

PRO MEETING

August 6, 2008

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:02PM.

Motion advanced by Alex

Motion seconded by Remo

MSP

PRESENT: Jerry, Alex, Bruce, Ann, Ned, Linda, Remo, Sondre, Shirley.

ABSENT: Pat, Odell

The secretary's report included coverage of the past three meetings.

May 7, 2008

June 4, 2008 (a luncheon meeting with no minutes)

July 2, 2008 (a meeting without a quorum)

Regarding the May 7, 2008 minutes, Alex corrected the term found in paragraph one, line, 9, of section BENEFITS:

From HIPPA

TO ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act)

The treasurer's report stated that the current balance is \$15,510.87. Shirley shared that currently the B of A offers a CD for 4.25% . The idea advanced is that perhaps PRO might place \$10,000.00 into a CD, either there or elsewhere.

The newsletter. Bruce explained that the details of either the upcoming picnic (Aug 14, 2008) or the Woodminster event (Pirates of Penzance) are available on PRO's website.

The President reported that Juanita as well as her son, Allan had conveyed enormous appreciation and thanks for the lunch-time recognition which took place at Venezia restaurant in June. Her messages will be placed among PRO archives. Additionally, it was agreed that Bruce may place into the upcoming newsletter a copy of the thoughtful and warm letter of thanks we received from Juanita.

Alex shared in his report that Renata Schmitt will go to Small Claims Court---on her own-- to try to win a judgement against the District requiring them to reimburse her for her Medicare payments even though she is in Kaiser and has not assigned her Medicare to Kaiser Advantage.. It was recommended that someone---perhaps Jerry or Bruce if Alex is already out of town---should accompany Renata to her Small Claims Court appointment.

A discussion took place regarding the general topic of benefits/coverage/exceptions. Perhaps the topic is best described as “Double Billing Procedures”. Given a situation where a retiree’s particular ailment is NOT covered by Medicare, then the billing is picked up by Coresource. However, if Medicare does not CONVEY to the physician its (Medicare’s) lack of coverage, then the patient may be billed directly by his/hr physician. Alex advanced the suggestion that the process may be streamlined by REQUESTING Medicare to always CONVEY BACK to the provider when this particular situation applies.

Linda reported that the upcoming Picnic has a theme—OLYMPICS\_. It was agreed that Bruce will send an email to ALL PRO folks urging attendance at the picnic already scheduled for August 14, 2008, 11AM—until—3PM.

Also, there are 24 tickets already committed for the Woodminster event—Pirates of Penzance.

Sondre reported that there are approximately \$1,700.00 already deposited into the Foundation for PRO’s scholarship fund .

Lastly, Jerry enunciated that the “recruitment” effort---i.e. new retirees---needs additional attention.

It was moved to adjourn by Jerry, seconded by Alex at 2:40-PM

MSP.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ann Whitehead

