

PRO Board Meeting  
PFT Conference Room  
March 1, 2005

**Present:** Officers: Jerry Herman, President, Bruce Jacobs, Vice-President, Juanita Peterson, Secretary, Shirley Timm, Treasurer  
Board: Remo Arancio, George Herring, Phyllis Jones, Ed Minasian, Shirley Nedham, Alex Pappas

**Absent:** Treasurer Timm, Board Member Pacheco

President Jerry Herman began the meeting at 1:05 pm.

**Minutes** were approved with correction of the name of Phyllis Jones.

**Treasurer Report:** Jerry reported for Timm that three new members have been added to increase the account balance to \$4698.29.

**President's Report:** Jerry handed out information about California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA), a leading voice for seniors in California. Member information can be obtained from 2761 Geary Boulevard, San Francisco, CA 94118, (415) 550-0828.

George Herring gave out copies of CALSTRS Newsletter, Pension Issues Alert. Sign up at [www.calstrs.com](http://www.calstrs.com) and click on "Pension Issues Resource Center".

The planned meetings with union representatives occurred on March 4<sup>th</sup> with Jerry and Bruce meeting with SEIU representative Millie Cleveland and Diana Lara..

To prepare a letter and questions for a meeting with B. Bezemek, Jerry asked Bruce and Alex to meet with him soon.

It was decided that the Board set a regular meeting date and time. All agreed on the first Wednesday of each month. However, the next meeting will be on April 13 at 12:30 pm in the PFT Office unless location is changed. Michael Lamperd has been invited to this meeting for lunch.

### **Committee Reports**

**Benefits:** Alex distributed the minutes of February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PRO Fringe Benefits Committee. Alex was elected Chair with Remo as alternate and Shirley Nedham was note taker for the meeting. Ned and Alex will attend PCCD Benefits Committee meetings as invitees of PFT.

The new fringe benefits clerk is Benefits Specialist Jennifer Seibert; she is Karen Anderson's replacement.

Issues discussed: Need to clarify procedures for getting Medicare parts A and B premiums and for reimbursement from PCCD. District needs adequate personnel to check retirees itemized lists of prescription drugs against Kaiser receipts for prescription drug identification numbers. Needed are new cards for CoreSource members, a benefits book, list of physicians and hospitals, and clarification of claims procedures. District needs to hold the election for STRS "Santa Clause" program for paying Medicare Part A. George Herring volunteered to find out from CoreSource how reimbursements for Medicare Parts A and B are handled.

The meeting of this group (Remo, Phyllis, Shirley, Alex, Ned, Amey) will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 2 pm in the PFT Office.

**Service/Sunshine:** Ed reported sending a sympathy card to Valentina Marlar's daughter at Valentina's address. He also reported learning that Ed Kelly and Lucille Green have died.

Ed called the Round Table Group to ask for volunteers and received the following retirees willing to help with various service tasks:

Pat Furlong Marcia Gerin Ken Guinasso Oliver Kellogg Ina Lawson Ed Minasian Art Naftaly  
Shirley Nedham Marilyn Rowe Mary C. Smith (Note: Ed and Shirley are Board members.)

Ed suggested the Service/Sunshine committees be divided into Service and Sunshine with Ed being in charge of Sunshine taking care of cards and volunteers. It was agreed that Jerry will ask Sondra Nieman to chair the Service Committee. Phyllis volunteered to work with Sondra.

It was agreed that our database should include health care provider information. (Note from Juanita: The available Blue Cross and Kaiser lists are subject to change since changing to CoreSource.)

**Report on S.F. retirees' organization, Shirley Nedham:** Shirley contacted Gerry Meister, Chair of United Educators of S. F. Retirees (UESFR). They are a K-12 Group, community college not included, have 500 members and dues are \$48 per year. UESFR has a member on USESF and is included in city/county health plans.. Gerry Meister advised PRO to make alliances, but not to affiliate with larger groups.

Shirley brought back information on UESFR membership, newsletter, membership survey form, and available health plans. From the member survey, the two main priorities cited by members are protecting health benefits and monitoring STRS/legislation. The monthly newsletter includes a UESF Retired Division legislative/position report. The group has two standing committees, Health (fringe benefits) and Legislative, all other committees are ad hoc. They have lunch meetings, keeping costs to \$5 to \$10.

Jerry has contacts with other retiree organizations. Bruce commented that PERS/STRS positions affect the 401K proposal of the Governor. Other groups are CRTA (link on PRO website) and California Alliance (national) for Retired Americans Group/California Public Employees Chapter, and CTA/NEA-Retired. Also noted, on March 17, HR147 repeals the windfall offset.

Shirley recommended the US Dept. of Health and Human Services "What Every Woman Should Know", SSA Pub. No. 05-10127, September 1994, ICN 480067.

**Other Business:** George Herring had a social setting conversation with Elihu Harris and told him PRO wants to be of assistance to the District. Elihu welcomes PRO's help and is willing to work with PRO. He suggested Jerry should talk with him and that changes in benefits might have to be looked at. PCCD is the only community college district cited for having unfunded liability.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juanita Peterson, Secretary