

PRO Meeting  
May 4, 2011

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

ABSENT: Bruce Jacobs and Pat England.

GUESTS: Barbara Joans.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:01PM.

Secretary's Report. Remo moved, seconded by Alex to accept the minutes.

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Treasurer's Report. Shirley reported that the current bank balance is \$20,825.79.

Because of Bruce's absence there was no new information regarding the next Newsletter.

President's Report. Jerry shared that as a result of the recruitment letter mailed last month to members whose 2011 dues were unpaid, PRO received 30 renewal checks. Jerry is now considering sending a similar letter to members whose annual memberships are **long** overdue.

Jerry attended a recent meeting of the PCCD Retirement Board of Authority. Once there, he learned that PRO did not have an authorized seat at that meeting. However, as of the May 11, 2011 scheduled meeting, the Authority Board will make provision for seats representing all PCCD Unions and one for PRO. Jerry reported that the Neuberger/Berman Investment company now invests the bond money. Jerry

read from a document that essentially reveals how the PCCD's debt obligation may be refinanced, thus extending the term of payments over a 20-year period.

Jerry shared his positive reaction to the PRO-PFT retirement workshop held at COA on Monday, May 2, 2011. There were many potential new members of PRO in the audience to whom PRO membership applications were distributed. Alex suggested that when retirements are looming this co-sponsored workshop be repeated three times, visiting alternate campuses each time.

Lastly, Jerry reported that the Peralta Colleges Foundation has rejected PRO's request for exemption from fees for all employee donations.

Service Committee. It was moved by Sondra, seconded by Jay that PRO continue to work with the Foundation Office through the close of Spring 2011 semester in the exercise of awarding four \$1,000.00 scholarships at each of the Peralta colleges. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed to **revisit** PRO's association with the Foundation next academic year. Remo suggested that the next issue of the newsletter contain an article outlining the entire situation, historical and current, of PRO's relationship to the Foundation.

Social Committee. Linda reminded everyone that the Wine Tasting Party at the Pasta Pelican takes place on Thursday May 12, 2011 and that the date for the Annual Picnic is Thursday September 8, 2011. Linda also shared that she has made inquiries both at KQED and FREIGHT and SALVAGE regarding programs of possible interest to PRO.

Benefits Committee. Alex reported that the next meeting of the PCCD Benefits committee will take place soon and that the most recent meeting contained no significant

revelations.

Other Business. Ned strongly urged our Board members to support the Nurses' strike currently underway at Children's Hospital in Oakland. The hospital workers have had their dependents access to medical coverage removed.

Barbara Joans asked to share with the entire PRO Board her sincere thanks to Alex for his helpful advice regarding several complexities surrounding her STRS retirement status.

The next meeting of PRO is scheduled for June 1, 2011. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:12PM.