

Peralta Retirees Organization

Meeting Minutes: December 2, 2020

Present: Karen Anderson, Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Debbie Weintraub, Ann Elliott  
 Alex Pappas, Judy Cohen

Agenda item	Discussion	Follow up action
	Call to Order 1:07 pm	
	Ann Elliott welcomed; joining PRO Board to help with Newsletter	
Approval of Minutes	Fix Pres report to \$22,000 and acronym PAAA. Minutes approved with corrections	
Financial Report	Bruce sending emails to expired memberships; \$2295 dues collected; fees for PayPal, Website, Postage, Balance \$11,648.92	
Introduction to Board  NEWSLETTER	<p>Ann Elliott retired in 2019 from Merritt. She has been reading the Newsletter; asked Mario Rivas to write an article; spoke with Helene; willing to produce Newsletter for a year; requested background information.</p> <p>Discussion: (Debbie) Newsletter is a place for sharing; keeping people informed; (Alex) Provides institutional memory; shows Union connection to PRO; personal observations</p> <p>(Jerry) Newsletter is a unifier; keeps people connected, informed, in touch; great asset.</p> <p>(Karen) A good source for trusted information.</p> <p>(Bruce) Information from State level that affects retirees. PERS &amp; STRS releases; reporting on health benefits.</p> <p>Ann will mention to Jennifer Shanoski that PRO wants to be kept informed by PFT.</p> <p>Jerry advised when vaccine comes out Newsletter will be source of information</p> <p>Debbie: make sure readers focus on receiving information through quotes and photographs.</p> <p>Question: Are we getting rid of Newsletter print version?</p> <p>Bruce commented mailing during COVID seems not a good idea. We would like to get back to print version at some safe point after vaccines. Nancy at West Coast Arts could put together files. Cost: \$1200/issue including printing and stamps. PRO will reach out to ask members if they prefer email. Next Newsletter is online, thinking Costs may keep it online.</p> <p>Ann will take over April Newsletter; Felix helping with layout. Jerry will proofread.</p> <p>Bruce has list of 25 people without email addresses. Next issue, ask people how</p>	<p>Present Opt In/Out for electronic version.</p> <p>Ask in April</p> <p>Send letters to those on list to get email addresses.</p> <p>Wait until safe to send hard copy</p>

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	<p>they want to receive Newsletter. Karen works with Lavender Seniors, emails monthly newsletter, snail mail to those who have no emails; cost is minimal thru Office Max. Suggestion: Hardcopy must be requested</p> <p>JANUARY ISSUE: Article from Mario; Info about COVID and testing; reassure retirees they are covered for testing thru Medicare;</p> <p>Logistics for vaccine distribution will be complicated and chaotic. PRO should keep on top of it with bulletins on process. Advise members to contact District.</p> <p>Bill Withrow re-elected and 2 new Trustees.</p> <p>Acknowledge the passing of Diana Lara</p> <p>Bruce has article about Jill Biden as community college teacher.</p> <p>A Column about what we are reading and watching</p> <p>Ask people for a short book review and recommendations. Send to Bruce</p> <p>Jerry: A French Village about German occupation of France (70 episodes, Amazon)</p> <p>Borgen – Danish politics (30 episodes, Netflix)</p> <p>January issue deadline 12/20/20</p>	<p>Advise members to</p> <p>Contact Harizon regarding procedures and coverage for vaccine. Ask Harizon for information to include in Newsletter</p> <p>Request District to send Broadcast email.</p> <p>Debbie will write Medicare about information going out.</p>
<p>Vice President</p>	<p>SPD issue has not moved forward. No meetings</p> <p>Karen: PERS long term care lawsuit doubled premium. Class action lawsuit in court now. Amy final ruling?</p> <p>Bruce has taken over Mailbox responsibilities. Mailbox located on Lakeshore-no masks-big line-people traffic.</p> <p>There is a place in Jack London that will send mail to you; reasonable monthly charge (the place we use is the same service but will FedEx rather than regular mail-too expensive) Suggestion to use home address instead of mailbox. Bruce will think about it.</p>	<p>Bruce will look at long term care .</p>

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<p>President</p>	<p>Referenced NY Times article about President Trump looking to deregulate approval for certain medical procedures. Ref book: Science Under Attack (Peter Bock).                  Reminder to members to complete Premium Reimbursement forms with Social Security statement (put in Newsletter). Question about SSN on reimbursement form.                  State takeover; SEIU may back it.                  When people retire they are booted off .edu. Going into negotiations because District says it is too expensive to keep people on. A way for faculty to keep in touch with students. Chanelle was looking into it but she is gone.                  Debbie concerned about how PRO will continue after her term ends.                  Trying to get in touch with Stan to possibly join zoom meeting.                  Let Burt know we are thinking of him.</p>	<p>Debbie will contact Jennifer about takeover.                  Extend Board members until next fall. Ann can join board as she takes over newsletter.</p> <p>Place on March 3<sup>rd</sup>                  Agenda</p>
<p>Scholarships</p>	<p>About \$800 has been received. Must determine what we can afford this year.</p>	
<p>Membership</p>	<p>Recruit renewals.</p>	<p>Bruce will send letters to those with no email address.</p>
	<p>Meeting Adjourned 2:54 pm Next meeting via Zoom 3/3/2021</p>	

Respectfully submitted,  
 Judith Cohen