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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association – Chapter 077
Wednesday, March 27, 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; Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Stump, President; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, Chapter Member.

MINUTES: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 2/28/24 meeting, they were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. The balance as of 3/27/24 is \$4,030.43.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred members to her report in the newsletter. It contained information on the status of Proposition 1 regarding mental health and homelessness; efforts underway to recall the governor; the status of AB3073, AB2316 and AB1780 that were being considered by the Legislature; and the actions of the CalPERS Board acting as a fiduciary for the retirement fund. In addition, she reported on SB1260, presented by Senator Niello and backed by RPEA that would create a CalPERS Inspector General position; and an article in the Financial Times urging CalPERS to not go further into the "Private Equity Haunted House".

Raitt indicated to Klaves that the RPEA Board, rather than Chapter 077, should take up the issue of private equity funds and holding secret meetings before the Legislature. He moved that the Board inform Area II Director Abe Baily to advise the RPEA Board that Chapter 077 supports SB1260 (Niello) proposing a CalPERS Inspector General position and any efforts to keep CalPERS business open to the public. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Kowta will provide the information to Baily.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported that the CalPERS Board was in the process of having health insurance companies come before them to explain how the costs of their proposed rates were developed. He also explained the process whereby CalPERS was attempting to verify when members were deceased. CalPERS was also updating programs that would make it easier for members to obtain information from its web site.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Winter has sent another get-well/thinking of you card to Abe Baily. Salcido noted that Baily's wife advised that he was in physical therapy and could now accept visitors. Jacky suggested that visitors call first to make sure they are home.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Cassetta stated that since the last report of 398 members, 5 members were lost (failure to renew or deceased) and no new members were added, leaving a current membership of 393.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Salcido reported on a slight delay in the printing and mailing of the newsletters by the printer and post office, but they were still delivered in a timely manner.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger noted that the April membership meeting would feature Janet Brown, speaking on the positive changes at the Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT). Members agreed to have Kruger ask Winter to send a card to the Linemen's College in Oroville in connection with the death of one of its members who fell from a pole. Kruger was arranging for speakers from the Northern Law School for the May membership meeting. June would be the annual picnic.

RPEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY: To be discussed at the April meeting.

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

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary