

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - Farmer's Skillet, 690 Rio Lindo Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Betsy Kruger presided over the meeting in the absence of the President. She called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: 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.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Stump, President (arrived at 9:10 a.m.); Judy Winter, Membership Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Craig Prazler, Member at Large; James Gregg, Member at Large.

MINUTES: The 4/24/19 minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Palmer distributed copies of the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$3,111.43 as of 5/29/19.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido reported that Winter (Membership), Raitt (Health Benefits) and Kowta (Legislative) had submitted articles that were included in the newsletter. She reviewed the delivery schedule and also indicated that the Chapter 77 web site had been updated.

(President Stump arrived at this time and presided over the remainder of the meeting.)

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt referred members to his report in the newsletter in which he reported on the use of CalPERS surplus funds to reduce the PERSCare premiums as recommended by staff, while others at the meeting suggested alternative uses for the funds. At a prior Stakeholders' meeting, various insurance companies gave reports on what they had available for mental health services care. On 5/15/19 CalPERS announced the preliminary 2020 health plan premiums for the three (previously five) state regions.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT AND LOSS OF BOARD MEMBER: Winter's membership report was set forth in the newsletter. Raitt reported that he had contacted Gregg concerning his continuing membership on the Board and was advised by Gregg that he be taken off the Board since he was unable to continue participating in the meetings. Raitt moved that the Board approve of Gregg being taken off

the Board per his request. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

BYLAWS: Stump distributed copies of the new Bylaws for Chapter 77, which were approved by the State RPEA Board of Directors at their February 2019 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred members to her report contained in the newsletter, in which the upcoming CalPERS Board election was mentioned. It would include 2 candidates to represent retired employees on the Board and was expected to be contentious because of the candidates' personalities. CalPERS has joined with the Colorado State pension system's legal action against Johnson & Johnson which would enable investors to participate in class action suits, thereby preventing J & J from stopping such actions. The State Assembly has moved to introduce the divestiture of Turkish investments as a statement about Turkey's inhumane treatment of Americans (starting in 1905).

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin has sent a sympathy card to the family of Jerry Maneker, and a card of encouragement to Winter who was taking care of her son due to health issues.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger noted that the annual picnic would occur on June 6, and she was working on programs for the September and October meetings. Salvestrin has confirmed the picnic with the Elks Club/Manzanita Place.

PRESIDING OVER MEETINGS: Kruger reported that while she presided over meetings in the absence of the President, she recommended that a third person be appointed to preside when both the President and Vice President were not present. It was important that the President advise her when he was unable to come to a meeting, so that she in turn could advise the third person if she also would not be at a meeting. The Secretary and Treasurer declined to be third in line since they were performing other duties during meetings. Following discussion, the Board selected Raitt to serve as the third person in line for presiding over meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary