

PRO Meeting
December 6, 2012

Jerry opened the meeting at 1:04PM.

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Ann Pavelka-Lodato, Linda Japzon, Remo Arancio and Ann Whitehead.

ABSENT: Alex Pappas, Debby Weintraub, Pat England, Jay Quesada and Yvonne Lewis.

Secretary's Report: Bruce moved for approval of both the October and November minutes, seconded by Remo.
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Treasurer's Report: Anna identified the current bank balance--\$22,448.67. Anna also shared that PRO's expenses for the recent picnic are \$335.58 and for the luncheon where over 69 tickets were sold, 66 participants attended, including one guest, are \$741.71.

Vice-President's Report: Bruce announced that the deadline for information designed-for-inclusion in the January-March Newsletter is December 23, 2012. This upcoming newsletter will include several photos taken at the Annual Luncheon, a review of the significance of Obamacare for PCCD retirees, an insert alerting readers whose dues have not been received, a report of the most recent (December 3, 2012) PCCD Health-Benefits Committee meeting attended by both Jerry and Bruce, a discussion of how the "Cadillac Plan" (designed for inception 2018) could affect Peralta benefits, an update on the Scholarship Fund available through PRO, as well as a description of JPA's (Joint Powers Authorities).

Benefits Committee Report: For Coresource subscribers (retired OR current employees) an adoption of a new national

network being created by Blue Cross and Blue Shield across the nation and available to Anthem Blue Cross after May 1, 2013 may save PCCD as much as 1.2 million dollars per year. As this situation was described, Blue Cross Doctors in California have already agreed to participate in the National Network. If Peralta decides to adopt the new network Coresource subscribers will receive new cards before July 1, 2013.

President's Report: Jerry emphasized the worthiness of PSW, PCCD's benefits brokerage firm, for the service it provides in advising individual Peralta employees and retirees and for the cost-saving negotiations of PSW's principal, Peter Wantuch. It would be an enormous loss if PSW were to be unemployed by PCCD, which could be precipitated if Peralta joined a JPA. Jerry also reported that at the most recent Retirement Committee at PCCD, Ron Gerhardt identified that there was a 5 million dollar "cushion" in the retiree medical benefit budget.

Social Committee Report: Linda shared that 69 folks paid for the November Luncheon and she affirmed Anna's figures in the Treasurer's report stated above.

Remo Arancio: Following their re-election to the PRO Board at the membership meeting in November, Remo moved to re-elect the current PRO officers, Jerry Herman, president, Bruce Jacobs, vice-president, Ann Whitehead, secretary, and Anna Pavelka-Lodato, treasurer, to the offices they hold.

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New business: Jerry introduced two subjects: How to get more rank and file members involved in PRO activities and, as an offshoot of Monday's District Benefits Committee discussion, a project focusing on wellness for retirees.

Ann suggested that each Board member bring a member-guest to Board meetings to have PRO members experience the operations

of the Board.

Suggestions for the wellness project included a Spring workshop-lecture on wellness for retirees by Laney's nurse and health instructor, Indra Thadani, to be held at Laney's Bistro restaurant with the meal featuring nutritious, healthful, good-tasting food. Other suggestions included retiree exercise groups, yoga and tai chi groups and walking groups.

Because the next scheduled Board meeting would have been on January 2, the day after New Year's day, the Board decided to postpone the meeting for a week

Jerry announced that the next meeting--- January 9, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52PM