

## PERALTA RETIREES ORGANIZATION

PRO Board Meeting February 8, 2012

*PRESENT:* Jerry Herman, Pat England, Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Ned Pearlstein, Alex Pappas, Ann Whitehead.

*ABSENT:* Remo Arancio, Bruce Jacobs and Socorro Taylor.

*Secretary's Report:* Ned moved for approval, seconded by Jerry.

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*Treasurer's Report:* Anna reported that the current bank balance is \$23,619.49. Anna also shared that 35 tickets have been purchased already for the event scheduled at Yoshi's on February 12, 2012.

Anna has researched the shift to a mail box, a private company, to Walnut Creek, near her home.

Additionally Anna has discussed with a Walnut Creek branch of MECHANICS BANK the details of shifting PRO's bank account---free business banking---to Walnut Creek as well.

A motion was introduced by Ned and seconded by Ann to move the current PRO bank account to MECHANICS BANK. Motion was unanimously approved.

Given the relocations involved, Anna defined that either the President OR the Treasurer (i.e. Jerry Herman OR Anna Pavelka-Lodato) possess the signature rights on all checks.

Ned suggested that the shift from current B of A account take place in two steps....move \$15,000.00 now and the balance after all reconciliations are achieved. Ned so moved, seconded by Jerry. Moved, seconded and unanimously approved. Ned additionally mentioned that the EIN number must be identified. It was agreed that Bruce will be able to so identify.

*President's Report:* Jerry shared that the Retirement Board meets each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Because Bruce is committed on Thursdays Jerry requested Mike Wirth to represent PRO along with Jerry and Odell. Mike Wirth has graciously agreed. Jerry reported on the recent Benefits committee meeting (labeled a forum) where a representative from Kaiser was present, responding somewhat to questions raised regarding Kaiser's announced 18% increase in health benefit costs for next fiscal year. These costs are delivered to the PCCD. However, PRO needs to hear about such alterations. Peter Wantauk was present at this meeting and he urged seriously the importance of eligible retirees' enrollment in Medicare.

Jerry described the recent Medicare Workshop where about 20 volunteers participated for the necessary training of informing retirees who have never signed

on to MEDICARE. Jerry shared that Jennifer Seibert's staff is too limited to undertake this responsibility wholly alone. Jerry achieved agreement with Jennifer to allow the volunteers to be able to phone from home the unenrolled folks. Jennifer met with the volunteers, provided appropriate script and systematically examined a long list of non-Medicare subscribed retirees.

Linda and Jay, official coordinators of this phoning project, met with Jennifer and Jerry originally, met with the volunteers subsequently, and then participated in the the phoning as well as yet another meeting with the non-subscribers where they were able to enroll "on-the-spot". Linda and Jay will be meeting on Thursday February 9, 2012 with Jennifer Seibert to assemble the harvested names of new enrollees and determine the number of retirees still NOT enrolled.

In the overall—folks who had not enrolled were confused, uninformed or unwilling to enroll.

Jerry announced that he will be travelling to France and Russia during April and May.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:56PM.

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