

PRO Meeting  
July 7, 2010

PRESENT: Pat England, Ann Whitehead, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon, Bruce Jacobs, Jerry Herman, Alex Pappas, Ned Pearlstein, Remo Arancio, Sondra Neiman.

ABSENT: Shirley Timm

GUESTS: Michael Mills, Stephanie Casenza, Don Hongisto. and Debra Weintraub.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:02PM and invited two guests, Mike Mills and Stephanie Casenza, to address the PRO Board first.

Mike is the Vice President of the Peralta Foundation which was incorporated in 1971. Mike introduced Stephanie, newly hired as the first Executive Director of the Foundation. The major efforts of the Foundation are to support the entire college curricula and to distribute scholarships to Peralta students via fund-raising programs. Mike shared that a total of \$30,000.00 of scholarship funds were delivered to students last year from the Foundation.

Stephanie described her 13 year background working exclusively in Higher Education and her familiarity with the legal issues surrounding the raising of funds for a 501c non-profit. Stephanie explained how she will approach her stewardship of the Peralta Foundation----initially she will meet with every established functioning organization within the student, faculty, classified and management ranks including all unions and senates. Stephanie identified her approach as spiraling from the center to the outside---a "ripple effect". She plans to establish an active Alumni

Association and to include student representation on the Foundation Board. Bruce pointed out that because the Foundation is classified as a 501c, all donations to it are tax deductible.

Secretary's Report: Jay pointed out that the notes of thanks to Garden Party participants---musicians, the winery and the hostess--- were handled by Jay, Pat and lastly Jerry who will write to Shirley Connors. Remo moved, Alex seconded, minutes were approved as corrected.

Bruce reported that he has updated the website and that people have already responded to the upcoming picnic and theatre events.

After saying that his trip to France was excellent, Jerry noted that a widespread email claimed that future employer reporting of medical benefit expenses on employees' W2 forms would be taxed. He explained that this was an outright lie and that everything should be done to expose it as such.

Alex said that there was no new report regarding Benefits and that a Benefits meeting has not been called this summer. Alex also stated that he is waiting to hear exactly how many people were dropped as a result of PCCD'S audit. He pointed out that if someone is dropped s/he CAN BE reinstated once the error is identified. In connection with the Benefits report Bruce suggested that Diana Lara be asked to join the Benefits Committee because of her knowledge and familiarity in the total Benefits program.

Linda reported that the picnic reservations have already been paid and that the door prizes this year will consist of the bottles of wine left over from the Garden Party.

Bruce suggested that he, Jerry, Alex and Les Margolies attempt to set up a meeting with Wise Allen, Interim Chancellor to explore a better understanding of all the issues surrounding the pension obligation bonds and other retiree issues.

Debra Weintraub, PFT President addressed PRO and shared that the software program PEOPLESOFT still causes problems with PCCD management-of-information and budgeting problems. She identified the “Pineapple Group” as the new source of information relevant to the bonds. Debra also said that she provided Tom Henry, PCCD’s consultant from the Sacramento Chancellor’s Office with the names of PRO leaders who are trying to meet with him and that she had encouraged him to meet with PRO.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 3:00PM.