

This was a Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association – Chapter 077
Wednesday, May 29, 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.

OTHER: Roger Klaves, Member of Chapter 077.

MINUTES: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 4/24/24 meeting, they were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. The balance as of 5/29/24 is \$4375.43.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported that two areas needed to be considered by the CalPERS Board. Expansion of certain health programs in the State by adding counties by all or portions of zip codes. Benefit design changes would include adding doulas. AB904 would add maternal benefits and provide coverage for travel for health care over 50 miles, plus lodging, meals, etc.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred members to her report in the newsletter which provided details on the State budget and services that would be affected. She added that there was an article in the University faculty and staff newsletter on private equity that might be mentioned in this Chapter's newsletter.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido noted that the June picnic was mentioned in the newsletter with a reminder to make lunch reservations. She pointed out items of interest in other chapters' newsletters that she received and Kowta indicated she might share those of interest with members in future newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Cassetta reported that current membership was 385 with 4 members not renewing and one member being deceased. Raitt suggested that whenever possible they be encouraged to pay dues through a deduction from their retirement checks rather than an annual payment to RPEA, and Cassetta noted that he has routinely been doing that.

SUNSHINE REPORT: A get-well card will be mailed to Margaret Tinnel and a sympathy card will be mailed to the family of Elizabeth Tolle.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Salcido and Kruger gave an update on lunch services provided by Nash's. If there were any special dietary needs, they would ask if they could be accommodated. Kruger indicated to Kowta that members could be asked if they would be interested in a brunch on some occasions.

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary