

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77  
Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - Farmer's Skillet, 690 Rio Lindo Avenue

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Norman Stump, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Judy Winter.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Norman Stump, President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Membership Chair (Acting) and Past President; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Craig Prazler, Member at Large.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the 8/28/19 were accepted, copies having been emailed in advance to Board members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Palmer provided copies of her report that showed a balance of \$3,247.62 as of 9/25/19. The cost of lunches and a revised menu for membership meetings was discussed.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Kowta referred to her report in the Newsletter. Currently, if CalPERS discovers a miscalculation was made in an initial pension calculation by an employer, the employee would be responsible for paying back any excess amount received for up to 3 years. SB 266 would place this burden on the employer. However, this bill was eventually pulled and did not go to the Governor. The Governor signed an executive order to leverage public pension funds and the State's purchasing power to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT:** Raitt referred to his report in the Newsletter. CalPERS' Health Program Guide describes CalPERS' basic health plan eligibility, enrollment, and choices. He provided information on how to access the Guide, the Health Benefits Summary, and the Medicare Enrollment Guide. He explained the type of information that was contained in each of the publications.

**NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT:** Salcido provided an update on the Newsletter and web site and expressed appreciation to those who submitted early articles for the Newsletter.

**PROGRAM REPORT:** Salcido indicated that the October 3 program would feature Heather Tovey, Coordinator, speaking on the Adult Literacy Program at the Library.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Winter reviewed the information she had provided to Huntsinger on the process for new members, and a box of material she had left for him at the Elks Lodge. Members discussed whether the process needed to be revised and whether members could provide assistance to the Membership Chair.

Huntsinger arrived at the meeting at this time and shared that since April he has experienced considerable difficulty accomplishing Membership Chair duties, and accepted Raitt's offer to, along with his wife Sue, assume these duties on an interim basis. It was agreed that Huntsinger would contact Winter about the process and would continue to serve until Winter was again able to serve as Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Barbara A. Evans, Secretary