

This Was a Virtual Meeting Held Via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association - Chapter 077
Wednesday, May 24, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. 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.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Stump, President; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

OTHERS: RPEA District II Director Abe Baily; Roger Klaves, Chapter Member.

MINUTES: There being no corrections, the minutes of the 4/26/23 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report showed a balance of \$4,380.78 as of 5/24/23. There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Submitted by Kowta in the newsletter.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported on guidance that CalPERS has issued regarding COVID-19 testing, treatment and vaccine coverage after the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency effective 5/11/23. For Basic plans, California has added six months to the end of the Federal COVID-19 public health emergency requirements, so through 11/11/23, these plans will continue to provide coverage for diagnostic tests, vaccines and boosters, and treatment (in or out of network) with no prior authorization or cost to members. But after 11/11/23, although services will continue, there may be cost sharing (such as copays, coinsurance and deductibles). Check with your particular plan to learn the details. For Medicare Plan members, after 5/11/23, cost sharing may apply for some COVID-19 related services. Again, check with your particular plan to learn the details. All CalPERS members will continue to have access to COVID-19 vaccines and boosters at no cost under preventative services.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE: Salcido reported that the Double Tree was now requesting a week's notice regarding lunch reservations. She gave them an estimated 25 members for the 6/1/23 meeting. Kruger will call the hotel if she receives more than 25 reservations. More were expected since this will be a free lunch.

Salcido added that the post office was asking that the Chapter consider adding a bar code to the bulk permit stamp that was affixed to all newsletters. It might provide a saving to the Chapter. She will continue working with the post office regarding the matter. Baily thought it might be a nation-wide postal regulation.

RPEA DISTRICT II DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Baily asked that members provide him with any issues they wished to have him bring to the RPEA Board of Directors that will be meeting next month.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Cassetta reported that membership went from 314 to 313. However, the Chapter received notice from RPEA headquarters that approximately 100 members would be transferred from the former Paradise Chapter to the Chico Chapter. He will send a welcome letter to the new members after he revises it sometime after July.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Members discussed the following matters concerning future meetings.

- The need to clarify meeting arrangements with the Double Tree if the Chapter continued to meet there next year.
 - What is included in lunch costs.
 - A more formal arrangement signed by the hotel and the Chapter.
 - Salcido agreed to continue as liaison with the hotel.
- Kruger suggested Nash's as an option.
- Baily suggested the Discovery Bar and Grill as an option.
- Announcements may be made at the 6/1/23 meeting, and copies of the Treasurer's Report and the minutes of the 5/4/23 membership meeting will be distributed.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Evans reported that she had sent sympathy cards to the families of Carl Johnson and Vern Kirkendall. Members asked that she continue to perform the duties of the Sunshine Chair until further notice.

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

Barbara A. Evans Secretary