

Peralta Retirees Organization (PRO)  
Board Meeting, September 12, 2007  
PFT Conference Room

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

**Absent:** Shirley Timm, Treasurer

**Board Members:** Remo Arancio, Pat England, Linda Japzon, Sondra Neiman, Ned Pearlstein

**Absent:** Odell Johnson, Alex Pappas

**Guest:** Jennifer Seibert, District Benefits Coordinator, Jay Quesada, Social Committee Co-Chair

Jerry called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM.

Bruce requested that the agenda be moved to accommodate Jennifer's busy schedule.

**CoreSource SPD Changes:** Jerry asked Jennifer why it took so long for PRO to receive a reply to the concerns submitted to Tom Smith by the PRO Benefits Committee on July 16<sup>th</sup> with a cover letter by Jerry. Jennifer replied that three letters dated July 16 had been received, one from Jerry and two from Bruce. The 28 concerns were looked at by CoreSource and the broker, of which 7 were accepted. Although a letter was drafted on the 15<sup>th</sup>, vacation intervened along with a hurricane resulting in an emergency. A formal letter will be provided by August 28.

Jerry asked that at least a note be sent in response to the PRO Report, a significant piece of work that should not be ignored. Since September 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for changes to the SPD, responses are needed.

In explanation, Jennifer said the change from Blue Cross (BC) to CoreSource (CS) resulted in some things in BC could not be replicated in CS, e.g., the 30 mile limit for treatment in BC has been changed to 50 miles by PCCD.

Bruce said that the original document presented at the June 6, 2006 meeting was followed by a letter from Trudy Largent to Michael Mills clarifying that old BC documents would be followed. June 6 was past the deadline since rates were already set. Benefits must be the same as the benefits promised at retirement.

Jerry noted that the SPD was mailed in November and there has been no explanation for the 28 items not covered. Jennifer said that PRO should be getting a full analysis by the end of the month. There are 11 different BC contracts and the difficulty is to combining all eleven into one contract.. Jerry asked how notification of the rejected items be made. Bruce requested that the explanation of the rejected items be in writing (hard copy) as soon as possible with enough time for careful consideration. Jerry noted that he will be gone for three weeks beginning on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer will send the hard copy to Bruce and a meeting with Kimberly or Peter will be arranged after a review of the document.

Remo observed that the change from 30 miles to 50 miles is generous to the insurance company not for the retiree to find a prudent buyer. The issue at hand is the Retiree SPD in effect prior to the change to CS.

Jennifer announced that the drug company is being changed from MedCo to CareMark on November 1. The new cards will be mailed out in October. She also said the Benefit Fair will be held on October 8, 9, and 10 at the four colleges. She asked for PRO members to help by attending some of the sessions. Jerry volunteered to be at Berkeley City College on October 8 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm; Remo will attend Laney College on October 9 from 2 pm to 4:30 pm; Linda and Jay will attend College of Alameda on October 10.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup> were distributed by Juanita. Jerry requested that STD be changed to SPD and that it was Sara Hughes who informed Jerry of the STRS notice.

. **MSU (Remo, Pat)** approval of Minutes of July 11, 2007 as amended.

**Social Committee Report:** Linda and Jay were charged with making arrangements for the General Meeting on November 8. They found that Aroma would not be available and to cater the event would be too expensive. The Laney College Food Service is not available and the District Office Board Room has been altered so that having lunch and the meeting there is not possible. They also contacted Pier 29, His Lordships, and Wedgwood Golf Course. Wedgwood serves in a tent, the setup appeared comfortable, and they will serve a buffet with 2 entrees (vegetarian included), assorted salads, coffee, tea, and drinks for \$13.95 per person based on a party of 80. A deposit is required.

**MSU (Remo, Bruce)** PRO accept Wedgwood as the meeting/lunch place for the General Meeting.

**MSU (Bruce, Sondra)** that PRO subsidize \$3.00 per person for a cost of \$15 per person.

**Treasurer's Report:** Shirley reported the current balance to be \$16,014.76 of which \$8,338.26 are encumbered.

She reminded the Board that a number of members have paid in advance for more than one year, therefore, each year, the current balance must be reduced by the amount of dues paid for that year.

**MSU (Juanita, Ned)** to accept the Treasurer's report.

**Newsletter Report:** The October Newsletter will be mailed on October 10. The Editor, Bruce, set Monday, October 1 as the deadline for submitting information to be included. To be included are: the President's Report to include the SPD effort, an article about new cards for CareMark (Remo will obtain information from Jennifer), books by Adam Miller and John Gardenhire, an article on a retiree getting braces, Community College Initiative, and pictures of the annual picnic. There will be an election of one Board member for a 2 year term (Pat England is currently serving in that capacity).

Ned requested the inclusion of an agenda for the Membership Meeting and Bruce will contact Bob Bezemek, Marty Hittleman, and Margaret Shelada as a possible speaker.

**President's Report:** Jerry attended the District Benefits Committee and received a handout giving the amount the District has spent 4.46 Million (to-date) on health care for active employees, whereas, for retirees, 2.2 Million in 2006 and 1.8 Million in 2007.

Ned asked about the PFT report. Juanita said it was ready to send electronically to Bruce to forward as requested.

**Service Committee Report:** The Service Committee met on September 6 and discussed the scholarship fund which contains \$350. Sondra wants to keep the idea of contributions in the minds of people. At the Membership Meeting in November, Sondra wants to pass out donation forms. She asked Bruce to take the form to the printer and have 100 printed. PRO make a contribution to the scholarship fund to honor the three retiree authors, but then decided to give the donation without names. There will be a book drive for Merritt College and an arrangement will have to be made to transport the books to the Warehouse. The next meeting will be on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership Committee Report:** Due to Odell's absence, Jerry reported that Odell had sent the letter from himself and Jerry to prospective members but had not included the application form. Another letter and application form will be sent.

**Old Business:** Was tabled until the next meeting.

MSU (Ned, Remo) to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juanita Peterson, PRO Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 10, 1 TO 3 PM, PFT CONFERENCE ROOM**