PRO Board meeting October 5, 2011

<u>PRESENT</u>: Linda Japzon, Jay Quesada, Ann Whitehead, Sondra Neiman, Bruce Jacobs, Jerry Herman, Socorro Taylor and Ned Pearlstein.

<u>ABSENT</u>: Alex Pappas, Pat England, Anna Pavelka-Lodato and Remo Arancio.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:06PM and together with the board welcomed Socorro Taylor.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>: Ned moved for approval, seconded by Linda: MSU

Newsletter-Website: Bruce stated that the October 2011 issue was ready and it will go into the mail on Thursday October 6. Bruce pointed out that every issue of the newsletter is emailed to all PCCD trustees. Recently Bruce received acknowledgement/commendation from two trustees. It was agreed that the following officers/offices will receive print copies of PRO's quarterly newsletter in the future:

All union presidents
The foundation
All college presidents
Academic senate presidents at each college
DAS president
The chancellor
Jeff Heyman, current communications/marketing director

President's Report: Jerry shared that he is still trying to establish an agreement with Pascal Villiger, current STRS equity specialist, to be the featured speaker at PRO's Annual luncheon scheduled for November 10, 2011. The board reached agreement that 30 minutes including Q and A should be reserved for the speaker. Jerry told the board that on October 24 he and Bruce will meet with PFT to assist in clarifying some contract language regarding retiree access to medical benefits. For those already retired the contract language is **fixed** as is the language expressed in Summary Plan Descriptions which are applicable at the time of one's retirement. However, for the PFT currently negotiating the next contract, the participation of PRO officers may be helpful to PFT's effort. Bruce pointed out that within a few weeks—perhaps by the upcoming new year—he will describe on the website relevant information regarding enrolling in Senior Advantage (applies to Kaiser subscribers, not Coresource) and Medicare Parts A, B.

<u>Social Committee</u>: Linda and Jay have established the annual luncheon theme (Mardi Gras), the lunch choices and the music. Linda announced that on

October 17 the entire lunch preparations will be finalized.

<u>Service Committee</u>: Sondra re-introduced Socorro and basically reported that she will start to identify folks who may participate in the scholarship delivery come 2012 graduation-time.

<u>Elections</u>: Bruce moved that one's "eligibility to vote in the upcoming elections is confined to members whose dues are paid through 2011 OR after". Ned seconded.

MSU

Through discussion the Board agreed to the following timetable for the upcoming elections:

Nov. 10 nominations close

Nov. 16 all ballot information due EOD

Nov. 28/29 all ballots mailed out

Dec. 9 returned ballots must be postmarked no later than

Dec. 9.

On December 14, 2011 the following board members will meet at 10AM in the PFT office to count the ballots:

Ned-Linda-Sondra-Ann

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:56PM