

This was a Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Norman Stump.

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 & Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President.

MEMBER ABSENT: Judy Winter, Member at Large.

OTHERS: Area II Director Abe Baily and Area II Assistant Director Roger Klaves.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 10/28/20 meeting were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report due to short period of time since last Board meeting. A proposed 1920-21 Budget was submitted at the 11/5/20 membership meeting.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta reviewed the contents of her report set forth in the newsletter which covered some matters from the November election, CalPERS investments, and impact of employee pension payments on municipalities and other local agencies. Abe Baily added information on CalPERS investments in private equity funds that were discussed at the last State RPEA Board meeting.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt discussed his report in the newsletter about the CalPERS-sponsored Stakeholders meeting at which members discussed a risk mitigation strategy being developed to address the problem that three of the CalPERS-sponsored health insurance programs currently exhibit. At the RPEA Health Benefits meeting members were beginning to more strongly consider non-CalPERS sponsored health insurance programs (such as those offered by AARP and AMBIA).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Raitt reported that current membership was at 333, and there were several new members joining in recent months who lived in other communities or other states.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido emailed the newsletter to Board members in time for today's meeting and included an announcement that the December membership meeting was cancelled. Members agreed that she could send a holiday greeting from the Board to members who had email addresses. As to sending holiday greetings to members who had no email addresses, various alternative methods were discussed and it was agreed that it would be left in Salvestrin's discretion in deciding in what form and how to send the greetings as well as accepting assistance from members who offered to help her.

SUNSHINE REPORT: A get-well card was sent to Ralph Huntsinger who was now in attendance at today's meeting. She did not send a sympathy card to the family of Eleanor Sogg since she was unable to secure a current address for her husband Charles Sogg.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger has arranged for Robert Bernstein, Butte County Public Health Officer, to speak at the 1/7/21 membership meeting on issues relating to COVID-19. She was also working on a program for the February meeting.

AREA II DIRECTOR & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORTS: Klaves reviewed his report in the newsletter which was prepared 11/1/20 and sent to Paradise Chapter members and he urged them to consider joining Chapter 77's Zoom Board meetings. His report covered rebuilding progress in Paradise, health insurance issues, hiring a new Chief Investment Officer by CalPERS, and an attempt by a retiree in Contra Costa County to receive retirement benefits even though he had been convicted of embezzling funds from his employer.

Klaves suggested inviting both Paradise and Oroville to Chico Chapter Zoom meetings. He noted that although the Paradise Chapter was suspended, the Oroville Chapter was not meeting at this time. Baily suggested an area-wide invitation to chapters to join the meetings, and he would seek assistance from the State RPEA in following up on this idea.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. with the next meeting to be held on 12/30/20 via Zoom.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary