

Peralta Retirees Organization

Meeting Minutes April 4, 2018

Present: Alex Pappas, Bruce Jacobs (Vice-President), Debby Weintraub (President), Jerry Herman, Helene Maxwell

Absent: Anna Pavelka-Lodato, John Lodato, Tom Branca, Telly Castro, Karen Anderson

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up Action
Minutes	<p>Since Patricia Dudley resigned, the office of Secretary is vacant. No minutes were recorded for the March meeting. Until a new secretary is appointed, the Board agreed to take turns taking notes and writing up minutes. Bruce volunteered to do the task for this meeting.</p>	<p>Bruce will write up minutes for the meeting. Debby will write up minutes from her notes for the March meeting.</p>
Vice-president's Report	<p>Bruce reported that the SPDs for Kaiser members are no longer available on the web. Previously they were available on the PSW web site, but currently that site is not functioning. Bruce has sent an email to the Benefits Office asking if the SPDs are available on a District site, and if they are not, that the District post them and send PRO the information about where they are available.</p> <p>Bruce indicated that in light of the new Shingles vaccine, we publish an article in the next newsletter about coverage for retirees. He reviewed the history of vaccination coverage.</p>	<p>Bruce will follow-up with the Benefits Office.</p> <p>Bruce will add a notation to the PRO web site indicating that these SPDs are currently unavailable.</p> <p>Bruce agreed to write an article about vaccination coverage for the next newsletter.</p>
President's Report	<p>The CFT has requested a meeting to discuss having a retirees' chapter.</p>	<p>Debby will meet with CFT retiree chapter representative to determine if having such a chapter offers any benefits to Peralta faculty retirees.</p>

<p>President's report con't</p>	<p>PRO Board continues to have problems with unfilled vacancies and frequent absences by some Board members.</p> <p>Debby reported that all of this year's scholarship winners had been selected.</p>	<p>Debby will check on wheelchair access at the PFT Office to meet the needs of a potential Board member.</p> <p>Debby will continue trying to get access to retiree info from the Benefits Officer and the Chancellor.</p> <p>Bruce and Jerry volunteered to contact specific people suggested as possible Board members.</p> <p>Debby will try to recruit individuals for specific tasks that do not require Board membership (e.g., coordinating the scholarships).</p>
<p>Retirement Board</p>	<p>Jerry reported that the Board was in the process of hiring an Executive Administrator. The person is to be an employee of the Retirement Board, not the District. S/he will not have retreat rights. Filling the position will result in a financial savings since the EA's services are currently contracted to Neuberger-Berman at a higher rate. Costs for the new employee will come out of income from the OPEB Bonds as the Retirement Board has no funds of its own. Jerry indicated that after interviewing three people, the hiring committee forwarded a recommendation to the Retirement Board.</p> <p>Debby expressed concern about the competence of the new hire and about the person's employee status vis-à-vis the District. She also indicated that she thought the Retirement Board should have a citizen voting member (not a Peralta employee/Board member) who would represent the community. She also questioned what, if any, benefits the EA would get since the Retirement Board is not enrolled in a separate health care</p>	

	program (as far as we know). Similarly, it isn't clear if the EA will be enrolled in STRS or PERS or will be covered by Social Security. Debby pointed out that although the Retirement Board has gone ahead with the hiring, many questions remain about the position.	
Adjournment	Move to adjourn 3:00 p.m. M/S/U. Next Meeting: June 6 1 p.m.	