

PRO Board Meeting
February 5, 2014

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Pat England, Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Yvonne Lewis and Ann Whitehead.

ABSENT: Remo Arancio, Alex Pappas and Debby Weintraub.

Guests: Diana Lara and Laura Watson.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:11PM. Jerry confirmed that Trustee Gulassa was invited to visit PRO at 1PM and, given his no-show, Jerry conveyed to the board several hours later that Trustee Gulassa had marked February 6 in error.

Secretary's Report: Bruce moved for approval, seconded by Pat.
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Treasurer's Report: Anna shared that the current bank balance is \$24,816.27. Anna brought the batch of ballots RE PRO's recent elections and she inquired how long these records must be maintained. Via a successful vote of those present it was determined that the ballots would be kept until shortly after the publication of April's newsletter in which election results will be identified.

Newsletter: Bruce shared that the April newsletter will

identify the date and place of the May Garden Party. Bruce also told the board that Tom Thurman had sent him a tongue-in-cheek essay which, given board approval, will be published in the next newsletter. With respect to the ongoing meetings between PRO and the Benefits Office Bruce identified the following details:

The counting of the “cap” began in 2004 and applies to pre 2004 retirees enrolled in Coresource.

Coresource began in October 2004.

Bruce, Debby and Diana Lara will meet to establish schedules/plans regarding future inquiries about SPDs.

Jennifer Seibert has confirmed that no person has reached the 2 million dollar limit in Coresource.

Prescription drugs do NOT count toward the cap.

Post 2004 retirees are relieved from any cap.

Relevant to Kaiser, there is no cap.

President’s Report: Jerry reported the results of PRO’s recent election thus:

Arancio	81
Branca	52
England	68

Lewis	71
Quesada	75
Whitehead	76

Jerry shared that the Retirement board had met on January 30, 2014 and reported that the District's investments added a 25% equity value in 2013 and the general outlook is good. Jerry pointed out that the Retirement Board and the PCCD trustees board are totally independent units and do not necessarily share the same views. PCCD board has passed a resolution to minimize fossil-fuel investments, not so as of now in the Retirement board.

Social Committee: Jay confirmed that the May Garden Party at Shirley Connors' home is established. Also, Jay told the board that the theme for the annual picnic is "polynesian".

Service Committee: Yvonne reported that annually the PRO board will sponsor 4 \$1,000.00 scholarships, one at each Peralta College. The Board unanimously passed a resolution establishing the criteria for the awarding of the PRO scholarships. A copy of the criteria is attached to and hereby incorporated into the meeting minutes.

Jerry introduced Laura Watson, PFT Data Coordinator and Communications Specialist, who explained that she will be conducting on April 8 and 10 workshops designed to encourage fee-payers to join PFT. Laura is eager to find PRO members who can help her in this effort given that

this program matches the objectives of "mentoring" as suggested by Debby. Bruce agreed to send out an email, composed by Laura, advising retirees about PFT's interest in having them work jointly on this project.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:45PM

The Peralta Retirees Organization shall award annually a scholarship of \$1000.00 to a graduating student from each Peralta college. The criteria for the scholarship are as follows:

The student applicant shall

1. have completed 60 units by the end of the semester of the award, excluding basic skills classes in English and math.
2. have a grade point average of at least 3.5, excluding grades in basic skills classes in English and math.
3. indicate a desire to transfer to a four-year institution.
4. follow the scholarship application process of his/her college.

Each college will forward to PRO the names of its three best applicants and all application materials from those applicants. The PRO Board will appoint a two-person committee of PRO members for each of the colleges to evaluate the applications and decide who will receive the

scholarship from its college.

PRO's service committee Chair shall submit the names of scholarship recipients to the Peralta Foundation for the official processing of the scholarships.

A representative of PRO shall present the scholarship to the awardee at the awards ceremony for each college.