

This was a virtual meeting held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association – Chapter 077
Wednesday, October 30, 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; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair, Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair; Faye Johnson Member at Large. (President Norman Stump and Treasurer Joan Palmer arrived later in the meeting during discussion of the Health Benefits Report.)

ABSENT: Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, Chapter Member.

MINUTES: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 9/25/24 meeting, they were approved as submitted.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported that during a retiree roundtable meeting of CalPERS held 10/17/24 there was discussion regarding the benefits verification process to determine which members may have passed away, but benefits continued to be paid out. Survivors were required to file a special CalPERS power of attorney to continue receiving benefits. Regarding health benefits, CalPERS has switched from Blue Cross to Blue Shield with no change in benefits. Also, CalPERS is updating its web site over the next 2 years to make it more efficient and easier to use. CalPERS will be sending out quarterly reports regarding investments, assets, liabilities, health benefits, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. The balance as of 10/30/24 is \$4,409.57.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT: Members were in receipt of an email dated 10/9/24 from Jim Anderson, RPEA Bylaws Chair, advising that the 2024 General Assembly adopted a change in the RPEA Bylaws that modified the fiscal year of the organization to a calendar year, thus requiring every chapter to change their bylaws accordingly by 5/1/25.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Raitt moved to accept the report of the board, acting as a committee of the whole, to appoint Norman Stump as President, Betsy Kruger as Vice President, Barbara Evans as Secretary and Joan Palmer as Treasurer for the upcoming term. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Cassetta submitted a report that indicated current membership at 378 members.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: It was noted that RPEA headquarters assisted in sending out a notice to all members regarding the upcoming 11/7/24 membership meeting. Salcido expressed her appreciation to Baily and Kruger for coordinating the preparation of the notice.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Members asked that the Sunshine Chair send a get-well card to Abe Baily.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger announced that the November meeting would feature Charley Turner speaking about the Electoral College.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING: The next Board meeting will be held on 11/20/24 to avoid meeting the day before Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

Barbara A. Evans Secretary