

PRO Meeting Sept. 14, 2011

PRESENT: Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Bruce Jacobs, Jerry Herman, Ann Whitehead, Sondra Neiman, Ned Pearlstein, Pat England, Remo Arancio and Anna Pavelka-Lodato.

ABSENT: Alex Pappas

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:04PM.

Secretary's Report Jay moved to accept, Linda seconded.
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Treasurer's Report: Anna reported that the current bank balance is \$21,856.90. Anna also shared that she has placed the financial records in QUICKEN and has copied those records on to a flash drive for obvious security reasons. Also, Anna stated that PRO's Bank of America account has changed the contact information including email address etc. from former Treasurer to the current new officer. Anna has ordered new checks bearing the PRO El Cerrito address and she reported that one check for \$30.00 was lost. A check in the amount of \$74.94 was sent to the Peralta Foundation to cover administrative charges for the PRO scholarship fund.

Newsletter: Bruce reported that there were no changes recently introduced to the PRO website. For the upcoming October PRO newsletter Bruce shared that there will be photographs of the September picnic, and a review of the teleconferenced meeting (Bruce, Jerry, Jenifer Seibert, Peter Wantauk and Annette Lewis) held recently and designed to explore the issue surrounding required Medicare enrollment. Bruce explained that at that meeting essential agreement was reached regarding the desirability of all eligible Peralta retirees enrolling in Medicare. Bruce mentioned also that there will be a new Proposition (number unknown) on California's next ballot sponsored by the organization that successfully initiated Proposition 103 regarding automobile insurance, wherein a public option alternative to private medical insurance will be advanced. Bruce will cover PRO Board elections in the October issue. The PRO Board seats of Pat, Remo, Sondra, Alex and Jay are up for election. Lastly, a discussion took place regarding Bruce's intention of publishing a survey seeking members' suggestions for preferred social events. Board members were urged to email any and all such suggestions to Bruce and/or Jerry ASAP.

President: Jerry reported that the most recent Retirement Board meeting became lengthy because five different law firms were interviewed. The Firms' Public Finance expertise was the issue of particular focus and one such firm—the one out of the five that devotes its practice exclusively to Public Finance—was chosen. The name of that firm is STRADLING YOCCA CARLSON AND RAUTH.

Benefits: Jerry talked briefly about the teleconference call as described above in Bruce's comments. Also, Jerry shared that in 2010 there were roughly 147 PCCD retirees who were not enrolled in Medicare—in 2011 that number has reduced to about 100. Jerry identified that January 1 until March 31 is the open period for enrolling in Medicare and Jerry distributed his copy (allegedly sent to all retirees at their home addresses) of Peralta's EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE BENEFITS FAIR scheduled for October 6, 2011 in the District Boardroom. The Fair lasts from 9AM until 2PM and consists of five distinct workshops/presentations. Of particular importance may be the

one labelled WHAT EVERY SURVIVOR AND DEPENDENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PERALTA BENEFITS.

Social: Linda polled all present at the meeting and reached agreement for the date of the next Annual Lunch Meeting—Thursday November 10, 2011 at the Wedgewood Banquet Center. Jay said that the theme for this luncheon will be “Mardi Gras”. Inquiries are taking place now regarding the restaurant’s lunch cost, the choice of menu, the hiring of a band and an invitation to a former STRS employee who may share up-to-date information regarding the STRS pension plan. Additionally Linda reported that the lunch honoring Shirley Timm was a success.

Service: Sondra indicated that she will not run for the Board in the coming election. She agreed to continue serving until after new Board members were elected in this year's PRO elections. Other incumbent Board members up for re-election indicated their intention to run for the Board.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:38PM