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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – May 25, 2022

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer (arrived prior to Treasurer's Report); Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair & Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Stump, President; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, RPEA Area II Director.

MINUTES: There being no corrections, the minutes stood approved as submitted.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE: Salcido gave a report on the preparation and distribution of the Newsletter along with an update on the web site.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported that CalPERS was in preliminary negotiations with health insurance companies regarding next year's rates. He discussed the Medicare Advantage Plan that allowed Medicare to enter into a contract with private insurance companies to provide benefits. It was thought that it would be more difficult for Medicare to keep track of costs under this arrangement.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Raitt stated that total membership was at 330 according to the April report from RPEA.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred members to her report in the Newsletter regarding the state budget and current surplus, various projects and programs that the Governor and legislators were interesting in promoting, and the CalPERS long-term care situation.

RPEA AREA II DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Klaves referred members to his report in the Newsletter dated 4/27/22 regarding the General Assembly in Sacramento in September, endorsement of Randall Cheek to the CalPERS Board by the RPEA, status of the vacant property adjacent to RPEA headquarters in Sacramento, retired employees working for public agencies in excess of the number of hours allowed, and failure of the Long-Term Care settlement not going forward because 30% of the settlement class had opted out of the program.

Klaves asked that members let him know if anyone from the Board intended to attend the General Assembly as a delegate. Since no one responded in the affirmative, Vice President Kruger asked the Secretary to notify the President if he intended to attend or if he wanted to appoint some other member to attend, and to let Klaves know before the 6/11/22 deadline.

TREASURER’S REPORT: There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. Palmer noted that she had sent a bank statement to RPEA at the end of the year, and one at the end of April as required by RPEA.

JUNE 2 PICNIC/MEETING: Committee member Winter gave an update on arrangements for the June 2 picnic to be held at Manzanita Place/Elks Lodge. Details were in the Newsletter so that members could sign up to order to-go lunches or stay to eat there.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salcido reported that she had notified Salvestrin to send sympathy cards to the families of Wes Dempsey and Eunice Toussaint.

FUTURE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: It was tentatively agreed that in-person membership meetings could commence again in September depending on any Covid restrictions issued by the CDC along with the ability of food establishments to hire necessary help. Raitt noted that the CDC was now recommending that individuals wear masks when indoors in public meetings.

Program suggestions included the Police Department canines and the Discovery Shop. Members will also need to know the cost for lunches.

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

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary