

PRO Meeting
May 6. 2015

Present: Debra Weintraub, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Bruce Jacobs, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon, Tom Branca, Alex Pappas and Ann Whitehead.

Absent: Remo Arancio, Jerry Herman, Pat England and Yvonne Price.

Guest: Patricia Dudley.

Secretary's Report: Jay moved for approval with corrections, seconded by Linda.

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Treasurer's Report: Anna shared the following:

The current bank balance is \$24,308.42.

3 scholarship contributions had come recently.

14 people had already signed up for the Garden party.

Anna also told the board about a recent meeting she and Yvonne had with Jessica Keahey at the Peralta Foundation. Many financial issues remained unresolved at this meeting and Yvonne requested another meeting. Debra has determined that she along with Michael Mills will attend the upcoming meeting with Anna and Yvonne at the Foundation to clarify the unresolved questions.

Vice-President's Report: Bruce described in detail grievances some retirees experience with Coresource. Between Coresource Lite and Coresource Traditional there are distinctions. Debra suggested that PRO might consider having a presence at PCCD Board meetings in order to

remain up-to-date on Medical coverage matters that are discussed and to inform the Board about problems with the support services that retirees get.

President's Report: Debra is a member of the committee recently formed for the purpose of hiring a new medical broker given that PSW has retired. Currently PCCD hires the Keenan Company to serve temporarily until new a permanent Medical Broker is hired. What appears to be the District sentiment is that they want to hire the least expensive broker. The committee has engaged in a process of examining potential "values" to be addressed by any new broker who applies for the position. The committee wants to see the broker whose "values" correlate to the "values" defined by the largest number of committee members' identified list.

Lastly Debra will write a letter identifying committee concerns regarding the broker selection process. Her letter will be advanced to Trudy Largent, Jennifer Seibert and Marie Hampton. As of this time it remains unclear to whom the District will advance the announcement of the new Medical Broker position. A company named Keenan temporarily serves in that capacity. Bruce pointed out that Keenan hires only one person for the entire Northern California region who can reply to retiree concerns. PSW, In contrast, hired several such people and they were thoroughly helpful. Retirees are not receiving the same level of helpfulness as was previously delivered by PSW.

Social Committee: Jay and Linda have meticulously prepared for the upcoming Garden Party scheduled for May 24 in Alameda.

Ann moved that Jay and Linda and their spouse/partner attend both the annual PRO lunch and the Spring Garden Party free from the attendance fee. Anna seconded.

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Bruce then advanced a motion to refund for gas mileage used by any PRO Board member for miles driven on behalf of PRO events/matters.

Alex seconded.

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Membership: Jay has sent membership applications and promotional literature to several Laney upcoming retirees. Jay needs the identification of other colleges' incipient retirees.

Newsletter: Bruce will write about the need for retirees, already retired who are 65 years old to join Medicare. The next newsletter is coming in July.

New Business: Bruce described in detail the medical coverage distinctions between retirees pre 2004, and the retirees post 2004.

PRE---there is no limit for coverage in Kaiser.
there is a 2 million dollar limit in Coresource.

POST-there is no limit for coverage in Kaiser.
there is no limit in Coresource.

Debra remarked that the Affordable Care Act impacted the absence of any limits, e.g. Coresource.

Bruce also indicated that there are problems with the retroactive Medicare and Kaiser reimbursement. The District has arbitrarily set up a three month after the calendar year limitation on request for reimbursement for the prior year.

The limit is delineated in two documents (one for Kaiser and one for Medicare) which have not been negotiated and which contain other objectionable clauses. Debby and Bruce will join with PFT in attempting to address this concern at a to-be-scheduled meeting with Trudy Largent and Jennifer Seibert.

Debra adjourned the meeting at 2:30PM