PRO Meeting August 1, 2012

Bruce called the meeting to order at 1:05PM.

<u>PRESENT</u>: Jay Quesada, Bruce Jacobs, Ann Whitehead, Anna Pavelka-Lodato, Alex Pappas, Remo Arancio and Debra Weintraub.

<u>ABSENT</u>: Jerry Herman, Yvonne Lewis, Pat England and Linda Japzon.

Bruce welcomed Debby as PRO's newest Board member. Debby has replaced Ned Pearlstein.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>: Jay moved for approval, seconded by Remo.
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Treasurer's Report: Anna shared that the current bank balance is \$22,045.79. Anna also stated that 26 of the 35 tickets originally purchased by PRO for the performance of "Fiddler", were sold. The total expense to PRO was therefore \$194.00. Anna reported that two newsletters were returned—from Amey Stone and Manuel Barroca. Anna identified the names of two new members—Celia Correa and Becky Hsieh.

Newsletter: Regarding the publication of PRO's October newsletter, Bruce announced that this letter goes out to ALL members, paid up-to-date, or not. This practice in the past was relegated to the January issue. Bruce also pointed out that the PRO Board member elections will close in November at the annual luncheon. Identification of term-ending Board members is not readily available. Jay suggested that the option of purchasing a PRO T-shirt be announced in the October

newsletter so that folks can purchase one at the annual luncheon, date yet- to-be determined.

Bruce shared a copy of a July 26, 2012 letter sent to Matt Goldstein and Patricia Dudley from Trudy Largent, Vice-Chancellor for Human Resources. The letter addresses "Prescription Formulary Changes and Prior Authorization Requirements". A copy of this letter will remain in the PRO files. The letter responded to an unfair labor practice allegation from Matt Goldstein, President of PFT. Apparently Trudy Largent did not agree to any removal of language in the 2008 SPD (Summary Plan Description) and Bruce believes that PRO should challenge that action. Bruce announced that, for retirees, formulary changes cannot be altered.

Additionally, Bruce stated that the language for prescription drugs, when identified on the Federal Registry, cannot be eliminated from coverage. Debby suggested that any changes in the SPD should be shared with the Benefits Committee.

Bruce and Jerry have established a lunch date with Chancellor Ortiz for August 29, 2012.

In recognition of Ned's long service on the PRO Board, a lunch date has been set up for 1:00PM, Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at Bucci's in Emeryville.

Social Committee: Jay reported that all the preparations for the September 23 picnic have been undertaken. Additionally, Jay explained that the social gathering at Pasta Pelican will take place on Friday September 21 at which time the band will be present. This agreement represents a change from a previous date of September 7 because there was no band present on September 7.

Membership Committee: Again, Jay shared that she is systematically going through the most recent list of retirees and,

where possible, making contact and soliciting new members. Bruce added that he wants to find a way to reach out to Pat Coven and inspire her interest in membership.

<u>Health Benefits Committee</u>: Alex shared that there has been no meeting since late last year and that Long Term Care insurance MAY be served effectively by the Transamerica plan, largest company offering LTC insurance.

Near the close of this meeting Debra questioned if PRO endorses Trustee candidates. Bruce replied that traditionally PRO has not advanced endorsements.

Bruce adjourned the meeting at 2:20PM.