

PRO Meeting
September 2, 2015

Present: Remo Arancio, Bruce Jacobs, Jerry Herman, Debby Weintraub, Yvonne Price and Ann Whitehead.

Absent: Alex Pappas, Pat England, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon and Tom Branca.

Guests: Ed Jaramillo.

Secretary's Report: Due to lack of quorum, no vote was taken.

Treasurer's Report: Due to Anna's absence, no report was delivered.

Vice President's Report: Bruce shared that there is no new information at this time.

President's Report: Debby shared that the October 18, 2015 reception honoring Chancellor Laguerre at Shirley Conner's home in Alameda has been confirmed.

Social Committee Report: Jerry described with enthusiasm the success of PRO's recent picnic. Jerry told the group that 35 folks came to this picnic and that the weather remained cool and sunny throughout our time there and that Jay had done an outstanding job setting up the picnic.

Benefits Committee Report: At this time the committee had no new information to report.

Scholarship Committee Report: To everyone's disappointment, Yvonne explained that she will no longer be able to serve on the Pro Board come January 2016. Yvonne distributed a draft copy of proposed procedures for submitting donations to the Peralta Colleges Foundation. This draft will be reproduced and attached to these minutes for discussion at the October 7, 2015 PRO meeting. Yvonne also shared that Anna has identified yet another discrepancy between PRO's contributions to the Peralta Foundation and the records of PRO's financial records. Jerry stated that he had communicated with Michael Mills and Mike was of the opinion that the matter was resolved. Some question remains and at the next PRO meeting Yvonne, Anna and Jerry hope to have the matter better understood/resolved.

Membership Committee: In the absence of Jay there was no report.

Newletter: Bruce indicated the following topics for coverage in the upcoming October newsletter:

- 1-Announcement of the October 18, 2015 Garden Party.
- 2-Jerry's report regarding OPEB bonds.
- 3-State wide issues:
 - 1-Proposition 13, on the upcoming CA ballot.
 - 2-Measure regarding public employee pensions.
- 4-U.S. Sup. Ct. suit, Friedrich vs Public Employee Unions.
- 5-For PRO elections, newsletter will seek any new nominations. One must be for Scholarship committee given Yvonne's departure.
 - Bruce identified the following Board members whose seats are up for election this year:
Remo, Ann, Jay, Pat and Scholarship chair

being vacated by Yvonne. Remo and Ann indicated that they will run for re-election. Bruce agreed to contact Jay about her plans and Debby will contact Pat.

Debby urged that Jay and Linda be provided some flexibility when finalizing the arrangements for the Annual Membership Lunch scheduled for November 12, 2015. Debby suggested that some “background music” may well serve the program thoroughly, instead of adding featured musicians as well.

Old Business: Bruce described a problem with a retiree who retired at the end of May and started Medicare July 1. The District is refusing to cover medical expenses for the month of June. The retiree is trying to work with Jennifer to resolve the issue but Bruce is suggesting that PRO needs to work with the District to make sure that people whose benefits are being suspended or cancelled are notified beforehand and told what action is necessary by a specific date to avoid cancellation.

Debby shared that the District Medical Broker has not been identified as of now.

New Business: Endorsement from PRO for a minimum wage in Berkeley—in the absence of a quorum, no vote was taken.

The vigorous pursuits engaged by ACCJC have been curtailed by the California State Chancellor according to recent reports.

Lastly, Chancellor Laguerre has agreed to visit PRO’s next meeting at 1PM on October 7, 2015.

Debby adjourned meeting at 2:30PM