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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association - Chapter 077
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Betsy Kruger.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: *Norman Stump, President (arrived after Sunshine Report); 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; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, Chapter Member.

MINUTES: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 8/30/23 meeting, they were approved as submitted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred members to the newsletter that contained her report on the status of various bills forwarded to the Governor for his signature or veto, on matters concerning CalPERS, and the passing of Ed Hoiland, partner of Caroline Aldrich Langen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report showed a balance of \$3,907.14 as of 9/27/23. There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. Palmer noted that costs associated with contacting new members from the Paradise Chapter (\$134.80) and post office box rent (\$194.00) were included in the report.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt noted that during the 9/14/23 stakeholders meeting, it was reported that CalPERS would be developing a solicitation for a PPO provider to secure a long-term contract for the period 2025-2029. Plans were to submit an RFP in November or December, allow the companies to respond, consider proposals in January or February and then meet with them, and in March or April they could submit updated proposals based on their meeting with CalPERS. CalPERS would then review the updated proposals and select a contractor in May or June. The HMO solicitation process helped CalPERS consider what they wanted in a PPO proposal. Open enrollment is still underway for the period September 18 to October 13 for subscribers.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE: Salcido gave a summary of the preparation and distribution of the Newsletter, along with an update to the web site.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Cassetta reported that total membership was 402, down from 406 in July. Lost 7 members, with 2 deceased and 5 dues deductions stopped by CalPERS, and gained 3 new members.

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SUNSHINE REPORT: Winters sent thinking-of-you cards to Jim & Lyla Gregg and to Bobbie Svihus. Sympathy cards would be mailed to survivors of Lawrie Salvestrin, to Carolyn Langen in the loss of her partner Ed Hoiland, and to the family of Joel Thomas. The Board is awaiting a report from Area II Director Baily about the feasibility of the Chapter making a donation to the Enloe Cancer Center in remembrance of Lawrie Salvestrin.

**President Stump was now present at the meeting.*

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger announced that Michael Wolcott, Editor of the Chico Enterprise-Record and Oroville Mercury-Register, would be the featured speaker for the October membership meeting. November would feature Aqua Alliance on aquifers, and Pastor Dave was tentatively scheduled to provide seasonal music for December. She was seeking a panel of insurance brokers to address fire insurance protections for homeowners to speak at the January meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS VENUE: Kruger, Salcido and Palmer outlined difficulties that were being encountered with staff at the Double Tree by Hilton regarding meals for membership meetings, and extra expenses that were being incurred. Following discussion and suggestions, members agreed that Kruger, Salcido and Palmer would serve as a committee to seek another venue for membership meetings beginning in January.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTION: Raitt will report back at the next meeting on the nomination and election process for Chapter officers.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary