

Peralta Retirees Organization (PRO)
Board Meeting, October 4, 2006
District Office Conference Room

Present: Bruce Jacobs, Vice-President, Shirley Timm, Treasurer, Juanita Peterson, Secretary
Absent: Jerry Herman, President

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

Guest: Jay Quesada

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 AM by Bruce.

Agenda Review: Service Report and Benefits Report were added to Agenda Item 6B.

Secretary's Report: Printed copies of the minutes of the September 6, 2006 were distributed and were available earlier by email.

MSU (Shirley, Ned): that the minutes of September 6, 2006 be accepted as given.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley reported a beginning balance of \$7,468.66 and expenditures of \$59.21 leaving a balance of \$7,409.45.

MSU (Juanita, Remo): that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Bruce reminded us that there will not be a November Board meeting, since the general membership meeting is scheduled for November 8th from 10 AM to 3 PM in the Atrium of the District Office. The Newsletter will be emailed by October 10th and mailed on October 13th. It will contain information about the general meeting and luncheon.

Annual Membership Meeting Plans:

Agenda: Speakers for the November 8th meeting: Jerry has invited Jennifer Seibert, District Benefits Coordinator, Tom Smith, Finance Officer, and Chancellor Elihu Harris. Jerry will greet the members; give a *President's report* of the activities since the last general membership meeting, and generally MC the meeting. There will be a *membership report* that includes a membership form and dues structure, a *Treasurer's report*, and a word on *future events*. Jerry will introduce the speakers, Jennifer, Tom, and the Chancellor. Bruce will speak about the *Newsletter* which may include a survey of what the membership would like to have included. After the speakers, the agenda will be moved to the elections.

Luncheon Plans: The Luncheon will begin at 11:30 AM and end at 1 PM. Linda and Jay obtained estimates from Big Apple Café of \$7 to \$9 per person for a sandwich (chicken, turkey, fish or vegetarian), fruit, dessert, and drink. They also have an estimate from Aroma for a catered buffet lunch of broccoli beef,

seasonal mixed vegetables, dessert and drink at a cost of \$7 per person plus 8% tax and a \$20 setup fee. Tables would be required. The decision is between sandwiches or Aroma buffet.

MSU (Bruce, Ned) that PRO engage Aroma as a caterer with a charge of \$10 per person.

Bruce will ask Jerry to arrange for tables to be placed in the Atrium.

MSU (Bruce, Juanita) that PRO subsidize the luncheon for up to \$250, if necessary, for added items, e.g., coffee, dessert, and a vegetarian dish.

Plans for Election: Linda and Ned, both serving two-year terms, are up for election. Nominations for officers by the Board were opened:

President: **MS (Ned, Bruce)** Jerry Herman is nominated for President. Vote: 7yes, 0 no, 0 abs.

Vice-President: **MS (Ned, Remo)** Bruce Jacobs is nominated as Vice-President. Vote: 7yes, 0no, 0 abs.

Secretary: **MS (Ned, Shirley)** Juanita Peterson is nominated as Secretary. Vote: 7yes, 0 no, 0 abs.

Treasurer: **MS (Ned, Juanita)** Shirley Timm is nominated as Treasurer. Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abs.

MSU (Bruce, Remo) Linda Japzon and Ned Pearlstein are nominated for the two open Board seats.

Nominations can be taken from the floor at the open meeting. Ballots along with candidate statements will be sent out after Thanksgiving.

It was agreed that Jerry and Bruce will work out the time-line for the actual election. It was further agreed that counting of the ballots be done by persons other than officers and board members. How this will be done will be decided at the December meeting.

Newsletter: A problem with the next Newsletter is that there is no main content article. Bruce will write an article indicating the many things concerning healthcare that need to be done when an employee turns 65. The next Newsletter will also contain the President's Report, the general membership meeting and luncheon, something on re-enrollment, and Sondra's information on the four scholarships to be given.

It was pointed out that the CoreSource (CS) ID is not a social security number. The CS ID number works with doctors, but cannot be used for Medco. It was further pointed out that the new CS card has no vision coverage.

Remo asked Bruce to request of Jennifer the rate sheet used to cover health care for spouses of deceased retirees.

Bruce will be out of town in January and will not return until February. For the first 2007 Newsletter, Jerry will do the editor's job and Jack Mooridian will do the desktop publishing.

Service Committee Report: Sondra has received a letter of thanks for PRO from the Peralta Foundation relative to the Peralta Retirees Organization's Scholarship Fund. It was signed by Alona Clifton, President of the Foundation and Chancellor Elihu M. Harris. The letter will be placed in PRO's correspondent file.

Sondra said that Jerry will send a letter to Benita M. Baines, Director of CalWorks program, about the travel scholarships.

The book drive is scheduled for the all-member meeting on November 8th. Laney and Merritt want books, preferably more recent ones.

Benefits Committee Report: Ned reported that the District Benefits Committee has not met. Ned attended the Berkeley City College Re-enrollment Fair and noted a booklet of doctors on the Blue Cross panel. However, not all doctors of CS members will be on the BC panel. Ned distributed Blue Cross information, "Quick, Easy Ways to Find a Doctor", on which a card is available to request a printed Directory of Participating Network Providers.

Ned wondered whether anesthesiologists are covered as before; the answer may be in the CS SPD. Ned gave the name of Kimberly Grove as a CS contact should coverage be questioned.

MSU (Remo, Shirley) that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Juanita Peterson, PRO Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 6, 2006, 1 PM , PFT CONFERENCE ROOM