

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 9:00 A.M. – Farmer’s Skillet, 690 Rio Lindo Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Betsy Kruger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; (Vacant) Membership Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Stump, President; Craig Praizler, Member at Large; Sandra Thomas, Member at Large; James Gregg, Member at Large; Margaret Ballinger, Member at Large.

MINUTES: A motion made by Salcido to approve the 8/29/18 minutes was seconded and unanimously carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Palmer presented the report for the period ending 9/26/18, showing a balance of \$1,857.82. A motion by Salcido to accept the report as presented was seconded and unanimously carried.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido reported that she was advised by President Stump that the Work Training Center, which assisted in mailing out the monthly newsletters, was moving to Oroville. In addition, RPEA headquarters in Sacramento had not sent mailing labels due to office staff being involved in the General Assembly, but assured her they would be sent by UPS overnight service. She would purchase postage stamps and send the newsletters via first-class mail to assure that members received them in advance of the October 4 membership meeting. In the interim, she and the President were exploring other options for processing the newsletter.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt referred to his report set forth in the newsletter. It involved his being contacted by a member who was questioning an article in the newspaper that Enloe Hospital had issued contract termination notices to Anthem Blue Cross in order to negotiate commercial managed care contracts. After phone calls to different offices at Enloe, as well as other agencies, he was advised by a Customer Service representative from Anthem that the announcement in the newspaper applied only to those who had Anthem as their primary insurance plan, and did not apply to those who had Anthem as secondary to Medicare.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred to her report in the newsletter regarding various matters relating to the upcoming November election. She also reported that CalPERS CEO Marcie Frost announced that Ben Meng was the new Chief Investment Officer for CalPERS. CalPERS was holding another election for a Board member that would represent employees who were currently working.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin indicated that she had sent a sympathy card to the Ruth Colbie family and a thinking-of-you card to Margaret Ballinger.

PROGRAM REPORT: Palmer provided a letter to Kruger from the Paradise Chapter asking if the Chico Chapter was interested in scheduling some trips together.

Mary & Mark Kowta along with Betsy Kruger, will present a program at the October membership meeting on behalf of the League of Women Voters concerning some of the measures to appear on the November ballot.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Palmer reported on the disposition of several resolutions presented at the General Assembly, some of which were adopted, some referred back, and some withdrawn. Al Darby was elected President. She thought that it was an excellent meeting.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Kowta and Raitt will work with the Treasurer in preparing a budget for the next fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. on a motion by Huntsinger that was seconded and unanimously carried.

The October meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday, October 24, at 9:00 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary