

PRO Meeting
February 3, 2016

Present: Ann Whitehead, Bruce Jacobs, Patricia Dudley, Jerry Herman, Remo Arancio, Debby Weintraub, Anna Pavelka-Lodato and John Lodato.

Absent: Alex Pappas and Tom Branca.

Debby called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

Secretary's Report:

Bruce moved for approval, seconded by Patricia.
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Treasurer's Report:

Anna reported that there are \$23, 980.49 in PRO's bank account. Anna also shared that 2 contributions have recently been deposited and that scholarship applications are due early in March, 2016.

Vice President's Report:

Bruce suggested that he report on the entire "Medicare" situation later in the agenda. Additionally, Anna mentioned PRO's need to identify names of evaluators for the upcoming scholarship awards.

President's Report:

Debby reported that the inventory of PRO flashlights, given at a recent Benefits Committee meeting, do not work. Nevertheless, PRO's key chains were successfully distributed. Additionally, Debby stated that the meeting was well attended.

Social Committee:

There is no report at this time.

Benefits:

At the recent Benefits Committee meeting which Jerry and Tom attended on behalf of PRO, Jennifer indicated that the District would henceforth use a "consultant" rather than a "broker". The final determination of the consultant is yet-to-be determined. However, currently Alliant has been contracted as the District's consultant.

Jerry, Rick and Tom attended the Benefits Committee meeting held on January 21, 2016. Jerry reported that the newly written Mission Statement was adopted by Jennifer Seibert and the Benefits committee. Jerry also reported that the new/next broker for PCCD's benefits's program has not yet been chosen. Jerry also shared that the review of the so-called Cadillac tax and its impact have not yet been conducted.

Jennifer reported to the Benefits Committee that there are fewer than 50 people enrolled in Medicare. Alliant is currently serving as the PCCD's Benefits Consultant.

As of this date no one has been identified as the permanent PCCD broker. Debby asked if any Board members had completed the "Benefits" questionnaire. No one present answered "yes" except Debby.

Debby suggested that we solicit responses from Jennifer for the next newsletter about questions having to do with Medicare documentation and Kaiser prescription drug reimbursement that have come up for individual PRO Board members.

Ultimately, it was determined at this meeting that Debby will invite Jennifer as well as the people from Alliant to PRO's next meeting in March (or April, if necessary). Debby will hold a meeting with Bruce Jacobs for incipient retirees, Classified, Faculty and Managers for an explanation of how Peralta's medical benefits work with Medicare after retirement. Such a meeting will be held at Laney College later in the Spring, 2016.

Scholarships:

Jerry contacted Sondra Neiman to find out if she might be able to chair the Scholarship committee work. With regret, she is not able to do so. It was identified that PRO needs eight readers and their work shall begin in March of any given school year.

Bruce suggests the following language regarding student applications to PRO's Scholarship Program applications:

“The student must submit a coherent essay that focuses on:

Obstacles the student has overcome in order to acquire an education:

How student’s Peralta experience has impacted student’s life:

The student’s plans for the future including higher education plans and career plans:

Membership:

John emphasized the importance of developing and Overall Marketing Plan for PRO prior to identifying specific actions designed for implementation. Additionally, John stated that his work will involve the publication of a flyer designed for retirees who are not paying members. John suggested that after he drafts and the PRO Board evaluates the brochure current PRO should think of activities that might engage non-member retirees’ (as well as the broader Peralta community’s) interests.

Debby adjourned this meeting at 2:50PM.