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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Retired Public Employees Association/Chapter #77

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 @ 9:00am

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order @ 9:05am by Vice President Betsy Kruger.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mike Cassetta, Membership Chair; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norm Stump, President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Faye Johnson, Member at Large.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Frank, Area 2 RPEA Director; Roger Klaves, Chapter Member.

MINUTES: 4/23/25 Board of Directors Minutes forwarded to Board Members via e-mail 5/20/25; Members acknowledged receipt and approved as written and submitted by Kruger, substituting for Board Secretary, Evans.

TREASURER REPORT: Palmer submitter Report to Secretary Evans 5/23/25 who then forwarded Report by e-mail to all Board Members 5/25/25. The balance as of 5/28/25 is: \$4,861.04 . Members acknowledged receipt of Report and offered no questions &/or corrections to Report which was accepted and will be filed as submitted.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported Federal Government (HHS) has issued new guidelines re: COVID-19 vaccines, no longer advising healthy children and pregnant women routinely receive booster vaccinations. Change may affect insurance reimbursements? To date no change in recommending seniors continue to access vaccine when necessary and therefore no change to date in Medicare coverage.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE: Salcido related delivery of Newsletter timely. Website is up to date. Salcido is seeking articles and notes of interest to include in Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP: Cassetta submitted Report to all Board Members via e-mail on 5/20/25. Membership count is @ 363, with one new member and 1 deceased member—broke even with count remaining same as last month. However 3 members having not paid dues are pending termination. Cassetta advises he notifies members in arrears and provides info packets, etc.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Winter related she sent 4 sympathy cards in April/2025. This month she has sent 2 sympathy cards. She had a sympathy card returned from her March effort. Winter also sent out several get well/thinking of you cards (mostly to Board Members recovering from orthopedic maladies).

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AREA 2 DIRECTOR REPORT: Frank reported RPEA HQs has changed FY and therefore necessarily the accounting/records reporting dates. FY is now July 1 to June 30, hence Chapters need to provide documents, etc. by 6/1, no later than 8/1 each FY. Frank also reported Chapters are now required to have, at minimum, 2 signatories on checking accounts. Palmer related we have been in compliance with 3 signatories. Frank also related Redding Chapter #34 where he is a member has an effective RPEA recruitment flyer designed by his wife; he will share flyer with members of our Chapter to distribute as possible. Frank is attempting to contact formerly active members of the Oroville RPEA Chapter to try restitution. Finally, Frank related he spoke with J.J. Jelincic, State RPEA Director of Health Benefits, re: info Blue Cross Medical Insurance would be pulling services out of Butte County (specifically affecting CSUC CalPERS health insurance beneficiaries); Jelincic acknowledged Blue Cross likely exercised bargaining ploy.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:05am