

This was a Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77  
Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Betsy Kruger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair & Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Norman Stump, President; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President.

**OTHERS:** Roger Klaves, State RPEA Area II Director; Abe Baily, State RPEA Secretary/Treasurer.

**MINUTES:** There being no corrections, the minutes of the 10/27/21 meeting stood approved as submitted.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** The report was contained in the Newsletter. Kowta added that the State Legislature was out of session until 1/3/22.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Salvestrin previously transmitted an email to Board members advising that she had sent sympathy cards to Al Raitt (for the death of nephew), and to families of George Johnson, William Lane, Stella Proctor, Stephen Wolske and Tom McCready.

**DISTRICT II DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Klaves' report was set forth in the newsletter dated 10/1/21. He noted that CalPERS' return was 6.8%. He recommended that members notify RPEA of their volunteer work in the community. Baily recommended that members attempt to recruit new members through various measures, that they consider running for a State-wide RPEA office, and that they attend General Assembly meetings. The State RPEA continues to oversee actions taken by the CalPERS Board and CAO.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** An email from the President indicated that in his discussions with the Elks' Lodge, Wednesday would be the best day to hand out a curbside dinner, or if only bags of goodies were handed out, Tuesday or Friday would be ok.

Kowta moved that the Board select a Wednesday for the event, ask the Elks' Lodge to prepare a box lunch, and members be given the option of driving up and taking the lunch or eating it at the Elks Lodge. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Winter moved that the Board select December 15 at 11:30 a.m. for the drive-up lunch. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

It was agreed that in the Newsletter interested members would contact Mary Kowta on her land line, provide their phone number, indicate if they want only one lunch or also a second lunch for a spouse/guest, and if they intend to take the lunch and leave or stay to eat the lunch at the Lodge.

It was agreed that Winter would contact the Elks to make arrangements for the contents of the box lunch.

Salcido will contact the President and then the Elks to determine if the patio area could be reserved on December 15.

A deadline suitable to the Elks was needed for members to respond to Kowta.

Salcido will include an appropriate announcement in the Newsletter when details are finalized.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Raitt stated that 3 new members were added in October, 14 new members were added so far this year, for a total membership of 334.

**HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT:** Raitt reported in the newsletter that he would be taking a break from writing articles for the Newsletter. In addition, a nephew had recently passed away from a COVID infection, the details of which he related in the Newsletter.

He then displayed a power-point presentation on proposals from insurance carriers that were considered at the last Stakeholders meeting on 11/10/21 for health benefits beginning in the 2023 calendar year.

Salcido was asked, if feasible, to provide the link for this presentation in the Newsletter and also on the Web Site.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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Barbara A. Evans, Secretary