

PRO Meeting January 6, 2010

PRESENT: Sondra Neiman, Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Ann Whitehead, Ned Pearlstein, Remo Arancio

ABSENT: Alex Pappas, Shirley Timm, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon, Pat England

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:06PM.

Secretary's Report:

Remo moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Bruce.

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Treasurer's Report:

Due to Shirley's absence, there was no report.

Newsletter:

Bruce explained that a green colored insert was placed inside the most recent newsletters (vol. 6 no. 2) to the PRO members whose dues are outstanding as well as to a small selection of potential member's names who have never formally joined the organization. The green colored insert explains the advantages of membership and urges all to advance current dues.

President's Report:

Regarding the PRO presentation to the PCCD Board Jerry explained that through his conversation with Roxanne Epstein he learned that the earliest tentative date for this event is Tuesday February 9, 2010. Roxanne shared that prior to that date the PCCD Board was preoccupied with constructing and formally adopting next year's budget. Roxanne also stated that the presentation should be no more than 5 minutes in length and that it may be appointed an early--- around 7:30PM--- position on the agenda. The PCCD Board approval for this agenda item will not actually occur until Feb. 3, 2010. Jerry will inform the PRO Board at that time and he encourages all PRO Board members to be present whenever his presentation is scheduled.

The topics to be covered by Jerry in the upcoming PRO presentation include the following:

History of the organization

Composition of membership of PRO /classified, faculty, managers/PCCD Bd.

PRO's participation developing an annual Scholarship Fund

Role played by PRO Board members (Alex and Ned) in enrollment of retirees in Medicare thus illustrating money saved by PCCD

Value of institutional memory supplied by retirees

Maintenance of an informative PRO website

Circulation of newsletters four times yearly

Bruce suggested that someone take photos of PRO members with some PCCD Board members for inclusion in next newsletter . Jerry said that he will talk extemporaneously but will deliver a written copy of his comments to PCCD Board members. A discussion of T-shirt acquisition was put on hold until the next meeting. Jerry also shared that he had talked with Jennifer Seibert on the morning of January 6, 2010 about the "cross-over" issue raised in an email by Michael Mills. Jennifer explained that the PCCD's renewal of Coresource comes due in September, 2010 and that it would not be possible to implement the cross-over process prior to the renewal of the contract. She also said that the bureaucratic process of gathering necessary data might take as long as a year. Bruce suggested that PRO look for a couple of retiree volunteers who could work with Jennifer to facilitate the process.

With respect to medical coverage Bruce outlined the four services that the District must contract for in order to provide health benefits to employees and retirees:

1. Network of physicians---i.e. the PPO which is Anthem Blue Cross
2. Administrator for processing claims and paying the bills---Coresource
3. Stop loss insurance purchased by PCCD
4. Prescription benefits---Caremark

Ned moved and Sondra seconded that Jerry and Bruce make an appointment with Robert Bezemek to explore in detail exactly what effective videotaped and / or other information might be pursued in the oral history project defined during the December 2009 PRO meeting.

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The next meeting of PRO on February 3, 2010 will take place in the Laney Library. Jerry will send notice well in advance regarding time / place /room number/ etc.

There were no Social, Service or Membership reports due to absences. Jerry reminded everyone that January 25, 2010 is the deadline for Berkeley Rep. tickets for those attending Fugard play, COMING HOME on February 4.

This meeting adjourned at 2:50PM.