

PRO Meeting  
March 5, 2014

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon, Remo Arancio, Yvonne Lewis, Debby Weintraub and Ann Whitehead.

ABSENT: Pat England, Anna Pavelka-Lodato and Alex Pappas.

GUESTS: Herb Kitchen and Ned Pearlstein

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:07PM.

Secretary's Report: Jay moved for approval, seconded by Jerry.  
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Treasurer's Report: Given Anna's inability to attend this meeting, Jerry announced that the current bank balance is \$25,306.37.

Newsletter: Bruce shared that in the next newsletter, April 1, 2014, the following items/selections will be included:

Bruce will author a description of the appropriate pieces of information helpful to one's survivor benefits.

Jay added that the Benefits Department had recently described survivor benefits.

Bruce clarified that the deadline for information to be included in the April 2014 Newsletter is March 20, 2014.

Bruce shared that although he had requested Tom Thurman for an electronic version of Tom's essay, already identified for inclusion in the April newsletter, Tom had not yet responded.

Bruce confirmed that the next Retirement Workshop conducted by PRO will be March 27, 2014. The room location at Laney College has not been established as of this writing.

Bruce stated that photos from this year's retirement workshop will be posted in the April newsletter.

Bruce confirmed that the PCCD activities surrounding its fiftieth anniversary will be available in the April newsletter assuming he receives those details.

Bruce emphasized that the Spring Garden Party date as well as any proposed date for a theatre/etc. event scheduled for anywhere from April to June must be determined prior to March 20, 2014.

Herb Kitchen from the Communication/Media Office agreed that any pertinent information regarding PCCD's fiftieth anniversary celebration/s will be sent to Bruce PRIOR to March 20, 2014 deadline for April's newsletter.

### President's Report:

Jerry shared that although he had questioned Jennifer Seibert regarding an annual accounting of the \$2,000,000.00 cap regarding pre-2004 retirees enrolled in Coresource for each retiree subject to the limit, he had not received any response. Bruce added that Jennifer had placed this item on the Benefits Committee agenda scheduled for March 27, 2014 9-noon AM at the District Office.

Given all the information and energy applied regarding the PCCD

survey of PCCD department evaluations delivered, no report, no results, etc etc. have ever been shared. Bruce agreed to request Vice-Chancellor Mike Orkin to let him know where and when the survey results will become available.

Jerry, Bruce and Debby explained that at times vaccinations delivered at a super market or pharmacy MAY NOT be covered by Coresource. It turns out that some retired people having done so, have been covered. At this time, PFT is working on clarifying language to assure that inoculation services provided by pharmacies are covered in the same way they would be at a physician's office.

Jerry described his own attendance in Marin County of a "Charles Best" lecture. In 2001, Charles Best initiated a website called "Donorschoose.org" aimed to assist Public Education Teachers whose resources had severely diminished. Jerry shared that this effort has gathered one hundred million dollars for distribution to public school teachers who applied for funding. When questioned, Jerry stated that he assumes that a contribution to this cause is tax deductible.

Social Committee: Following discussion, it was agreed that Linda and Jay, in consultation with Shirley Connors, will decide the date for the Garden Party at Shirley's home for either May 18 or June 1. Additionally, they will determine some date for the end of April/beginning of May for a PRO theatre event choosing from Shot-Gun theatre, Aurora Theatre, or Magic theatre at Laney College.

Benefits Committee: Bruce, Debby and Diana continue to examine the SPDs from 2006 and 2008. Bruce described that a review of the benefits for retirees is more difficult than such a review for active employees. Bruce stated that for the post 2004 retirees the changes in SPDs are the same as the

changes for active employees.

Service Committee: Yvonne shared that there is a new Executive Assistant at the Foundation Office with whom she works. Yvonne works as well with the Foundation's Certified Public Accountant. Yvonne stated that as of February 28, 2014, PRO's contributions amounted to \$2,975.71. Currently, Yvonne is checking to make certain that contributions from PRO members for January and February 2014 are accurately added to PRO's annual contribution.

Bruce moved that PRO's funds for the annual scholarship giving, \$4,000.00, be sufficiently augmented. Seconded by Debby.  
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Yvonne added that April 7, 2014 is the deadline for the four Peralta colleges to share their names of potential scholarship awardees. PRO reviews the 3 top names from each of the campuses among these awardees, and then PRO determines which one, per each campus, represents its choice. Debby suggested at this point that PRO Board members might advance name/s of retirees who may be willing to participate in the selection process. Debby and Bruce agreed to do Laney.

Membership: Jay reported that she sent membership applications to two recent retirees and also to Howard Perdue. Bruce stated that it would be a good time to bring PRO membership applications to the Retirement Workshop scheduled for March 27, 2014 on the Laney campus. Debby urged that PRO members join in her effort to mentor currently employed faculty as well as classified employees regarding the distinguishing features of employment in PCCD. Bruce suggested that in light of Peraltra's 50th anniversary the PFT might want to do an event on the history of the union featuring some retirees who were active and participated.

Ned Pearlstein spoke next and urged PRO to support the

"Minimum Wage Proposal" upcoming in Berkeley.

Bruce moved for such support from the PRO Board members present and that Jerry write a letter in support on behalf of PRO to the Commission on Labor in Berkeley.

Debby seconded.

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Debby took photos of the PRO Board members present for the records.

Jerry introduced Herb Kitchen to the group and Herb took video-taped comments from several PRO members in which they commented on their experiences working in Peralta.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:50PM.