

Peralta Retirees Organization

Meeting Minutes March 1, 2017

Present: Karen Anderson, Telly Castro, Carol Dalessio, Patricia Dudley (Secretary), Jerry Herman, Bruce Jacobs (Vice President), John Lodato, Helene Maxwell, Anna Pavelka-Lodato (Treasurer), Debby Weintraub (President)

Absent: Tom Branca, Remo Arancio, Alex Pappas

Agenda item	Discussion	Follow up action
Approval of minutes	1/4/2017 MSU	
Officers' Reports	Called to order 1:04 pm.	
Secretary	No report.	Will bring minutes from October and December to next meeting.
Treasurer	<p>A. There is \$23,899.01 in the PRO account. There is one new member. The scholarship balance is \$4990.21 with seven new contributions. There will be additional fees on this amount to pay for Foundation administration.</p> <p>B. A one-time donation was made to PAAA for \$1000.</p> <p>C. Jerry states that we will need about \$2000 more to cover the cost of scholarships. Suggests that we solicit via email.</p> <p>D. Helene suggests that we do a profile of scholarship winners for the newsletter. This historically appears in the July newsletter with additional solicitation for funds.</p>	C. Jerry and Bruce will take care of this.
Vice President	A. Indemnification: Bruce has the phone number and will follow up.	A. Bruce will follow up.
President	<p>A. Becky Stone will be sending out thank you notes to contributors/honorees. We do not have addresses for all contributors/honorees. It is suggested that we include the need for honoree contact information on solicitations.</p> <p>B. Follow up on requests made to PCCD:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have asked for the names of retirees and their peralta.edu addresses for both May and December retirees. 2. Benefits office survey 3. Listserv for retirees; PRO should be involved in set-up process. Patricia reported that at the last Benefits meeting this was brought up. The discussion about approval was now in the PCCD Business Office and we can expect an answer soon, will implementation by July 1. 4. Alliant: we are asking for the ability to contact them via phone. Should be 	

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	<p>invite Alliant rep to a PRO meeting? Discussion followed. Debby thinks we should invite the Alliant rep who attends Benefits meetings, although Seibert prefers that all question go through her</p> <p>C. Benefits office survey: Bruce - the benefits office needs exclusive "advocate/ombudsman." Better to survey people who had problems/issues. Karen – need change in attitude. Counselor to answer questions. Debby – solutions: ombudsman, mission statement (include advocacy) and document problems with attitude (constructive criticism). We need to find out who had issues in the last two years; ask all unions for input. Jerry – survey may backfire. Helene found Seibert’s job description online and it includes: containing costs, and analyzing monthly costs and problem resolution.</p>	<p>C. Karen and Telly to try to get mission statement and job description of benefits office.</p>
Social Committee	<p>John investigating venues for the Garden Party: Lake Chalet and the Café at the Oakland Museum. Date May 20/21, or if at Museum possibly 20-25th with docent tour. Lake Chalet has minimum of \$2100. Discussion followed.</p>	
Benefits Committee	<p>Patricia reports on meeting. There will be "teledoc" 24/7 phone service. There was discussion about a "new" card, but Patricia did not receive one.</p>	
Scholarship Committee	<p>Debby will contact Keiko. Bruce – there is a link for online information.</p>	<p>Debby will contact Keiko.</p>
Membership Committee	<p>225-261 members paid. 21 people have blank entry; never joined. Debby – we should distribute the list to the Board to see who can make personal requests.</p>	
Newsletter	<p>Bruce spoke to Felix. It was \$250 for him to take over production. March 15th deadline for upcoming newsletter. Edition will include: spring party, board election, Debby’s article, ?PFT/Ann’s luncheon, Thanks to Sue Chin and Becky Stone, request for information re: issues with benefits office, PERS/STRS re-evaluations of returns and what, if any fallout; issues with current federal administrative changes and resistance activities, Franeta living in Spain, direction of PRO in terms of Trump administrative "indivisible" website. Privatization of Medicare consequences.</p>	<p>Bruce will talk to printers about new layout. Helene willing to collaborate on newsletter.</p>
Old Business	<p>PRO email: print this as a policy.</p>	
New Business	<p>Medicare Workshop: March 2, 2017 from 5:30-7:30. Includes spouses and partners. Patricia will present Debby and Bruce will be there. Outreach to include PAAA and other diversity groups.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>3:05 p.m. M/S/U. Next Meeting: June 7,2017 1:00 pm</p> <p>Meeting schedule for 2017: Meetings in January, March, April, June, July,</p>	

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	September, October, November is luncheon meeting, and December. No meetings in February, May or August.	
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Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Dudley