

PRO meeting August 7, 2013
Bruce called the meeting to order at 1:10PM

PRESENT: Bruce Jacobs, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Debby Weintraub, Ann Whitehead and Remo Arancio.

ABSENT: Alex Pappas, Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Pat England, Jerry Herman and Yvonne Lewis.

Secretary's Report: Given that there was no quorum reached, all formal actions were suspended. The July minutes will be reviewed in the September, 2013 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Anna shared the following:

Bank balance currently is \$23,333.80

The Chancellor's reception cost \$880.60

During this time a brief discussion took place surrounding the usefulness of shifting on the mailing label for each newsletter----

“Expiration date ??????”

TO

“Paid through December ??????”

Anna agreed to discuss this issue with Richard Bidelman.

Vice President's Report: Bruce clarified the interpretation via the language in a given SPD (Summary Plan Description) with respect to retrospective reimbursements----an event where one fails to request the Medicare Part B reimbursement simply because of ignorance. One can advance a request back ONE year and MUST do so by March 31 of the following year. The policy seems to have been put in place by the District without consultation with either the PFT union or PRO. PRO will work with PFT to clarify and possibly change the one year limit.

At this time a lengthy discussion took place regarding the status of Vision Care, relative to post 2004 retirees as well as currently employed faculty. It was established that in the next PRO newsletter Bruce will delineate the options regarding vision care for post 2004 retirees. In that same newsletter Bruce will describe all the issues surrounding “pre-approval” stipulations.

Social Committee: Linda and Jay reported to Bruce that the preparations for the picnic were well underway and that Jerry will take pictures at the annual picnic.

Following Bruce’s distribution of a description of three potential theatre events, it was determined by the members present that Bruce pursue all the options available to PRO for seeing “ELLA” at the Leshner theatre on either Saturday October 5 or 12. The theatre event will be promoted in a special mailing to Northern California members as well as via email.

Scholarship Committee: There was no report.

Medical Benefits Committee: Bruce and Debby shared that they had met with Vice Chancellor Orkin at the district office and agreed to assist the Vice Chancellor in constructing a relevant survey regarding the Office of health benefits PRIOR to October 1, 2013. The survey, under the auspices of Vice Chancellor Orkin, will be made available electronically by PCCD for both retired as well as current employees. PRO has agreed to publicize the survey to, and encourage participation by, retirees.

Bruce adjourned this meeting with the approval of all present at 3:00PM.