

This was a virtual meeting held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association – Chapter 077
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Betsy Kruger.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair; Faye Johnson, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Stump, President; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair.

OTHERS PRESENT: Abe Baily & Roger Klaves, Chapter 077 Members.

MINUTES: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 10/30/24 meeting, they were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. The balance as of 11/20/24 is \$4,705.99.

BULK MAIL PERMIT, NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Members were in receipt of an email from RPEA headquarters indicating that chapters could consider utilizing the non-profit bulk mailing permit from headquarters which would alleviate the financial burden of annual permit renewals. Salcido explained the chapter's current procedures for preparing and mailing the newsletter, and it was agreed that she could discuss options with headquarters as well as the local post office and report back at the December board meeting. Salcido indicated that she was able to prepare, print and distribute the December newsletter, and appreciated Kruger and Baily working with headquarters in preparing and mailing the prior two newsletters while she was recuperating from a fall.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported on Medicare Advantage subscribers switching back to Medicare in situations where benefits were denied when subscribers needed a higher level of care, thereby requiring subscribers to pay for the care. Subscribers could switch during the open enrollment period. Some members explained that when CalPERS switched from Blue Cross to Blue Shield, the new membership cards only had the name of the subscriber and not the spouse. It was explained that CalPERS was not aware of this situation and would be reporting on its findings. Baily noted that AMBA could sell Medicare Advantage Plans to any RPEA members.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Cassetta reported that the current membership was 376.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger explained that the December 5 holiday meeting would feature David Vallelunga, a local pastor and multi-instrumentalist. Discussion followed on various arrangements for the meeting, including poinsettias, desserts, raffle tickets, donation jars, etc.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary