

PRO Minutes
November 5, 2010

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Shirley Timm, Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Sondra Neiman, Remo Arancio, Pat England and Ned Pearlstein.

ABSENT: Ann Whitehead, Alex Pappas

Jerry conducted a brief business meeting during the Annual November Luncheon.

Secretary's Report: No report due to absence of the secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley identified the bank balance-- \$17,883.28.

Newsletter: Bruce encouraged people to submit information for the upcoming newsletter, January 2011. Also, Bruce reminded the attendees that the PRO website is indeed regularly updated and urged folks to visit it for a wealth of available information relevant to retiree's needs.

President's Report: Jerry reiterated the message in his president's column in the last newsletter. Peralta retiree's benefits appear secure, but difficult economic times make them a tempting target for district administrators and board members. They would be foolish to try to tamper with our benefits, but we must keep vigilant to insure that we can preempt them from doing so. Increasing membership is an important step in confirming our strength and preventing an attempt to modify our benefits.

Scholarships: Sondra shared that the current balance in the scholarship fund is \$5,107.16. Last year Sondra pointed out that PRO awarded four \$1,000.00 scholarships, one at each campus. Sondra added that routinely PRO donates \$2,000.00 each year. Sondra urged the Luncheon attendees to read the thank-you letter printed in the most recent issue of the newsletter because it illustrates how very much PRO's support encourages students. Sondra thanked attendees for their contributions.

Jerry adjourned this meeting at 2:45PM.