

PRO meeting April 1, 2009

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Shirley Timm, Ann Whitehead, Alex Pappas, Remo Arancio, Odell Johnson, Sondra Neiman, Ned Pearlstein, Pat England

ABSENT: Linda Japzon

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:02PM

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Under BENEFITS—opening sentence is changed to the following wording:

Alex reported that both he and Jerry attended the District's Benefits meeting in which Tom Smith described the status of the PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS.

Additionally Sondra corrected the spelling of Ms. Taylor's name to Soccoro Taylor.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected, Remo-Pat.

Ann also distributed a 12 page document in which all the updated information regarding the SOCIAL SECURITY FAIRNESS ACT OF 2009" is defined.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Shirley Timm reported that the PRO account now amounts to \$20,853.31. Shirley also shared that according to her records there are 311 members currently paid through 2009. Shirley stated that there are approximately 35 members who are paid through 2008 who have not paid for 2009.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jerry reported that he attended the "Benefits Spotlight Checklist and Checkup Pre and Post Retirement Fair" held on March 25, 2009 located at the PCCD District Office. Per Jerry's request Jennifer Seibert delivered to him a list of recent retirees'

names. Bruce noted that Joanne Baldinelli is also among recent retirees although her name does not appear on Jennifer's list.

NEWSLETTER

Bruce shared that he is half way done with the preparation of the newsletter. Bruce is planning to explain the idiosyncrasies of RMDs (i.e. 2009, Required Minimum Distributions), the status of the POBs (Pension Obligation Bonds), as well as PERS and STRS statements available through their respective websites quelling any fears retirees may have developed given the total U. S Economy frailties and status. Bruce also shared that Albert Lannon had written three Haiku poems that had won first prize in an Arizona poetry contest and that he planned to publish them in the newsletter. Additionally Bruce noted the recent deaths of six retirees whose names will be identified in the April newsletter. There will be a few pictures taken at the Yoshi event held recently as well as a short piece regarding the situation surrounding Renata Schmitt's court challenge. Lastly, Bruce announced that the newsletter will clarify why some retirees have experienced delay in medical bill payments. The issue concerning late bill paying is inherent in the fact that the order---Medicare first, and Coresource second---had mistakenly been reversed.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Because Linda was absent Bruce shared that the Smuin Ballet event will be announced in the newsletter AND--- in a separate announcement--- on the PRO website.

April 20, 2009 is the FINAL deadline for reservations to the Smuin Ballet .

May 22, 2009 is the date for the Smuin Ballet event.

September 11, 2009 is the date established for the Woodminster performance of Brigadoon.

The dates for the annual picnic are suggested thus:

August 13, 2009	first preference
August 6, 2009	second choice
August 20, 2009	third choice

Jerry will call Linda who will investigate our usual Robert's Area site availability and get back to the PRO Board with the decision

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Sondra reported that she had notified the four Vice Presidents of Instruction at each college regarding the identification of PRO scholarship applicants. Jerry suggested that Sondra follow up with a phone call to the instruction VP's to make sure they are alerted to the scholarship offerings.. Sondra also established the following presenters for PRO at the awards ceremonies:

Laney	Sondra Neiman
COA	Linda Japzon
BCC	Chris Hadley
Merritt	Pat England

BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Alex shared that he was meeting on April 1, 2009 (following the PRO Board meeting) with Jerry , Bruce and Debra Weintraub at the PFT Office in order to review the accurate description of the cost of SURVIVORS' benefits as delineated in a recent document published by PCCD. Alex stated that the ultimate outcome of this discussion will be a better understanding on our part about how charges for survivor's benefits are calculated and if the current charges by the District are correct. The goal is to have an accurate spreadsheet that shows the charges for one, two and three or more survivors for pre- and post-July 1, 2004 retirees on Medicare and not on Medicare.

MEMBERSHIP

Copies of the one list of new retirees (originally given to Jerry by Jennifer Seibert) were distributed to members of the PRO Board and Bd. Members added or subtracted names on the list according to their own memory for accuracy. All copies of the list were then handed to Odell. Jerry suggested that any Bd. Member should communicate to Odell any additional information he/she may have, thus updating the accuracy of the list. Basically, it was agreed that any which way possible---get names of new retirees and advance those names to Odell.

Alex advanced the following motion, seconded by Remo:

Move that PRO abandon the practice of delivering personally named Membership cards:

YES---6

NO ---2

ABS—2

Motion was adopted.

Shirley advanced a motion to purchase \$1,000.00 worth of “forever” stamps. Due to a failure to secure a second---the motion failed.

The next meeting of PRO is scheduled for May 13, 2009

Remo moved to adjourn, seconded by Sondra.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ann