

Peralta Retirees Organization (PRO)  
Board Meeting, May 3, 2006  
PFT Conference Room

**Board Officers:** Jerry Herman, President, Shirley Timm, Treasurer, Juanita Peterson, Secretary  
**Absent:** Bruce Jacobs, Vice President

**Board Members:** Remo Arancio, George Herring, Ned Pearlstein  
**Absent:** Pat England, Sondra Neiman, Alex Pappas

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes for the April 5<sup>th</sup> PRO Board meeting were earlier distributed by email to all members except for Remo and Ned. These minutes will be mailed to them.

**MSC (George, Shirley)** that the minutes for the April 5<sup>th</sup> PRO Board meeting be approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Shirley reported a beginning balance of \$9,184.49 with expenditures of \$380 for the mixer. The cost of the mixer was \$513 leaving a deficit of \$133 due to Aroma. (Aroma required a minimum attendance of 50 people which PRO did not meet). If PRO makes up the deficit, the current balance will become \$8671.49.

**MSU (George, Jerry)** that PRO make up the deficit for the mixer.

**President's Report:** Jerry recalled that the Board has been meeting at 12:30 PM to accommodate the needs of Phyllis Jones. Since Phyllis has resigned, Jerry suggested that the Board consider meeting at a new time when more members are present. With the agreement of those members present, Jerry suggested that the next Board meeting be at 10:30 AM in the PFT Conference Room.

**Benefits Committee:** The Committee has discussed sending a letter to Jennifer Seibert concerning past practices be honored unless documentation can be found to the contrary. Alex has been charged with conferring with the PFT and to write the letter. Concern about health care coverage while traveling overseas has been covered in the most recent Newsletter. However, not yet considered is how catastrophic events are covered as well as how return fares would be paid.

**Membership Committee:** George reported that he has a very diligent committee. There are 308 paid-members; however, there is a problem in keeping an updated list so that those who have already paid are not asked to pay again. He suggested that PRO send a "renew" letter each year. In addition, George suggested sending a letter to every person retiring at the end of the year, along with the most recent Newsletter, inviting them to join PRO. He is getting names and addresses of all prospective retirees from Jennifer Seibert.

The Membership Committee will also send copies of the Newsletter to the PCCD Board members, the presidents of each college and to the PFT. He will get copies of the Newsletter from Bruce.

**Social Committee:** Jerry reporting: The Aroma Mixer was great! Food was plentiful and the weather was great. There were 35 to 40 who attended. Credit must be given to Jay Quesada and Linda Japson who did all of the work. Prizes were given provided by Ralph.

Ragtime: Eighteen tickets have been sold. PRO needs to send out information to sell the guaranteed 50 seats contracted. Money has been advanced to the Social Committee for the barbeque and tables have been reserved. Ragtime and the barbeque are not confined to PRO members.

Annual picnic: There is a desire to have a picnic. Last year's picnic was in late June. Jerry will pass the request on to Ralph Marinaro and to Jay Quesada and to Linda Japson that the picnic be at Robert's Huckleberry area.

**Service Committee:** The desire of the Committee is to start a transportation scholarship. A motion to provide seed money for such a scholarship was tabled at the last meeting. Discussion on the motion followed.

Ned suggested giving a scholarship at mid-year graduation. A more direct help to students might be to hire a student on a work-study basis to tutor other students. Remo suggested that the Committee provide vouchers for textbooks. Other suggestions: set up a scholarship for books, or set up a book-loan program, or matching grants to establish a book-loan program at each college. Concern was expressed about how the programs would be administered.

The sense of the Board is not to subsidize transportation at this time, but to work with the college libraries and senates.

**MSU (Ned, Remo)** that \$1,000 be provided by PRO to the Service Committee to be apportioned as follows: the library of each Peralta college to receive \$250 to be administered through the academic senate.

Jerry will relay this to the Service Committee with the request that the program begin with the next academic year.

**Board Vacancy:** The Board discussed the vacancy due to the resignation of Phyllis Jones. Suggestions were offered that a classified member be selected as replacement. Names of five possible replacements were put forward. Jerry will pursue each by determining which is willing to serve.

**Lifetime Memberships:** Since nearly half of the members of the Board were absent, this topic will be taken up at a future meeting.

**MSU (Ned, Remo)** that discussion of lifetime membership be tabled.

**PRO Expenditures:** Scholarships: \$2,000 dedicated to scholarships, \$1,000 dedicated to book grants, leaves a balance of about \$5,600.

Possible expenditure: annual membership cards. Benefit to members: help them to know they are members, possible discounts to members. Cost of making the cards need to be researched.

**MS** (Ned, George) that PRO issue membership cards.

**Vote: 5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention.**

Ned suggested that the new PFT, Debby Weintraub, be invited to the next Board meeting.

**PRO Incorporation:** Shirley reported that the information from the Franchise Tax Board should be received soon. Everything has been done except narratives for the Finance Report, Activities, and the Conflict of Interest Policy.

**MSU** (Shirley, Remo) that the Board adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy

Organization receiving benefits: membership, PCCD.

Limitations: relationship with other organizations.

Schedule D: PRO must justify relationship with other organizations and provide documentation.

Shirley hopes to have the forms in to the IRS by the end of the month.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juanita Peterson, Secretary

**The next meeting will be on June 7 at 10:30 AM in the PFT Conference Room.**