PRO Meeting Oct. 6, 2010

PRESENT: Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs, Ann Whitehead, Ned Pearlstein, Remo Arancio, Jay Quesada, Linda Japzon, Pat England, and Shirley Timm.

ABSENT: Sondra Neiman and Alex Pappas.

GUEST: Diana Lara.

Jerry called the meeting to order at 1:04PM.

Secretary's Report: Remo moved, seconded by Bruce to accept the report. MSU

Treasurer's Report: Shirley shared that the current bank balance is \$16,092.90.

Newsletter: Bruce reported that the upcoming newsletter in January will identify PRO's new members' names.

President's Report: Jerry announced that he was not able to attend the most recent PCCD Benefits Committee meeting but that Diana Lara had emailed him following that meeting. In the meeting Diana said that she supported the idea that the \$80,000.00 saved from the Health Audit regarding dependents be distributed among both active as well as retired Peralta folks to offset increased costs. Additionally Diana along with Rick Greenspan (representing the PFT) agreed that any discussion of OPEBs would not be part of the upcoming PFT negotiations.

Jerry described the circumstances surrounding "financial analysts" reports----one due in December from Vice-

Chancellor Lenehan's office and a second one from a firm, Rael and Jetson, to be hired possibly by PRO in conjunction with PFT, Local 790 and possibly Local 39. A discussion followed in which the focus dealt with the appropriate timing for PRO to initiate the hiring of their chosen analysts' employment.

It was agreed to wait and not to try to pre-empt the PCCD/Lenehan report.

Social Committee Report: Linda and Jay have completed the organizing and planning of the November 5 Annual Luncheon event.

Service Committee Report: Because Sondra was unable to attend this meeting there was no report. Bruce indicated that he had spoken with Sondra and that she indicated that the scholarship fund has more than \$4,000.00 in its accounts.

Membership Committee Report: Jay shared that she will compile a list of the new members, recently retired. Bruce suggested that Barbara Joans be enlisted contact retirees who had been members of PRO but who had let their membership lapse. Barbara had indicated to Bruce that she was willing to do some work for PRO.

Jerry reported that the Peralta Foundation sent invitations to PRO for its Annual Dinner. Each ticket costs PRO \$65.00. Remo moved, seconded by Pat that PRO send three representatives to the dinner at PRO's expense. MSU

In a subsequent and separate motion, advanced by Remo and seconded by Bruce, it was agreed to send four PRO Board members---Linda Jerry, Jay and Sondra. MSU.

Lastly, Jerry raised the issue of couples' dues. After a lengthy and highly participatory discussion it was agreed that each retired person, married to a Peralta retiree or not, is responsible for his/her own annual PRO dues, \$20.00 per year.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 2:43PM.