

This was a Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, March 30, 2022 - 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 & Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Stump, President.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, RPEA District II Director.

MINUTES: There being no corrections, the minutes of the 2/23/22 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report for the period ending 3/30/22, showing a balance of \$5,507.77, was accepted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred members to her report in the Newsletter that discussed various matters before the Legislature and Governor, including how to compensate individuals for the increase in costs for gasoline, continuing the Governor's emergency powers in connection with Covid variants, developing a program for civil care courts for homeless individuals, the status of climate change measures, and the effect of Federal interest rates on pension funds.

RPEA DISTRICT II REPORT: Roger Klaves, RPEA District II Director, directed members to his report in the Newsletter dated 3/1/22, in which he mentioned the new CalPERS Financial Officer, CalPERS investments, the transfer of State surplus funds to PERS, an opening on the CalPERS Board, and an increase in RPEA membership due to AMBIA. He urged members to consider attending the next General Assembly and to give notice to RPEA at least 90 days before it was scheduled in September.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported on the last stakeholders meeting held in Sacramento on 3/10/22 regarding health insurance costs, negotiations between CalPERS and OptumRx on prescription costs, and long-term care issues.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Raitt stated that one new member joined last month, and that membership now stood at 329 as of 3/2/22.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido gave an update on the preparation, printing and mailing of the Newsletter, along with updating the Chapter's web site. Articles for the next Newsletter would be due 4/10/22 due to her planning a trip out of town.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin mailed a sympathy card to the family of Jerry Hughes, and a get-well card to Ralph Huntsinger.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Members agreed to continue holding Board meetings via Zoom for the time being.

It was agreed that a May membership meeting would not be scheduled. Various alternatives were discussed for a June 2 meeting in the form of a BBQ that would be paid for by the Chapter. Winter was asked to discuss options with the Elks' management:

The availability of the room adjacent to the outdoor patio on 6/2/22 and having the patio, bar area, or other space available if the meeting room couldn't be reserved.

Giving members the option of taking their meals with them.

Having hamburgers and hotdogs along with condiments and side dishes.

Providing a dessert.

Minimum number of guests needed and cost.

Sufficient details should be available to include in the next newsletter for the information of members.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary