

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77  
Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 9:00 A.M. – Farmer’s Skillet, 690 Rio Lindo Avenue

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Norman Stump, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Lawrie Salvestrin.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Norman Stump, President; Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair (appointed at today’s meeting); Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Judy Winter, Member at Large; Sandra Thomas, Member at Large; James Gregg, Member at Large.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Margaret Ballinger, Membership Chair; Craig Praizler, Member at Large.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the 4/25/18 meeting were approved, copies having been emailed previously to all members.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Palmer distributed copies of her Treasurer’s Report which showed a balance of \$1,927.92 as of 5/30/18.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Kowta referred to her report in the June newsletter that covered matters relating to the 6/5/18 Election, concerns regarding CalPERS management of pension funds, and changes in the personnel of the CalPERS financial team.

**HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT:** Raitt referred to his report in the June newsletter. At the 5/10/18 Stakeholders meeting, health insurance premium rates were considered for presentation to the full CalPERS Board. Some of the variations in rates that were based on regional factors or zip codes were not acceptable to CalPERS staff. The Castlelight program, which allowed retirees to do comparison shopping for services, was deemed ineffective and will be discontinued. An increase in use of urgent care centers as an alternative to primary care providers may result in an increase in co-pays for such visits, and a possible savings for primary care visits. While this could be of benefit to hospital emergency rooms, some members felt it did not benefit subscribers.

**MEMBERSHIP & SUNSHINE REPORTS:** Evans reported that Ballinger had sent letters with attachments to 6 new members, and sent a sympathy card to the family of Dorothy Borges.

**NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT:** Salcido reported that using the RPEA database for emailing newsletters was working out very well and resulting in the correction of any erroneous email addresses. The annual picnic was mentioned in the newsletter along with a request for donations to offset some costs to the Chapter. There continues to be an increase in the number of hits on the web site.

**SUNSHINE CHAIR:** Members unanimously agreed with the appointment of Lawrie Salvestrin as Sunshine Chair, with Judy Winter serving as her assistant as needed.

**PROGRAM REPORT:** Kruger noted that Horst Wolff and Julia Shovein, who sailed around the world in 7 years, would be guest speakers for the September program. She listed possibilities for the October program.

**RPEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** The State RPEA had notified chapters in Area II that George Otterbeck would be leaving the position of Area II Director, and the Chapter could submit nominations for this position along with nominations for State officers for consideration at the General Assembly.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. on a motion by Huntsinger that was seconded and unanimously carried.

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Barbara A. Evans, Secretary