PRO Board Meeting January 8, 2014

<u>PRESENT</u>: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Remo Arancio, Ann Whitehead, Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Pat England, Anna Pavelka-Lodato and Debby Weintraub.

ABSENT: Yvonne Lewis and Alex Pappas.

<u>Guest:</u> Ned Pearlstein.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. Jerry conveyed that Trustee Gulassa had to cancel his visit to PRO scheduled for this meeting.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Anna moved for approval, seconded by Remo. MSU

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Anna reported that the current bank balance is \$24,650.75. Anna also shared that during the calendar year, 2013, PRO received \$7,000.00 in dues.

<u>Newsletter</u>: Bruce reminded the Board that the Jan.-Mch. 2014 newsletter, already in the mail, contains the current election materials/announcements. Six people are running for five seats on the PRO Board. Bruce mentioned that the photographs taken at the Annual Luncheon of 2013 are posted on the website in color. Bruce shared that there had been some trouble with the data base that identifies name/address labels but Anna was able to resolve the issue via her communications with Bidelman.

<u>President's Report:</u> Bruce expressed concern for John Dahlquist and inquired if anyone present knew recent information regarding John's health. Ned replied that he had seen John recently in a doctor's office waiting-room and that John needs the help of an assistant.

Jerry said that the remaining Peralta Trustees who are invited to visit a PRO meeting are Cy Gulassa, Abel Guillen and Dr. Nicky Gonzalez Yuen. Jerry reported that he will share details of his recent trip to Europe during the February PRO meeting.

<u>Benefits Committee Report:</u> Debby shared details of her recent attendance at the Benefits Committee meeting.

<u>Coresource Retirees</u>: Bruce identified the following facts pertinent to retirees who remain enrolled in Coresource and retired prior to July 1, 2004.

The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) rules do not require the District to change the existing 2 million dollar limit for medical costs experienced by people who retired PRIOR to July 1, 2004.

The 2 million dollar limit does NOT apply to Kaiser enrollees in PCCD.

Coresource-enrolled retirees POST 2004 as well as active employees in PCCD experience NO limit.

The Peralta District permits anyone to convert to Kaiser each Spring during open enrollment.

Medicare absorbs 80% of medical costs, thus leaving Coresource the remainder against which the 2 million dollar limit is calculated.

There is NO Medicare coverage for prescriptions.

Ned attended this meeting and distributed a document outlining a selection of pertinent questions related to the "limit".

A very lengthy discussion took place following a motion advanced by Jerry, seconded by Ann, wherein Jerry wants to ask the Benefits Office to IDENTIFY the status (how much of my 2 million are already absorbed?) regarding the limits for anyone enrolled in Coresource. Ultimately the specific motion became a request by the PRO Board to Jerry that Jerry write a letter to the Benefits Office asking for information about the District's records on how much individuals subject to the limit have used. Asking the District to notify each person was deferred until PRO has more information about the District's record-keeping and procedures in the event an individual uses up his/her 2 \$ million. MSU

Regial Committee:

<u>Social Committee:</u> Linda and Jay along with suggestions from other PRO Board members listed the following possible social events that may be scheduled for Spring 2014:

Garden Party at Shirley Connors' home in Alameda A Lesher theatre event.

A night at Yoshis.

"Senior Rush" at the SF symphony, ballet or opera.

<u>Service Committee</u>: There was no updated report.

<u>Membership Committee:</u> Jay had no new information at this time.

<u>New Business</u>: Debby suggested that PRO members engage in a "mentoring" program designed to assist newly hired faculty who could use specific assistance. Debby shared a document which is attached illustrating her goals.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 3:00PM