

Peralta Retirees Organization (pro)  
Board Meeting, May 16, 2007  
PFT Conference Room

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

**Board Members:** Remo Arancio, Pat England, Sondra Neiman, Alex Pappas, Ned Pearlstein  
**Absent:** Linda Japzon, Odell Johnson

**Guest:** Debbie Weintraub

**Call to order:** 1:11 PM by Jerry.

**Secretary's Report:** There was no formal April meeting. A few members met on April 4, 2007 to process the January-April Newsletter for mailing.

Corrected minutes of the March Board meeting were unanimously accepted.

Due to the absence of Shirley Timm, there was no Treasurer's Report.

**Newsletter Report:** Planning for the next Newsletter will be at the next meeting.

**President's Report:** Jerry, Bruce, Alex, Rick Greenspan, and Debbie will meet with Jennifer Seibert at a meeting scheduled for Monday, May 21st. However, no time has been set for this meeting with the CoreSource Broker. Jennifer indicated to Jerry that, when meeting with the Broker, it would be more appropriate for Tom Smith to be there than for her. If Jennifer or Tom won't meet with the Committee, Bruce advised that a request be made at the PCCD Board. The Broker has said that making changes in the SPD is difficult, and that changes must be requested six weeks prior to the publication date to allow time for the changes to be made. Therefore, the changes must be submitted by July 1, according to Alex. Jerry will press Jennifer to meet with the Committee.

Juanita brought up the need for PRO stationery that contains a phone number or email so that members and the public can notify the Board of their concerns. Bruce will modify the current stationery to include an email that can be directed to Jerry, the President.

**Service Committee Report:** Sondra reported that the scholarships have been given at each of the four colleges. She has asked Odell to contact Benita Baines about the Transportation Scholarships and to remind the four college deans of this scholarship.

She received a letter from Barbara Dorhom, Berkeley City College Librarian, expressing thanks for the generous donation for seven new books. A bookplate will be placed in each book recognizing Peralta Retirees Organization (PRO) as the donor. The Librarians have been instructed to provide a list of books for which PRO can provide reimbursement.

Remo said that there needs to be a way for PRO's efforts to be recognized. Bruce recommended that PRO make a presentation to the PCCD Board of Trustees. The Service Committee met (Art Naftaly, Chris Hadley, and Jan Wall) met to discuss the Scholarship Fund. The Peralta Foundation has made a card that PRO can send to those who donate to the Scholarship Fund and a column in the Newsletter will list donors to the Scholarship Fund. Sondra's article in the Newsletter will contain a profile of each of the first recipients of the PRO Scholarships.

**Social Committee Report:** As reported by Remo, sixteen PRO members and their guests had dinner at the Shen Hua before attending "Blood Wedding" at the Shotgun Players' Theatre. Juanita

said a few pictures were taken at the Shen Hua that may be included in the next publication of the Newsletter. Twenty PRO members attended the performance.

The annual PRO picnic will be at Roberts Huckleberry area in Redwood Regional Park on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. An information flyer will be included in the next Newsletter that will be mailed by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bruce found out that "West Side Story" will be performed at the Woodminster Theater on July 13, 14, and 15 and also on July 19, 20, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was decided that PRO will ask Linda to reserve tables and order the required number of tickets for Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Bruce will work with Linda on the number of tickets to reserve.

### **Benefits Committee Report:**

A. Concerning meeting with Jennifer and/or Tom, Debbie Weintraub said she would convey to Tom Smith the urgency of a meeting with Jerry, Bruce, Alex and Rick Greenspan about changes in the CoreSource SPD. The group will try to get something to Jennifer and Tom by the meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Rick will not be available on May 22 or May 23.

B. Alex asked Debbie why the PFT did not vote for SBA 40. Debbie explained that she wanted PFT members to have an open discussion before supporting SBA 40. Alex said the only thing the PFT needs to be careful about is to make sure that if California goes to a single payer system that there is a wraparound benefit policy paid for by the District which brings coverage up to present levels. Alex said that what we really need is Universal Medicare. Ned and Alex requested to meet with the PFT membership. They were referred to Carla Woodruff, CFT staffer.

C. Ned is concerned that PRO members have lost connection with the Union. He believes that retired members should receive literature from the local union and should be on the CFT, AFT, and PFT mailing lists.

### **Alex reported on Health Benefits Committee Concerns:**

- 1) Changes in SPD
- 2) Universal Healthcare
- 3) The dates required by the District for reimbursement for Medicare and for prescriptions. (There should be a 2 to 4 week grace beyond the due date. Alex proposes the PRO write a letter to Jennifer about the due dates for Kaiser re-imburements.
- 4) Pension Dynamics should, at minimum, communicate with a retiree when they receive requests for reimbursement that require additional or different documentation with a copy to Jennifer's office.

Alex will draft a letter and send to Jerry. Alex will also write an article for the Newsletter.

Agenda for the next meeting: Letters to Jennifer about: 1) mandating sign up for Medicare A and B, and 2) Medicare sending out A and B information quarterly.

MSU (Alex, Sondra) that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juanita Peterson, PRO Secretary

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 6, 2007, 1 PM, PFT CONFERENCE ROOM**