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Raitt reported that Corey Saeteurn at the State RPEA headquarters asked that he be provided with advance written notice of membership meetings via Zoom in order for him to assist the Chapter with sending out notices of future meetings. Raitt will be identified as the host of the meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Palmer previously distributed copies of the report which showed a balance of \$4,836.75 as of 3/24/21.

FUTURE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Raitt and other Board members were concerned with the low attendance during the last membership meeting, even though most or all of the Board members were present. Palmer offered to review sign-in sheets from previous in-person meetings and give each Board member the names and phone numbers of those members who attended on a regular basis and to call them and encourage their attendance at upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. on a motion made by Huntsinger that was seconded and unanimously carried.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary