

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, November 28, 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.

DISASTER NOTE: On 11/8/18, a catastrophic fire, named the Camp Fire, devastated the Town of Paradise and portions of surrounding communities, causing a mass evacuation.

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; (Vacant) Membership Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Craig Praizler, Member at Large, Sandra Thomas, Member at Large; James Gregg, Member at Large; Margaret Ballinger, Member at Large.

GUEST: Roger Klaves, Area II Assistant Director, and President of Paradise Chapter of RPEA.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 10/24/18 meeting were accepted as presented, copies having been previously emailed to all Board members.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Palmer provided copies of her report for the period ending 10/31/18 which showed a balance of \$891.66, budget figures for 2017-18, and budget figures for 2018-19. Also provided were copies of her report for the period ending 11/30/18 which showed a balance of \$2,001.61. The reports were accepted as presented.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta reported on the impact of the Camp Fire that occurred on 11/8/18, the need to watch for scams on individuals impacted by the fire, and the fact that many Americans fall short of conservative retirement savings targets.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported that Enloe Medical Center and Ampla had reached an agreement to extend benefits through 12/31/18 for primary subscribers due to the Camp Fire. Also, the State Appellate court ruled the right-to-die law passed in 2015 was lawful in spite of it being passed during a special session of the Legislature, and the court outlined the conditions under which the law could be allowed.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido reported that she was unable to produce a newsletter for December since she had to evacuate her home during the Camp Fire. Her home was not destroyed and she may be able to return in the next few days. She was also unable to secure mailing labels or email addresses from the State RPEA.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin sent Christmas cards to Sandy Thomas, who was now at Prestige Assisted Living, and Margaret Ballinger, who was now at The Inn Assisted Living at The Terraces.

CHRISTMAS PARTY & ATTENDANCE OF PARADISE CHAPTER MEMBERS TO FUTURE MEETINGS: It was agreed that the Paradise and Oroville Chapter members would be invited to the Christmas Party on 12/6/18.

Raitt moved that the Paradise Chapter members be allowed to attend the Christmas Party at no cost. The motion was seconded by Winter and unanimously carried. Thereafter, Paradise members would pay full cost for meals at future meetings. Roger Klaves indicated that he would ask members to pay half the cost and the Paradise Chapter would pay the other half. Winter moved that the Budget implications of this policy be reviewed by the Board at its 2/7/19 meeting. The motion was seconded by Raitt and unanimously carried.

Stump will negotiate the cost of meals for the Christmas Party and Board members will provide dessert. Huntsinger will be asked if he still wanted to volunteer to provide music, and if not, Stump will arrange for recorded music.

A donation jar will be provided and members will be asked to donate \$5.00 for meal costs. Door prizes will be provided by Board members, and winners will be selected at random from the signup sheet. Gregg will be asked if he would still be able to provide poinsettias as he has in the past and if he wanted to sell some of his prints during the event.

Salvestrin will call members who don't have email addresses and Kowta will notify members who had emails. Those members who were known to regularly attend meetings would be given priority.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR RESIGNATION: Board members acknowledged receipt of a letter dated 11/6/18 from Margaret Ballinger, submitting her resignation as Membership Chair and Board Member. She also asked to be notified if someone could pick up the membership material that was in her possession. Kruger moved to accept the resignation and to provide a letter of appreciation from the Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Secretary Evans asked about Thomas' name being retained as a Board member, and Raitt moved that it be removed. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The Board previously agreed to meet on 12/19/18 at 9:00 a.m. in order to avoid having a meeting on the day after Christmas.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary