

PRO Meeting  
June 3, 2015

Present: Jay Quesada, Remo Arancio, Alex Pappas, Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Debby Weintraub, Tom Branca, Anna Pavelka-Lodato and Ann Whitehead.

Absent: Pat England, Yvonne Price and Linda Japzon.

Guests: Joe Camara and Patricia Dudley.

Secretary's Report: Following a review of the May minutes, Jerry moved for approval, seconded by Tom.  
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Treasurer's Report: Anna shared that the current bank balance is \$24,070.70 and that there were no new scholarship contributions recently. A meeting between Yvonne, Anna, Debby and Mike Mills with Jessica Keahey from the Peralta Foundation---a meeting proposed a month ago and identified in the May PRO minutes---has not yet taken place. The purpose of the meeting is to reconcile PRO's contributions regarding scholarships with the record-keeping performed at the Foundation. The two records are inconsistent. Later, during this June meeting, it was agreed that the above mentioned meeting will be re-scheduled BEFORE Mike Mills departs for vacation in late June. Anna also reported that funds from the recent Garden Party were paid by some people who did not attend.

Vice President's Report: Bruce stated that there was no report.

President's Report: Debby announced that she and Bruce will meet with Trudy Largent and Jennifer Seibert on July 8 in order to reconcile any problems still remaining regarding the Pre and Post retiree Summary Plan Descriptions recently distributed to all retirees via mail as well as to again request reimbursement coverage for Medicare D for all retirees subject to the premiums.

Social: Jay shared enthusiastically details regarding the Garden Party held during the Memorial Day weekend. Thirty attended and the Wong musical performance was highly appreciated. Jay agreed to advance party photos to Bruce by June 18/19 so that he can include these in the upcoming July issue of PRO's newsletter.

Benefits: As mentioned above a meeting will take place on July 8, 2015 regarding the recently distributed SPDs to all retirees, as well as other benefit issues. Bruce reported that for retirees who retired after July 1, 2013, PFT has established an agreement with PCCD that Medicare Part D charges will be reimbursed by PCCD.

It is still unresolved what coverage all retirees will possess regarding Part D.

The July 8 meeting with Trudy Largent and Jennifer Seibert is to resolve what reimbursement coverage pre July 1, 2013 retirees will receive for Part D.

The District has published a new SPD for retirees. Bruce, Debby and Patricia Dudley will review it to make sure that all agreed upon changes had been made prior to publication.

The July 8 meeting meeting with District benefits officials will be an opportunity to request any changes that were not made.

Scholarships: A motion was advanced by Jerry, seconded by Jay, to increase PRO's annual scholarship of \$1,000.00 per campus to \$1,500.00 per campus.

Motion passed with one abstention.

Alex (at Alameda), Jerry (at Laney and BCC) and Carol Dalassio (at Merritt) presented the scholarships to the 2015 winners at each college and described the interesting backgrounds of the awardees.

Membership: Jay reported that several new members have recently sent in their applications and Bruce suggested that a "form" letter be composed for surviving spouse's when a retiree has passed away informing the survivor that s/he may continue PRO membership by paying dues.

Newsletter: Bruce shared that the next Newsletter will come out July 1 and that he needs information for inclusion by June 18. The newsletter will include photos of the Garden Party, identification of the next Picnic normally scheduled for a Thursday in August, a report on the status of the Medicare Part D situation and information about this year's scholarship recipients.

Debby stated that the timeline for a new benefits broker selection is unknown at this time.

Debby adjourned this meeting at 2:45PM.