

Peralta Retirees Organization (PRO)
Board Meeting, December 6, 2006
PFT Conference Room

Present: Jerry Herman, President, Bruce Jacobs, Vice-President, Shirley Timm, Treasurer, Juanita Peterson, Secretary.

Board Members: Remo Arancio, Pat England, Sondra Neiman, Ned Pearlstein
Absent: George Herring, Linda Japzon, Alec Pappas

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by Jerry.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley reported a balance of \$11,582.71
The cost of the annual lunch was \$768.18 paid to Aromas for food and for catering, and \$85.27 was spent for supplies. Shirley also reported that PRO is close to being granted non-profit status.

Secretary's Report: Juanita distributed a copy of the minutes of the October 4, 2006 Board Meeting and a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting on November 8, 2006. These minutes had been distributed earlier via email to all Board members and additions and corrections had been incorporated.

MSU (Remo, Ned) that the Treasurer's Report and the Secretary's Report are accepted as presented

The suggestion was made that a list be made of the names of those who have not paid for membership for 2007. Jerry will write a letter to the members who have not paid for 2007 or earlier.

Newsletter: Bruce reminded us that this is the last Board meeting before the January-March Newsletter is published and mailed. The featured article will be on investment advice by Bev Tanner, a financial planner. Bruce asked for suggestions of other items to include in the Newsletter.

Ned thinks an article listing the documents that will be required of those who have yet to apply for Social Security and Medicare coverage. Also, it should include the fact that the spouse can qualify for Medicare if married to a person applying for or already on Medicare. Tom Terman has a book of this information and he has written to Diane Feinstein about the Social Security offset. A bill is being considered that would repeal the off-set. Remo said to include that there is a surcharge on medicine for Part D depending on the income of the person requesting the medicine. Ned will write about the premiums charged for Medicare Part B.

Jerry will write an article on the CoreSource Summary Plan Description (SPD) currently being reviewed by the PRO Benefits Committee.

Jerry will invite Tom Smith to the February meeting to explain the bond portfolio and to answer questions about the bond investments. For example, it was not clear whether the 4% interest Tom gave at the annual meeting was gross or net. Bruce said the bond investments are duplicating the STRS portfolio.

The Newsletter will cover January, February, and March. There will be no pictures of the Annual Meeting since no one on the Board remembered to bring a camera. Remo will provide the photo of the Laney staff that Mary Smith gave him that was taken many years ago.

The Newsletter will be mailed to the members who have paid for 2006 and 2007 membership. The ballot for the election of PRO officers and two Board members will be printed in the Newsletter.

President's Report: Jerry received a call from Dorcas Kowalski that Jeanne Flynn had died. Dorcas will write an obituary and send it to the Letters-to-the Editor section of the Newsletter.

George Herring has resigned from the PRO Board and told Jerry that he intends to run for the Board again in the future. Jerry requested suggestions for names to fill the position that George is vacating. The names offered were Myrtle Bennet, Vicky Redus, Odel Johnson, Don Hongisto, Mike Mills, and Stan Peters. Additional names can be sent to Jerry by email.

Service Committee: Sondra reported that eight boxes of books were donated at the Annual Meeting. She has worked with Shirley Coaston and will call her to see that the books have been delivered. Jerry was reminded to write a letter to the libraries for their cooperation with the book donation program. The Committee will continue working with Benita M. Baines on the transportation scholarships.

Social Committee: In Linda's absence, Jerry suggested that the Board request the Social Committee to work on a social event for March. Remo suggested a theater event such as the Shotgun Players Theater. Other theaters suggested were The Berkeley Rep, Julia Morgan, Aurora, and Willows. The event could be included in the next Newsletter. Deadline for submission of articles is December 15.

Benefits Committee: The Summary Plan Description (SPD) for CoreSource (CS) has become available for review. Bruce, Remo and Jerry are reviewing it to see how it compares with the 1997 Blue Cross SPD. Bruce said a careful comparison should be made before giving the Committees results to Jennifer. Also, there needs to be two different SPDs, one for the employees who retired before 2005 and one for the employees who retired after 2005. Further, Remo said that if in the CS SPD a medical condition is not covered whereas Blue Cross did cover it, then Blue Cross should be followed.

The PRO Benefits Committee will do a full report in February on the comparison study. Bruce suggested that Kimberly be invited to attend the next Benefits Committee meeting.

New Business: This agenda item was tabled to be taken up at the next Board meeting.

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Juanita Peterson, PRO Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 10, 2007, 1:00 PM, PFT CONFERENCE ROOM