

PRO Minutes August 5, 2009 Meeting

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Shirley Timm, Ann Whitehead, Alex Pappas, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon, Ned Pearlstein and Sondra Neiman.

ABSENT: Remo Arancio, Pat England.

At 1:10PM Jerry called the meeting to order.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley shared that the current balance in PRO's bank account is \$18, 142.74. Shirley also identified the following statistics regarding the PRO membership list with respect to the membership dues:

444 of those names--- are on the list

42 on the list have never been members

72 have been members who are not current on dues

148 members are paid through 2009

180 members have multi-year memberships

PAID through 2005	13
“ 2006	17
“ 2007	23
“ 2008	21
“ 2009	148
“ 2010	61
“ 2011	61
“ 2012	23
“ 2013	8
“ 2014	8
“ 2015	1
“ 2016	1
“ 2017	1
“ 2018	3

A lengthy discussion took place following Shirley's financial report in which it became clear that there must be a more uniform system for the flow-of-information that contributes to the correct construction of the Membership List maintained on Excel.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Ann distributed the minutes of the June meeting, those of the July meeting, a list of the 49 deceased members who had been identified in the PRO Newsletters, 2005-current, and a list of the current PCCD Trustees (including the student Trustees) accompanied by their respective email addresses.

Ann shared that Debby Weintraub suggested that her next issue of THE PERALTA TEACHER may include a short notice regarding the benefits of joining PRO for anyone contemplating retirement. A full discussion took place regarding sending PCCD Board members paper copies of the newsletter to their homes in addition to email versions now that PCCD has stopped distributing to Board member boxes at the District office. Jerry's position was that it is more likely that Board members would read the newsletter in hard copy than by email. Other PRO board members disagreed. It was also suggested that the list of non-retirees who receive the newsletter be expanded to include Executive Board members of the PFT and officers of SEIU and Local 39, and that Jerry write a cover letter to non-retirees explaining PRO.

Bruce moved that only email versions of the newsletter be sent to non-retirees and that Jerry write a cover letter. Alex seconded.
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NEWSLETTER: Bruce suggested that the next issue of the PRO newsletter (vol. 6, issue 1) due in October include an article detailing how the current national debate on Health Care may specifically affect our own retirees, emphasizing the ABSENCE of any threat to Peralta retirees's medical benefits. Alex agreed to write this fear-reducing explanation. Lastly Bruce mentioned that the next newsletter will identify PRO's appreciation for the data-base maintenance work Richard Bidelman has generously agreed to perform. (see below).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jerry commented on the recent newspaper reports outlining a variety of abuses attributed to the Elihu Harris administration of the PCCD. Per a request by the PCCD Board advanced to the California Community College Chancellor, Dr. Jack Scott, an investigator, Mark Drummond has been appointed to analyze the allegations and come up with recommendations for administration improvements and corrections. Because the Drummond report is tentatively scheduled for the September 15 Peralta Board meeting Jerry suggested that PRO's presentation to the PCCD Board be postponed from its original September date to the following PCCD Board meeting on October 6. Jerry also stated that this year five seats of the PRO Board are up for election / reelection....

Sondra, Alex, Remo, Pat and Jay

In the middle of this meeting the PRO Board received a previously arranged conference call from Richard Bidelman (resident of Hawaii). Richard has agreed to maintain the Membership List as mentioned above. Richard stipulated that he adheres to all of the standards of confidentiality relative to the task and he stated that he prefers to receive all updating information from a SINGLE source. Bruce moved that Richard Bidelman be appointed to the position of data-base manager. Alex seconded the motion.

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Additionally Bruce ascertained that PRO officers may request from Richard specific reports to be generated from the data base.

SOCIAL REPORT: Linda announced that 35 people plan to attend upcoming picnic and Jerry said that 33 people have purchased tickets for Brigadoon. Linda and Jay already made extensive plans for the Annual Luncheon meeting scheduled for November. They have introduced a Hawaiian Theme that will include a dance performance, music and an appropriate menu to match the theme. Linda inquired if the Book Drive will continue to be correlated with the Luncheon. Sondra explained that it is not planned.

BENEFITS REPORT: Alex shared his current email address Alex.Pappas@yahoo.com. Alex departs for Europe on August 24 and returns January 12, 2010. Alex shared that one's prescription identification number can be substituted with one's Social Security number if need be for Coresource claims. Also Alex mentioned that a medical establishment's "customary and usual" costs for care are based on zip codes (and thus vary a lot) depending on where the service is provided.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Jay received word that 14 members of the faculty had retired in June, 2009. Ann explained that Debby Weintraub will assist Jay in identifying the 14. Also Jay said that she will make contact with the presidents of SEIU and Local 39 in an effort to track recent or upcoming retirees's names.

SERVICE REPORT: Sondra has received checks totaling \$355.00 for scholarships and she has delivered those moneys to the Foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM.