

This was a Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77  
Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 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; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair & Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

**MINUTES:** There being no corrections, the minutes of the 9/29/21 meeting were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET:** The report for the period ending 10/27/21 showed a balance of \$5,675.85. Members were also provided with a budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year that reflected an ending balance of \$6,615.85.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Kowta referred members to her report set forth in the newsletter. The Legislature is on a break until the first Monday in January. Incumbent CalPERS Board member Margaret Brown and candidate Tiffany Emon Moran were defeated in the Board election (both were endorsed by RPEA). CalPERS has a new Global Equity Managing Investment Director, Simiso Nzima.

**HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT:** Raitt referred members to the newsletter in which he indicated that this would be the last article that he would write and urged members to read the Health Benefits Update that appears in the statewide RPEA bimonthly newsletter. He related his recent experience with a nephew who had contracted COVID-19 after refusing to be vaccinated, had a lengthy hospital stay, and succumbed to the illness 10/23/21. President Stump expressed the regrets of the Board and would be praying for the many relatives and family members that would be affected by this loss.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Raitt reported that three new members had joined, and that membership stood at 333 as of 10/04/21.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** On behalf of the Board, Salvestrin sent a thinking-of-you card to Al Raitt for the loss of his nephew; a sympathy card to the family of Sharon Padgett; and at the request of Huntsinger, a sympathy card to the family of George Johnson.

**PROGRAM REPORT:** Kruger reported that future programs would be considered at such time as in-person membership meetings were scheduled. Members agreed to consider such meetings after the first of the year, depending on circumstances at that time.

Since no membership meetings were scheduled at this time, Kowta suggested a Christmas drive-through program where members could be provided with something and be greeted by Board members. A lengthy discussion followed on various options for the program, and the following was agreed upon:

The drive-through event would be held at the Elks Lodge between Tuesday, December 13 and Friday, December 17, on a date selected by them.

The President will work with the Elks Lodge in determining the menu for the hand-outs, dessert, candy, and special bags.

Board members would be present to hand out the bags.

A notice of the event would be placed in the next newsletter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. on a motion made by Huntsinger that was seconded and unanimously carried.

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Barbara A. Evans, Secretary