

Peralta Retirees Organization (PRO)
Board Meeting, February 7, 2007
PFT Conference Room

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

Board Members: Remo Arancio, Pat England, Sondra Neiman, Ned Pearlstein, Alex Pappas
Absent: Linda Japzon, Odell Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM by Jerry.

Secretary's Report: Juanita reported that no addition errors or corrections have been received for the minutes of the January 10th Board meeting.

MSU (Ned, Shirley) that the minutes for January 10th Board meeting be approved)

Treasurer's Report: Shirley reported that the current balance in the PRO account is \$12,501.11. One hundred ninety three (193) members have paid dues for 2007, 31 have paid for three-year memberships, 6 have paid for "life" membership.

Bruce suggested that a Treasurer's Committee be formed to set up a system for informing a member when his/her membership is due for renewal. One method suggested was to include membership data on Newsletter labels. Another method was to issue membership cards. Jerry appointed Juanita and Shirley to be on this committee and he will appoint a non-member to serve on the committee.

MSU (Ned, Juanita) that the Treasurer's Report is accepted.

Newsletter and Website: Bruce apologized for leaving out the numbers in the "Lorca in the Spring" paragraph on the first page of the January-March issue of the Newsletter. The next Newsletter will be out by the end of April. By the March Board meeting, he will need to know what is to be included in this issue. With the inclusion of a means-test for Part B of Medicare, it was agreed that an article about this should be included in the Newsletter. There is increased concern about "double dipping" with regard to government programs. Alex will write an article for the Newsletter about the change in requirements to qualify for Medicare Part B. It was suggested that the letter to PRO be included in Letters-to-the-Editor section. Mary Smith has loaned a picture to Remo that was taken in 1963 of faculty, staff, and administrators of Laney College. The picture was taken in front of the County School Administration building and there are many recognizable persons in the picture. This picture will be in the April-June issue of the Newsletter.

President's Report: Jerry reported receiving a letter from Jennifer that states that the PCCD Board has approved reimbursement for Medicare Part B for all PRO retirees (a copy of this letter will be placed in the PRO file). Jerry passed out a copy of the letter he has written to members who have yet to pay for membership for 2007. He says there is a need for official stationery for PRO business letters. Bruce will create a camera-ready proof for stationery that can be copied. A need for a telephone number for PRO was discussed. It was decided that the number would include voice mail. Ned will research voice mail and all features offered by AT&T. Bruce will publish the PRO telephone number in the next Newsletter. Ned suggested that the letter Jerry sends to members about paying dues be co-signed by Odell, Chair of the Membership Committee.

Jerry received a letter from George Pacheco requesting information about savings on premiums and claims that resulted from the re-enrollment process. A copy of the results sent to Jennifer from Tom

Smith indicates that the savings from Kaiser, CoreSource, and Medicare Part B costs amounted to \$3,370,006.

Benefits Committee: Alex reported on the District Benefits Committee meeting (Alex, Michael Mills, and Bruce attended) to go over the summary plan on SPD. Alex and Bruce have changes to suggest. The Broker said that no changes can be made to the SPD before the September 1st date of renewal. Therefore, PRO needs to submit any changes by September 1. Perhaps the Broker was upset about any changes. Jerry and Alex think changes probably will be done case by case. Bruce says the changes should be retroactive. Jennifer asked if PRO can have a list of changes by April. She says the problem is in knowing which Blue Cross manual was used or under which manual the retirement occurred. The District has 22 different contracts to consider. Ned said coverage cannot be reduced retroactively. Bruce said a process is needed for treating on a case by case basis. The PRO Benefits Committee will meet to iron out SPD with the Broker on February 13 at 10 AM to 12 Noon.

Service Committee: Sondra has been working with Socorro Taylor who has cleared up a few things. Sondra has had responses from Shirley Coaston, Laney Librarian. The College librarians have been responding about the Book Grants. The Committee met last Thursday and has an idea (suggested by Art Naftaly) about how to obtain funds for scholarships: contributions would be recognized in the Newsletter and letters of acknowledgement sent. Bruce believes a bank account separate from the PRO account must be set up.

MSU (Pat, Ned) that the Service Committee set up a scholarship fund to which donations can be accepted from PRO members and any other persons.

Social Committee: Jerry reported, for Linda, that 21 tickets have been sold for Blood Wedding. Linda sent an email to Jerry to have the Board to suggest restaurants for those who wish to go to dinner before the theater. Remo suggested Shen Hua on College Avenue near Ashby. He said theater goers can park in the BART lot, but parking for dinner is more difficult. He suggested people car pool from dinner to the theater. Jerry will pass the suggestion to Linda. There needs to be a sign-up for dinner before Linda makes a reservation with the restaurant.

Membership Committee: Jerry will get in touch with Odell and ask about the lists of retirees for the years 2004-2005 and for 2005-2006 he has obtained from Jennifer. Remo gave each a copy of a label that could be used to inform members of their membership status.

Business: CoreSource SPD was held over to the next PRO Board meeting. It was noted that Shirley will not be available for the March PRO Board meeting. Jerry, Bruce, and Ned will not be available for the April PRO Board meeting.

By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Juanita Peterson, PRO Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2007, 1 PM, PFT CONFERENCE ROOM