

PRO Board Meeting  
PFT Conference Room  
April 13, 2005, 12:30 pm

**Present:** Officers: Bruce Jacobs, Vice-President, Juanita Peterson, Secretary, Shirley Timm, Treasurer  
Board: Remo Arancio, George Herring, Phyllis Jones, Ed Minasian, Shirley Nedham,  
Alex Pappas

**Absent:** President Jerry Herman, Board Member George Pacheco

With the absence of President Herman, Vice-President Jacobs began the meeting at 12:40 p.m. with a review of the agenda.

**Minutes of March 1, 2005:** M/S/C (Jones, Pappas) approved with the removal of phone numbers submitted by Ed Minasian.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Timm reported a current account balance of \$4304.62.

**President's Report:** VP Jacobs opened discussion on the up-coming survey PRO will submit to the membership.

A suggestion was made that thought be given to the use of the \$4K- plus funds in the Treasury which will increase in January, 2006 when memberships will be renewed. Among other suggestions made were: keep a reserve for possible legal fees, invest in 6 month CDs, and name a group to study use of the funds.

**Bruce will include 'discussion of fund use' on the next meeting agenda.**

Shirley T. raised concern that PRO has yet to incorporate and that as long as PRO has assets  $\leq$  \$5,000, PRO is considered non-profit; the cost to incorporate in CA, and request Federal non-profit 501c (3) status is about \$200-\$500.

**Bruce said the Execs would prepare a statement on profit versus non-profit for PRO.**

On the survey, questions will be put to members about their desires for PRO, type of endeavors, activities, information to include in the Website, its Directory, and the Newsletter. The survey will be short and include a ballot on whether or not to incorporate. It was noted that being incorporated gives less risk of liability.

**Bruce, George H., and Jerry will work on survey questions with the aim of mailing the survey and ballot by the end of May.**

The survey and ballot will be mailed to all members. George H. has a list from the District of all retirees. However, in the future, the Newsletter will be sent only to paid members.

**Health Benefits:** Bruce reported that Jerry wants the Board to have a special meeting with Seibert next week. Discussion followed concerning Seibert being substituted for Lamperd at the last scheduled Board meeting. Remo: There exists a proprietary relationship between Lamperd and the District. He believes that the letter that was sent to Lamperd scooped his meeting with the Board, and that we should go through Seibert in relations with the District. If Seibert can't provide the answers, then ask her to invite Lamperd to meet with our group. PRO needs to have legal counsel. PRO has the right to see the full contract the District has with CoreSource and Kaiser for retirees. Further, we need to respect that the District has its own agenda. Lamperd works for a large brokerage house and he is paid by MOC, with whom he has a contractual relationship. He was employed by the District to find the best replacement for the Blue Cross Plan.

Bruce: the District negotiated at that time for current employees. The Benefits Committee pushed for the District to go with CoreSource because its benefits were the best available at the time to replace Blue Cross.

Michael Mills: There is a stop-loss provider, InterPlan (Physician network), CoreSource, Medco (prescription source).

Remo: We need to know more about the history of the selection of CoreSource, that is, the history as given by Michael M., and also to include the Kaiser Health Plan.

**It was agreed that one person only talk to the District when representing PRO.**

**Bruce will give a presentation on healthcare contracts at the May meeting.**

He distributed a letter from Michael Dean to Shirley T. concerning CoreSource not paying for a “routine” physical exams after a number of months, and gave out a piece by Rick Greenspan concerning how out-of-network physicians are to code routine tests for payment by CoreSource.

Alex distributed a memo from J. Seibert to him to which were attached her answers to the questions he had emailed to M. Lamperd. She also gave him a booklet of California providers for CoreSource along with two reimbursement forms with PCCD heading for non-network providers. Bruce will scan the forms into the Website as a PDF file so that they can be printed.

**Committee Reports:**

Sunshine Committee: Ed requested to be relieved as Chair. He said Ida Pound will take over, but will need guidelines. **He will bring guidelines to the next meeting.**

Newsletter/Website: Bruce reminded us that everything to be included in the next Newsletter must be in by July 15. He also requested that someone do a piece for the Newsletter for beneficiaries concerning what to do when a retiree dies. **George H. will provide an article.**

Service Committee: Phyllis met with Sondra Nieman.

**She will report on their meeting at the next Board Meeting.**

Fringe Benefits: Shirley Nedham distributed the minutes of the April 1st BFC meeting. She reported that there is a need for two more retirees on the committee, preferably retirees on Kaiser Health Plan, and that Phyllis and Amey have not attended either of the two BFC meetings.

Bruce suggested holding a special meeting on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. After some discussion, no one else was in favor.

***The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4 at 12:30 pm in the PFT Conference Room. Jennifer Seibert is invited; bring your own lunch. Questions for Seibert are to be sent to Alex.***

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juanita Peterson, Secretary