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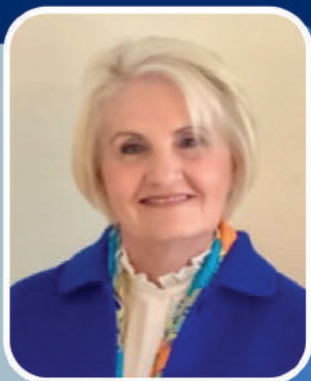
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – by ROSEMARY KNOX



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Dear Members,

As we say goodbye to 2021, I'd like to congratulate the collective effort made by all the RPEA Chapters and our headquarters team over this past year to stay connected. In 2021 the RPEA headquarters team assisted approximately forty or more chapters with hosting Zoom meetings. The participation in these meetings was active and beneficial in helping us be together and maintain the business of the association and its chapters throughout the state.

A new year brings New Year Resolutions, and for many of us, staying firm to the RPEA Mission is essential. RPEA protects the interests of retirees at the state level to ensure your retirement is secure. We are active retired California Employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members and secure our benefits. We retain a professional lobbyist who represents our interest before the Governor, Legislators, and CalPERS Board.

I am pleased to report that the RPEA Board continues an active and ongoing relationship with CalPERS by attending

meetings and serving on their Advisory Committees.

In 2021 the RPEA Legislative Committee, along with the "ad hoc Committee regarding Expert CalPERS Issues," was instrumental in defeating AB 386 (Cooper); this bill now has become a two-year bill to be addressed in 2022. (Article regarding AB 386 (Cooper) can be found in the 2021 July/August RPEA Newsletter.) The Legislative Committee is actively meeting to review legislative bills that have been introduced for 2022 and this work is much appreciated.

January has more than fifteen zoom meetings reservations already! If you are interested in hosting a zoom, just give headquarters a call!

I look forward to our year ahead, and working with everyone to continue strengthening the RPEA and benefits of membership!

New Year's Resolution! Share the RPEA!

Rosemary Knox
RPEA President

Congratulations Lauren Vetter, RPEA's New Director of Membership!



Hi Everyone,

I would like to introduce myself- I am Loran Vetter. Many of you have known me and had contact with me through the Volunteer Program (RPEA Gives Back to the Community). We worked together on that program and we were making good progress until the Pandemic hit the world. The Gives Back Program is temporarily in hiatus, although I am maintaining the database for those who wish to send in their hours. Recently, I had the honor to be sworn in as the Director of Membership for RPEA and am really looking forward to this new challenge.

Membership, each and every one of our members, is important to the health of the Organization. Many times the strength of RPEA has stopped bills designed to pilfer the security of our retirement. It is only by standing together and gaining new members that we will be strong. Through that strength we will be able to sustain in the long run against super conservative politicians, journalists, think tank members,

and others in the community that seek to take away the benefits and security we have worked so hard to gain. If that sounds familiar, it is. These are some of the same arguments I used to urge you to send in your volunteer hours. Those hours substantiate our freely given contribution to the State.

I have been a member of my local Chapter 43 since 2011 after retiring from the State. I had never heard of RPEA until a friend invited me to attend a meeting. Like many of us, I spent the first five or so years listening, but never volunteering. One day, a Director at Large took me aside and asked me to consider joining the board. That was the beginning of my journey within my Chapter and later in establishing a Chapter volunteer reporting program. I plan to reach out to as many of you as is humanly possible to find out your suggestions and your needs. This is our organization and we must work to keep it strong and viable.

Loran Vetter
Director of Membership



Here we are, after two years of COVID, entering a new year still saddled with COVID and its variants and they are causing overarching public health issues to continue to negatively alter our

behavior. The vaccinations and precautions we must take to guard against this malady are measures we all are tired of but most people recognize the importance of continuing to employ. This is doubly true for seniors, many of whom, must be concerned due to underlying medical conditions that are common in our age group. A new wrinkle in the battle against COVID is the introduction of 'flurona' – a combination of COVID and regular flu (seasonal flu) that has just recently been diagnosed. With these new threats to our health, its no wonder that many members are reluctant to attend 'live' chapter meetings and be exposed to COVID and its variants. While some chapters have access to large meeting rooms, many don't, so proximity to other members make face-to-face meetings problematic. Hopefully, chapter leaders can find suitable meeting venues that will permit more live meetings in 2022. Our General Assembly (GA) is planned for 2022 in September. This event will be held in the 'roomy' Arden Hilton in Sacramento where it will be possible to provide separation between members and avoid 'tight seating' that could make some delegates uncomfortable. Let's hope that COVID is behind us by September.

A vacant seat on the CalPERS Board is being sought by union members for this non-state, public agency seat on the Board. After this seat is filled, the CalPERS Board will be almost fully packed with people who lack the capability to analyze matters before the Board. The few with some degree of ability to make insightful observations, are greatly outnumbered and almost never prevail in crucial votes. After this special election is over, the CalPERS Board will be almost fully controlled by the CEO and Board President who now hold exceptional power over the direction of our pension system. While a recent article in the Financial Times praised the CalPERS CEO for her recognition of the need to cut ties with outside investment managers and greatly reduce management fees, she was not criticized for producing almost the lowest return on investment (ROI) among many large U.S. public pension

funds during 2020/21 stock market run-up. In addition, the CalPERS Board approved a discount rate reduction (rate of investment return) at the November 2021 Board meeting which raises the cost of pensions for public agencies. Question is: does the lower discount rate make it easier for CalPERS staff to make their bonuses while adding cost to CalPERS contract agency budgets. In addition, does a lower discount rate reduce the prowess of investment officers who now have a lower threshold for performance ratings and bonus qualification. For almost 1 1/2 years, CalPERS has been without a Chief Investment Officer (CIO). A strong CIO is vital to a stellar performance by the investment team, CalPERS has lacked this vital asset for too long now and recent poor investment performance proves this point.

While still being hobbled by COVID which is causing continued disruption of chapter activities, the association (RPEA) continues to function well at headquarters level. The various Directors of statewide committees continue to attend CalPERS zoom meetings and live meetings when they occur. We continue to make public comment at these meetings when proposed actions at CalPERS need to be altered to better suit the needs of CalPERS members. We have continuously pursued our legislative objectives and succeeded again in 2021 to defeat a dangerous CalPERS bill that would permit near-secret loans to high-risk borrowers – we will oppose any similar bill CalPERS submits in 2022 unless it meets the standards needed to make it acceptable. In addition, we will most likely introduce bills in 2022 that would establish an Inspector General (IG) at CalPERS and a bill that would substitute the California Urban CPI (Cost of Living Index) for COLA calculation – the National Urban CPI now in use is usually about 10% lower than the CA Urban CPI. A bill to increase the CalPERS Death Benefit by CA Urban CPI each year is also being considered. Finally, RPEA may introduce new legislation to reestablish some form of rural health care subsidy - a much needed benefit for those in non-HMO regions in California.

Al Darby

RPEA Vice President

HEALTH BENEFITS UPDATE – by JJ JELINCIC



The CalPERS open enrollment process has been completed. CalPERS has not yet reported the movement between plans. So, it is not yet possible to report how successful CalPERS was in moving members out of low

premium plans and into higher premium plans. In the long run, this will lead to higher total medical costs. Insurance companies are in the business of making money. If CalPERS will impose surcharges for controlling costs and reward companies for having higher costs, companies will be rational. Why have cost controls and lower costs if the company cannot market lower premiums?

More changes in HMO premiums will be coming this year. The expectation is to see adjustments similar to this year. CalPERS has also announced that there will be changes coming in the benefit structure of the PPOs. The first round of “thoughts” not “recommendations” focused on cost shifts and were soundly rejected by members.

The table below shows the regional surcharges/subsidies. (The State numbers are in the July/August newsletter.) The member pays the negotiated premium plus the surcharge or minus the subsidy. The chart is for single member accounts. If you are in a two-party code multiply by two; for a family plan multiply by 2.6.

Employer contributions are frequently set by either an average premium or the higher of a number of plans. If Access+ was one of those plans the employer contribution has been decreased.

COVID

As we begin 2022 COVID-19 is still with us. The more we learn about the virus the less we know of sure. The one thing we do know is that things will change. At one point it was believed vaccination could eliminate the disease. It is now clear that we will not be able to get enough people vaccinated to achieve that goal within any reasonable time frame. Politicians have put a priority on either protecting the health of the population or protecting the economy. No one wants dead people or a bad economy. It is just a question of which is valued the most. My observation is that those who put wealth over health are under less political pressure and did a better at sticking to their stated priorities. What does that say about our society?

The Delta variation is still with us but it is being overtaken by Omicron. Omicron seems to be less serious but more contagious than Delta. While a lower percentage of patients wind up in the hospital, a lower percentage of a larger group still creates major problems. Getting vaccinated may not prevent Omicron but it will reduce the chances of serious illness or death.

Basic HMO Plans	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3	
	Surcharge	Subsidy	Surcharge	Subsidy	Surcharge	Subsidy
Anthem HMO Select	\$ 23.69		\$ 16.52		\$ 15.68	
Anthem HMO Traditional		\$ 107.01		\$ 83.44		\$ 77.76
BSC Access+		\$ 147.38		\$ 117.07		\$ 100.17
BSC Trio	\$ 8.10		\$ 6.68		\$ 6.01	
Health Net Salud y Más			\$ 60.80		\$ 51.00	
Health Net SmartCare		\$ 62.53		\$ 44.74		\$ 40.08
Kaiser	\$ 24.12		\$ 19.86		\$ 20.25	
Sharp			\$ 40.32			
UnitedHealthcare Alliance	\$ 11.91		\$ 9.02		\$ 8.98	
UnitedHealthcare Harmony			\$ 57.29		\$ 51.88	
Western Health Advantage		\$ 16.81				

"Our vaccine requirement is working — and saving lives. ... [Z]ero deaths and zero hospitalizations for vaccinated employees."

— United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby in a letter to employees.

Weekly deaths in New York City

4 deaths per 100,000

2



Weekly hospitalizations in New York City

80 hospitalizations per 100,000

40



Daily average deaths in the Seattle area

2 deaths per 100,000

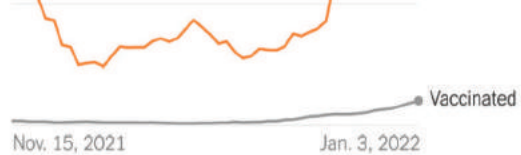
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Daily average hospitalizations in the Seattle area

10 hospitalizations per 100,000

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Data is age adjusted. Recent data may be incomplete. Sources: New York City Department of Health, Washington Department of Health. Charts by NY Times.

Long Term Care

As of January 12, 2022, as this is been written, CalPERS continues to provide no guidance for members on how to evaluate the proposed settlement.

From the plaintiff attorneys' website:

For Category A Settlement Class Members:

On December 13, 2021, the Settlement Administrator mailed a notification and Revised Election Form to Category A Class Members who selected Option 2 (Alternative Long Term Care Policy). The deadline to return your Revised Election Form is **January 28, 2022**.

Settlement Class Members still have the right to either receive a full refund of their net premiums, or exclude themselves from the Settlement and stay with CalPERS (Option 1 or 3 in the Revised Election Form). The deadline to return your Revised Election Form is **January 28, 2022**.

Pursuant to a Court Order, the deadline for Settlement Class Members to (i) Submit Requests for Exclusion; (ii) Return their Award Acknowledgment Form; and (iii) Submit any Written Objections to the Settlement has been extended to **January 28, 2022**. Please note, the

deadline to select a Potential Replacement LTC Policy (Category A, Option 2) has NOT been extended past **September 22, 2021**.

Important: To receive a return of all premiums, you must continue to pay premiums on your CalPERS LTC Policy until the Settlement becomes final and effective which is estimated to be the summer of 2022.

All indications are that the brokers the plaintiff attorneys are working with have not found a replacement policy. RPEA members may want to reach out to AMBIA to examine alternatives. Their long-term care number is +1 (866) 684-5266.

Finally

Stay safe. Get vaccinated and boosted. Mask up to protect yourself and others. Zoom call a friend. Avoid crowded indoor spaces. Stay out of the hospital. Stay alive.

JJ Jelincic

Director of Health Benefits

CalPERS LONG TERM CARE – by JACK DANIELSON

If you were a California Citizen on February 1, 2013 and you purchased a Long-Term Care insurance policy from CalPERS that included inflation protection benefits, and you were subjected to the 85% premium increase announced by CalPERS in 2013 and implemented in 2015 and 2016, you are entitled to participate in a proposed class action settlement.

Currently there are no new updates in the class action lawsuit. This lawsuit effects nearly 80,000 people who qualified for the lawsuit. Indirectly, the lawsuit also effects another 50,000 who are not part of the lawsuit but are receiving large rate increases.

The January 28, 2022 deadline to opt in or out of the lawsuit past a week ago. Next up is a June 8, 2022 court date for the judge to final the lawsuit. At that point if you opted to receive your premiums back a plan will be presented on how that will occur.

If you are one of the 50,000 who have the long-term care plan your rates are set to go up 25% again in August of 2022. CalPERS has consistently offered decrease benefits to help offset the rate increases and many members are seeing their benefits shrink.

Either way our benefits partner AMBA can help you understand what you have and how you may be able to secure health care in your future.

Whatever choice you have made:

- RPEA of CA has options that may fit if you are receiving your premiums back from CalPERS. Many of the options have higher age limits and may fit your individual situation.
- If you decided to stay with CalPERS there may be options available that can be added to your coverage to help secure your future.
- If you are one of the 50,000 who has CalPERS and are experiencing the rate increase there may be other options for you. AMBA representatives can help you understand what options the association has for you and if they are a good fit.

It is a great time to contact our benefits partner AMBA and learn how they may help you.

Contact information for our partner is below:

A friendly, knowledgeable representative will reach out to you.

Jack Danielson

AMBA, Regional Vice President
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IT'S ELECTION YEAR AGAIN

Guess what everybody, it's election year 2022. This is the year we elect all the constitutional officers, Assembly members and even number Senate Districts. PLUS, we will have two CalPERS

members to elect, one to replace former board member Jason Perez and one to replace board member Henry Jones. Perez resigned because of work responsibilities and Jones because of a recent cancer diagnosis. Our prayers and thoughts are with Henry and his family as he goes through treatment. But wait - there is more. There are five, yes count them, five special elections; four Assembly races, two in February and two in April and one Congressional race June 7th to replace Devin Nunes, who resigned.

Special election races are being held in Assembly districts 17, 49, 11 and 80. Members who held those seats all left for jobs in the private sector. All seats were held by Democrats who hold a 60 to 20 advantage in the Assembly and will most likely go Democrat.

In addition, whoever wins those seats may also find a challenger in the June 7 primary and in the general election November 8.

We will also have to vote for a U.S. Senate seat as Alex Padilla, who was appointed by Governor Newsom to replace Vice-President Kamala Harris, must run for the remainder of the term. Other Newsom appointees are Secretary of State Shirley Weber and Attorney General Rob Bonta.

The CalPERS election is for local government members and is set for April. Ballots are scheduled to be mailed April 15, 2022, and votes must be received by May 16, 2022. Votes will be processed beginning May 17, 2022.

Richard Fuentes with the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and an AFSCME member is running against Mullissa Willette with the County of Santa Clara and is a member of SEIU. At this writing RPEA has not endorsed a candidate.

The election to replace Henry Jones has not been set. His seat is a retiree seat on the board and RPEA will be actively looking for a candidate to replace Jones. We hope he is doing well. Jones was the president of the board and the board has elected Theresa Taylor as board president and Rob Feckner as vice president. Taylor is the former vice-president of the board and Feckner is a past president of the board.

The legislature is back in session and the legislative committee with the help of Aaron Reed and Pat Moran is following new legislation and new propositions that may be on the ballot. We understand that CalPERS may once again try to push through legislation that will allow PERS to keep secret some of their loans. RPEA has opposed such legislation in the past and will continue to fight any efforts by PERS to be less transparent when investing PERS members dollars.

Vying to be put on the ballot in 2022 is a referendum to undue SB 793 which prohibits the sale of a flavored tobacco or flavor enhancer products, i.e. vapors, to anyone under 21. The bill was intended to stop candy flavored and fruit flavored vaping by children. The referendum would allow the sale of such products. There are 35 other initiatives trying to qualify for the ballot.

Some trying to get your signature include legalizing magic mushrooms, taxpayer funding of religious and private schools, doing away with collective bargaining for public employees including firefighters, nurses and police officers (this one could affect your PERS), one that prohibits government mandates for vaccinations and a number of anti-labor and government restrictive initiatives. Remember those gathering signatures are being paid and will tell you anything to get you to sign. Read everything before you sign but the best advice I can give you is do not sign anything. You could sign away your pensions and health care.

Three initiatives are qualified so far for the November ballot: one that adjusts for limitations in medical negligence cases; one that requires CalRecycle to adopt regulations reducing plastic waste, including the use of single-use plastic packaging, and one that would allow federally recognized Native American tribes to operate roulette, dice games, and sports wagering on tribal lands. None have numbers assigned yet.

That's it so far. Stay healthy and happy trails till we meet again.

Randall Cheek

RPEA Director of Legislation



Happy New Year to all! Your President's ad hoc Committee of CalPERS Experts expects 2022 to be a very interesting year for CalPERS beneficiaries.

The definition of "insanity" is often mis-attributed to Albert Einstein as

"repeating the same behavior over and over and expecting a different result." Assemblymember Jim Cooper of Elk Grove appears to be testing that theory by reintroducing CalPERS CEO Marcie Frost's twice-failed pet "Secret Lending" bill, AB 386 (Cooper) as a 2-year bill in the 2022 session. Members will recall that this bill attempts to remove "private loans" of Public Employee Retirement Fund trust money by CalPERS from the California Constitutional "Open Government" requirement.

First introduced in 2020, Cooper was forced to withdraw the bill on the eve of the Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee hearing when then-CalPERS CIO Yu "Ben" Meng suddenly resigned after it was revealed in the media that he had been investing billions in PERF assets with Private Equity firms with whom he had substantial financial holdings — normally requiring divestment or recusal under the Political Reform Act of 1974.

The bill was re-introduced in the 2021 session, no longer including CalSTRS (who had apparently refused to participate), and it failed again. This time CalPERS staff had been forced by RPEA to admit that these "private loans" were in fact intended as sweetheart low-interest subscription lines of credit for those same Private Equity firms. CalPERS representatives failed to explain to the Senate Judiciary Committee why these sweetheart deals needed to be carved-out from California's Open Government laws.

RPEA will continue to monitor and strongly oppose this bill.

Pensions and Investments Magazine's Pension Tracker ranks CalPERS as the second-worst performing pension system in the country, based on their 2021 reported return on investment of **21.3 percent**. By contrast, CalSTRS obtained historically high returns of **27.2 percent** and other funds around the state returned even closer to 30 percent — for example LACERA at **29.1** and Sacramento County Employees at **27.7 percent**.

A recent editorial in *Chief Investment Officer Magazine* recommends that, "...it will be important for state pension boards to use the historic returns to 'buy down' their investment assumptions and 'put themselves in a less vulnerable funding position in the coming years with more

mutated investment returns.'" Instead, the CalPERS proposed 2021-2022 budget proposes to increase exposure to high-risk Real Estate and Private Equity deals through adding "leverage" (borrowing) — increasing risk rather than buying it down. The proposed budget targets paying between one and two billion dollars in fees and carried-interest to these investments — literally straight into the pockets of people such as Apollo's Leon Black, who recently admitted to have been funding convicted sex-offender Jeffery Epstein to the tune of nearly \$160 million unexplained dollars.

CalPERS was recently sued in Alameda County Superior Court, where Judge Michael M Markman held that CalPERS Board President Henry Jones violated the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings law by holding a closed session on August 17, 2020 to discuss the sudden resignation of CIO Meng over the FPPC investigation of his conflicts of interest. Judge Markman wrote that, "One might reasonably argue that CalPERS ought not to be investing in vehicles that are not entirely transparent to the public." Intentional violation of the Bagley-Keene Act is potentially a criminal violation of the Government Code, but Jones has resigned from the CalPERS Board, citing health reasons. We wish him well.

CalPERS poor investment performance, lack of transparency, and unquestioning diversion of billions of dollars in PERF trust funds as fees and carried-interest suggest that it is high time that CalPERS is subject to a formal audit. Your Committee will be working with friend-of-RPEA State Senator John Laird (D-Santa Cruz) and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee which he co-chairs in hopes of subjecting CalPERS to greater oversight. California State Auditor Elaine Howle has retired in January of 2022 after decades of impartial public service. As of press time Governor Gavin Newsom has not announced her replacement, but we hope to engage with the State Auditor to take a close look at why CalPERS has performed so poorly.

David Soares

Chair, RPEA President's
ad hoc Committee of CalPERS Experts

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

By Aaron Read and Pat Moran of Aaron Read & Associates



Aaron Read



Pat Moran

RPEA LEGISLATIVE BILL SUMMARY REPORT 1/28/2022

BILL NUMBER & AUTHOR	LEGISLATIVE INTENT	CURRENT STATUS	RPEA POSITION
AB 386 (Cooper D) Public Employees' Retirement Fund: investments: confidentiality. Current Text: Amended: 6/29/2021 Introduced: 2/2/2021 Last Amend: 6/29/2021	Summary: The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. Current law excludes from the disclosure requirement certain records regarding alternative investments in which public investment funds invest. This bill would exempt from disclosure under the act specified records regarding an internally managed private loan made directly by the Public Employees' Retirement Fund. Under the bill, these records would include quarterly and annual financial statements of the borrower or its constituent owners, unless the information has already been publicly released by the keeper of the information. The bill would prescribe specified exceptions to this exemption from disclosure.	Status: 7/14/2021 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was JUD. on 6/9/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022) Location: 7/14/2021-S. 2 YEAR	O1
AB 499 (Rubio, Blanca D) Referral source for residential care facilities for the elderly: duties. Current Text: Amended: 7/15/2021 Introduced: 2/9/2021 Last Amend: 7/15/2021	Summary: The California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act prohibits a placement agency, as defined, from placing an individual in a licensed residential care facility for the elderly if the individual, because of a health condition, cannot be cared for within the limits of the license or requires inpatient care in a health facility. The act requires an employee of a placement agency who knows, or reasonably suspects, that a facility is improperly operating without a license to report the facility to the department, and requires the department to investigate those reports. The act further requires a placement agency to notify the appropriate licensing agency of any known or suspected incidents that would jeopardize the health or safety of residents in a facility. The act specifically makes a violation of these requirements a crime. This bill would recast the requirements on a placement agency and its employees to instead be requirements on a referral source, defined to mean any specified county department, stated-funded program, agency, or person that is engaged in identifying senior housing options at residential care facilities for the elderly.	Status: 9/10/2021 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/1/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022) Location: 9/10/2021-S. 2 YEAR	S2
AB 695 (Arambula D) Elder and dependent adults. Current Text: Amended: 6/29/2021 Introduced: 2/16/2021 Last Amend: 6/29/2021	Summary: Current law establishes the Home Safe Program, which requires the State Department of Social Services to award grants to counties, tribes, or groups of counties or tribes, that provide services to elder and dependent adults who experience abuse, neglect, and exploitation and otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for adult protective services, for the purpose of providing prescribed housing-related supports to eligible individuals. This bill would expand the list of housing-related supports and services to include services to support housing transitions.	Status: 8/27/2021 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/16/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022) Location: 8/27/2021-S. 2 YEAR	?

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

<p>AB 895 (Holden D) Skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities: notice to prospective residents.</p> <p>Current Text: Amended: 1/13/2022</p> <p>Introduced: 2/17/2021</p> <p>Last Amend: 1/13/2022</p>	<p>Summary: Would require a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility to provide a prospective resident of a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility, or their representative, prior to or at the time of admission, a written notice that includes specified contact information for the local long-term care ombudsman and links to specified websites relating to these facilities. The bill would require the notice to include a statement that it is intended as a resource for purposes of accessing additional information regarding resident care at the facility and reporting resident complaints.</p>	<p>Status:1/27/2022 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.</p> <p>Location: 1/27/2022-S. RLS.</p>	S
<p>AB 1062 (Mathis R) Conservators and guardians: disposition of property.</p> <p>Current Text: Amended: 5/5/2021</p> <p>Introduced: 2/18/2021</p> <p>Last Amend: 5/5/2021</p>	<p>Summary: The Guardianship-Conservatorship Law generally establishes the standards and procedures for the appointment and termination of an appointment for a guardian or conservator of a person, an estate, or both. Current law authorizes a guardian or conservator to dispose of or abandon valueless property, and requires a guardian or conservator to sell real or personal property of the estate, except as specified, subject to authorization, confirmation, or direction of the court. The Trust Law requires the appointment of a successor trustee, if required by the trust instrument, pursuant to a specified priority of persons or entities. This bill would authorize a guardian or conservator of the estate to dispose of or abandon valueless property only after providing all persons who received notice of the guardianship or conservatorship petition with 15 days' written notice and providing reasonable access to the valueless property prior to its disposal or abandonment.</p>	<p>Status:7/14/2021 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was JUD. on 6/3/2021)</p> <p>(May be acted upon Jan 2022)</p> <p>Location: 7/14/2021-S. 2 YEAR</p>	W
<p>AB 1400 (Kalra D) Guaranteed Health Care for All.</p> <p>Current Text: Amended: 1/24/2022</p> <p>Introduced: 2/19/2021</p> <p>Last Amend: 1/24/2022</p>	<p>Summary: Current law provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Current law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. This bill, the California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act, would create the California Guaranteed Health Care for All program, or CalCare, to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state. The bill, among other things, would provide that CalCare cover a wide range of medical benefits and other services and would incorporate the health care benefits and standards of other existing federal and state provisions, including the federal Children's Health Insurance Program, Medi-Cal, ancillary health care or social services covered by regional centers for persons with developmental disabilities, Knox-Keene, and the federal Medicare program.</p>	<p>Status:1/25/2022 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.</p> <p>Location: 1/25/2022-A. THIRD READING</p> <p>Calendar: 1/31/2022 #80 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - ASSEMBLY BILLS</p>	w
<p>AB 1684 (Voepel R) Alzheimer's disease and dementia: public awareness campaign.</p> <p>Current Text: Introduced: 1/24/2022</p> <p>Introduced: 1/24/2022</p>	<p>Summary: Current law requires the California Department of Aging to make efforts to increase public awareness about areas of importance to California's older individuals, their families, and other caregivers. Current law requires the department to establish an Aging Information and Education Fund, from funds made available pursuant to the annual Budget Act, to implement public awareness of various issues, including at least medication management, elder abuse prevention, and a toll-free line for linkage to local service networks. This bill would require the department to implement a public awareness campaign, as specified, to reduce stigma and raise public awareness of the warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and dementia in order to promote early detection and accurate diagnosis.</p>	<p>Status:1/25/2022 From printer. May be heard in committee February 24.</p> <p>Location: 1/24/2022-A. PRINT</p>	?

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

<p>AB 1707 (Boerner Horvath D) Property tax postponement: Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund.</p> <p>Current Text: Introduced: 1/26/2022</p> <p>Introduced: 1/26/2022</p>	<p>Summary: Current law authorizes the Controller, upon approval of a claim for the postponement of ad valorem property taxes, to directly pay a county tax collector for the property taxes owed by the claimant, as provided. Existing law establishes the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the Controller for specified purposes, including disbursements relating to the postponement of property taxes pursuant to the Property Tax Postponement Law. Current law requires the Controller to, on June 30, 2018, and on June 30 each year thereafter, transfer any moneys in the fund in excess of \$15,000,000 to the General Fund. The bill would require money to be transferred, on June 30, 2023, and on June 30 each year thereafter, from the General Fund to the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund when the balance in the latter fund is less than \$15,000,000. The bill would require the amount of money transferred each year to be equal to the sum needed to bring the balance of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Fund to \$15,000,000.</p>	<p>Status:1/27/2022 From printer. May be heard in committee February 26.</p> <p>Location: 1/26/2022-A. PRINT</p>	<p>?</p>
<p>SB 457 (Portantino D) Public employee retirement systems: investment portfolios: divestment from Turkey.</p> <p>Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021</p> <p>Introduced: 2/16/2021</p>	<p>Summary: Would require the boards of administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System to provide employers that are school districts and cities that participate in the systems an option to elect an investment portfolio that does not contain investment vehicles that are issued or owned by the government of the Republic of Turkey.</p>	<p>Status:7/14/2021 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was P.E. & R. on 5/28/2021)</p> <p>(May be acted upon Jan 2022)</p> <p>Location: 7/14/2021-A. 2 YEAR</p>	<p>W</p>
<p>SB 602 (Laird D) Review of conservatorships: care plans.</p> <p>Current Text: Amended: 4/27/2021</p> <p>Introduced: 2/18/2021</p> <p>Last Amend: 4/27/2021</p>	<p>Summary: Current law generally provides for the establishment, review, and termination of conservatorships. Current law specifies the persons who may be appointed as a conservator and requires the court to review a conservatorship 6 months after the initial appointment of the conservator, one year after the appointment of the conservator, and annually thereafter. Current law sets forth the powers and duties of a conservator for the care, custody, and control of a conservatee. This bill would require a conservator, within 30 days of appointment and within 30 days before a hearing to determine the continuation or termination of an existing conservatorship, to submit a care plan to specified persons regarding the care, custody, and control of the conservatee.</p>	<p>Status:1/10/2022 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 31. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.</p> <p>Location: 1/10/2022-A. DESK</p>	<p>W</p>
<p>SCA 6 (Newman D) Elections: recall of state officers.</p> <p>Current Text: Introduced: 1/3/2022</p> <p>Introduced: 1/3/2022</p>	<p>Summary: The Constitution provides that the Lieutenant Governor becomes Governor when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor, and requires the Lieutenant Governor to act as Governor during the impeachment, absence from the state, or other temporary disability of the Governor or of a Governor-elect who fails to take office. When a recall of the Governor is initiated, the Constitution requires the Lieutenant Governor to perform the recall duties of the Governor. The Constitution requires the Governor to fill vacancies in certain judicial and executive offices by appointment, as specified. This measure would provide, in the event an officer is removed in a recall election, for the office to remain vacant until a successor candidate to hold the unexpired term of the office receives a majority of votes at a special election, or for the office to remain vacant for the remainder of the term if there is insufficient time to hold a special election, as specified.</p>	<p>Status:1/4/2022 From printer. May be acted upon on or after February 3.</p> <p>Location: 1/3/2022-S. RLS.</p>	<p>W</p>

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT POSITIONS: The following categories are used in your legislative summary reports:

SPONSOR – This is a sponsored or co-sponsored bill.

SUPPORT 1 (S1) – This is the highest priority support bill. We send a letter of support to the author, a letter of support to committee members considering the bill and undertake full lobbying to assure passage of the bill. We also closely monitor all amendments and constantly reevaluate our position.

SUPPORT 2 (S2) – This level of support is moderate. A letter is sent to the author and committee considering the bill, but there is usually less lobbying or testifying before committee.

We also closely monitor all amendments and constantly reevaluate our position.

SUPPORT 3 (S3) – This is the lowest level of support. A letter of support is sent to the author. We closely monitor the bill for amendments.

OPPOSE (O) – Only those bills which are judged to be detrimental are given an oppose position. Such bills require aggressive opposition lobbying, often accompanied by efforts to gain amendments, in an effort to make the bill acceptable to RPEA, and therefore to remove our opposition.

WATCH 1 (W1) – This is a bill of more than casual interest. We actively monitor such bills and often communicate with the author, the author's staff, the legislative committee members and staff. We frequently seek clarifying amendments to bills in this category.

WATCH 2 (W2) – This is a bill of interest or concern on which we keep close tabs. It appears in the summary report.

? – This is a bill that will show up in our screening from time to time. It is important that we discuss the bill so that we are able to remove the question mark by either deleting the bill or by assigning one of the above positions.

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERISM: PANDEMIC LESSONS – by LORAN VETTER



Light at the end of the tunnel

The title of the article should be familiar as it appeared in the January/February issue of the Newsletter. At that point, I was concerned about a head on assault on our pensions and benefits to

help cover the expenses of the pandemic. Over the next few articles, I offered ideas and examples about options for virtual volunteering and urged you to send in your hours. Surprisingly with the stimulus funding, our state had surplus funds.

It did not occur to me that I had made an error in my own perception. I was looking in the wrong direction. After all, we had developed vaccines and we were headed back to normalcy. No sooner had we started to get through the trauma of the lockdowns when the Delta Variant surfaced. We were all tired, but for the most part, everyone tried to comply with the mandates. Most of us got our shots and later received our boosters. Again, we were starting to feel safe and started meeting in groups (with precautions) and planning trips. We spent a tremendous amount of

energy and patience throughout that period and needed some time to get back on an even keel.

We did not really have much time to enjoy our new found freedom, when we received the information about the Omicron Variant. I don't know about the rest of you, but I would like to take a real break from gathering volunteer hours. We all need time to get our focus back. When we are ready to start again, you will find an easier form to submit that will answer

some of your questions concerning volunteering. I want to thank each and every one of you for participating in the Gives Back Project with me. I look forward to the time when we will actively work together again. In the meantime, if you do have volunteer hours, please send them in, since my database is still active. As usual I will close with the quote from Erma Bombeck:



Light at the end of the tunnel

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.”

Loran Vetter

Chair Chapter Community Involvement

Legislative Action Organization / Independent Expenditure Committee

Did you know that RPEA has a Legislative Action Organization and Independent Expenditure Committee which is totally funded by volunteer donations by members? Funds in these accounts DO NOT come from membership dues but by those members willing to donate either each month or yearly. These funds are used to support legislative and CalPERS board candidates who support RPEA issues. The funds are considered Political Action Committee (PAC) funds and must follow Fair Political Practice Commission guidelines. FPPC limits the amount

donations that can be made by large and small PACs. A small LAO PAC can donate more to a candidate or cause than a large candidate. FPPC determines if a PAC receives over \$200 from an individual it is considered a large PAC and cannot donate to a candidate as much as a small PAC. Therefore we are asking members to only donate up to \$200 per year to LAO and anything over that amount they wish to donate to the IE account which can receive any amount donated.

AUTHORIZATION FOR VOLUNTARY PAYROLL DEDUCTION INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE (IEC)

I authorize the Public Employees' Retirement System to withhold from my retirement allowance, a voluntary deduction for the IEC. When I wish this deduction terminated I will file such a request in the office of the Retired Public Employees' Association. I understand that PERS cannot process a termination notice received directly from me, and that excess deductions, taken in error, will be refunded to me by the Retired Public Employees' Association.

Voluntary donation \$ _____ (per month)

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CALL FOR VOUNTEERS!

The Retired Public Employees Association of California has a number of "Standing Committees". The Standing Committees are: Budget, Bylaws, Public Relations, Member Services, Health Benefits, Legislation, Membership, Personnel Related Benefits, Asset Management and Strategic Planning.

At this time volunteers are needed to assist on the Bylaws Committee and the Public Relations Committee.

The Bylaws Committee reviews and recommends amendments to the Bylaws when necessary; approves Chapter Bylaws and/or amendments; annually review, and recommends updates to to the Administrative Manual; and reviews and make recommendations on any referred items. If you have experience with reviewing organizational bylaws (or even if you do not have experience but have an

interest in learning how to review Bylaws) please contact Roger Kalves at (530) 877-1355. Roger would be glad to discuss with you the activities coming before the committee. A glimpse into the bylaws of RPEA may be just your calling for 2022. It's not difficult work and ... in fact ... it's rather fun!

The Public Relations Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board relative to communications to the membership, the external media and the general public by the appropriate means. If you have experience in developing communication plans, websites and other external media and are interested in assisting on the Public Relations Committee please contact Scott McGookin at (909) 568-6763. Scott would be glad to discuss with you the activities coming before the committee.

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Savvy Senior

How to Get Your Affairs in Order

Dear Savvy Senior,

I would like to get my personal, legal and financial information organized so my kids will know what's going on when I'm no longer around. Can you offer any tips on the best way to do this?

Unorganized Emma

Dear Emma,

Organizing your important papers and getting your personal and financial affairs in order is a smart idea and wonderful gift to your loved ones. Here are some tips to get you started.

GET ORGANIZED

The first step in getting your affairs in order is to gather up all your important personal, financial and legal information so you can arrange it in a format that will benefit you now, and your loved ones later.

Then you'll need to sit down and create various lists of important information and instructions of how you want certain things handled when you die or if you become incapacitated. Here's a checklist of areas you need to focus on.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- **Contacts:** Make a master list of names and phone numbers of close friends, doctors, and professional advisers such as your lawyer, accountant, broker and insurance agent.
- **Medical information:** Include a list of medications you take, along with any allergies and illnesses.
- **Personal documents:** Include such items as your birth certificate, Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.
- **Secured places:** List all the places you keep under lock and key such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.
- **Digital assets:** Make a list of all your digital assets, including everything from social media accounts to online banking accounts to home utilities that you manage online. It should include usernames and passwords. Use Rutgers Digital Assets Inventory Worksheet (njaes.rutgers.edu/money/pdfs/digital-assets-worksheet.pdf) as a guide.
- **Pets:** If you have a pet, give instructions for the care of the animal.
- **End of life:** Indicate your wishes for organ and tissue

donation and write out your funeral instructions. If you've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home include a copy of agreement, their contact information and whether you've prepaid or not.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS

- **Will, trust and estate plan:** Include the original copy of your will and other estate planning documents you've made.
- **Financial power of attorney:** This document names someone you trust to handle money matters if you're incapacitated.
- **Advance health care directives:** This includes a living will and medical power of attorney, which spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment when you can no longer make decisions for yourself.

FINANCIAL RECORDS

- **Financial accounts:** Make a list of all your bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, and any other financial assets you have.
- **Debts and liabilities:** Make a list of any loans, leases or debts you have – mortgages owed, car loans, student loans, medical bills, credit card debts. Also, make a list of all credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.
- **Company benefits:** List any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from your current or former employer including the contact information of the benefits administrator.
- **Insurance:** List the insurance policies you have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, Medigap, prescription drug, etc.) including the policy numbers, agents, and phone numbers.
- **Property:** List real estate, vehicles and other properties you own, rent or lease and include documents such as deeds, titles, and loan or lease agreements.
- **Taxes:** Include the location of your tax records and your tax preparer's contact information.

Keep all your organized information and files together in one convenient location, ideally in a fireproof filing cabinet or safe in your home. Also be sure to review and update it every year, and don't forget to tell your kids where they can find it.

If you need help, get a copy of "Get It Together: Organize Your Records So Your Family Won't Have To" at Nolo.com for \$17.50 for the downloadable versions, or \$20 for a printed copy.

Savvy Senior

Approaching 65? Here's What to Know About Enrolling in Medicare

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you give me a brief rundown of Medicare's enrollment choices along with when and how to sign-up?

Approaching 65

Dear Approaching,

The rules and timetables for Medicare enrollment can be confusing to many new retirees, so it's smart to plan ahead. Here's a simplified rundown of what to know.

First a quick review. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people, and Part B which covers doctor's visits and other medical services, and costs \$170.10 per month for most enrollees in 2021.

WHEN TO ENROLL

Everyone is eligible for Medicare at age 65, even if your full Social Security retirement age is 66 or later.

You can enroll any time during the "initial enrollment period," which is a seven-month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three months after your 65th birthday. It's best to enroll three months before your birth month to ensure your coverage starts when you turn 65.

If you happen to miss the seven-month sign-up window for Medicare Part B, you'll have to wait until the next "general enrollment period" which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium. You can sign up for premium-free Part A, at any time with no penalty.

WORKING EXCEPTIONS

Special rules apply if you're eligible for Medicare and still on the job. If you have health insurance coverage through your employer or your spouse's employer, and the company has 20 or more employees, you have a "special enrollment period" in which you can sign up. This means that you can delay enrolling in Medicare Part B and are not subject to the 10 percent late-enrollment penalty as long as you sign up within eight months of losing that coverage.

DRUG COVERAGE

Be aware that original Medicare does not cover prescription

medications, so if you don't have credible drug coverage from an employer or union, you'll need to buy a Part D drug plan from a private insurance company (see [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)) during your initial enrollment if you want coverage. If you don't, you'll incur a premium penalty – 1 percent of the average national premium (\$33 in 2022) for every month you don't have coverage – if you enroll later.

SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE

If you choose original Medicare, it's also a good idea to get a Medigap (Medicare supplemental) policy within six months after enrolling in Part B to help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. See [Medicare.gov/medigap-supplemental-insurance-plans](https://www.medicare.gov/medigap-supplemental-insurance-plans) to shop and compare policies.

ALL-IN-ONE PLANS

Instead of getting original Medicare, plus a Part D drug plan and a Medigap policy, you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan instead (see [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)) that covers everything in one plan. Nearly half of all new Medicare enrollees are signing up for Advantage plans.

These plans, which are also sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs and often have cheaper premiums, but their deductibles and co-pays are usually higher. Many of these plans also provide coverage for extra services not offered by original Medicare like dental, hearing and vision coverage along with gym/fitness memberships, and most plans include prescription drug coverage too.

HOW TO ENROLL

If you're already receiving your Social Security benefits before 65, you will automatically be enrolled in Part A and Part B, and you'll receive your Medicare card about three months before your 65th birthday. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment.

If you're not receiving Social Security, you'll need to enroll either online at [SSA.gov/medicare](https://www.ssa.gov/medicare) or over the phone at 800-772-1213.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](https://www.SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



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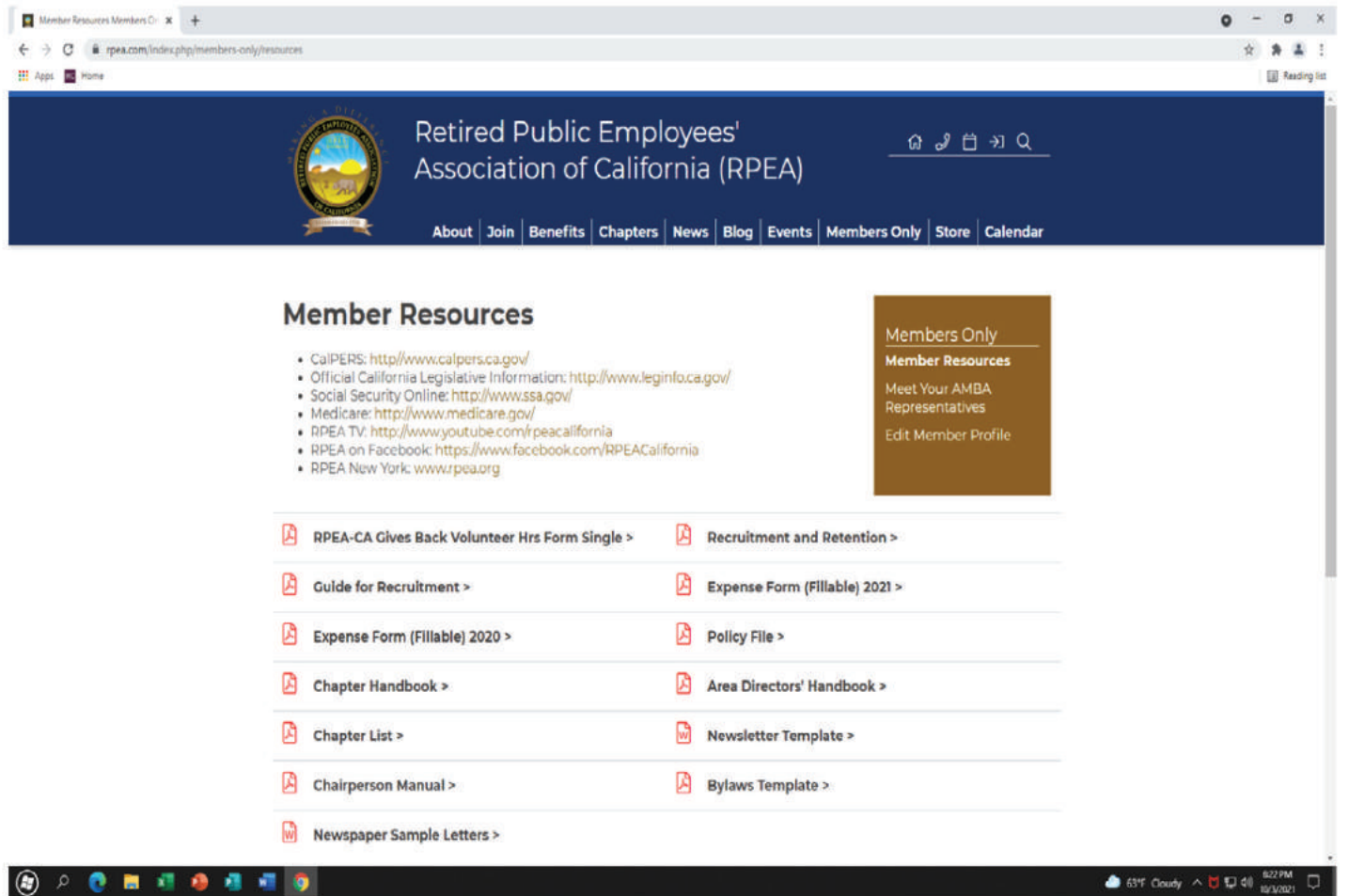
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Visit the "Members Only" tab and click on "Member Resources". There you will find useful website links and tools for Members such as the Current Members Benefits List and Theme Park Discount Codes as well as useful resources for Chapter and Area leaders (pictured above).

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Why Join RPEA?

RPEA protects the interests of retirees at the state level to ensure your retirement remains secure. We retain a professional lobbyist who represents our interests before the Governor, Legislators and CalPERS Board. We also have access to a federal lobbyist who keeps us informed on federal retiree issues.

RPEA continues an active and ongoing relationship with CalPERS by serving on their Advisory Committee concerning CalPERS plans and proposals. We also monitor every CalPERS committee and frequently testify at these meetings on behalf of our members.

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Become a Member in Three Easy Steps!

STEP 1: Tell Us About Yourself

Your Name: _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____
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STEP 2: Select One Membership Type

- ☐ Retiree (CalPERS Annuitant) ☐ Beneficiary (Beneficiary of a CalPERS retiree)
☐ Affiliate (Still working for a Public Agency) ☐ Associate Member (Supporter of RPEA's goals)

STEP 3: Select One Payment Method

- ☐ **Option 1: MONTHLY CALPERS DEDUCTION:** I authorize the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to deduct for each applicant on this form \$5.00 per month from my retirement allowance until revoked by me in writing. **Only available if one applicant is receiving a CalPERS retirement payment.**

Signature Social Security Number or CalPERS ID + Last 4 of SSN
- ☐ **Option 2: CHECK OR MONEY ORDER:** As payment for the first year's dues, I have attached a check or money order for \$60.00 (\$30.00 for affiliate membership) for each applicant on this form. I will be billed annually for subsequent renewals.
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Card Number: - - (MasterCard or Visa only)
Expiration Date: / CVV/CVC: (3 Digit code on the back of card)

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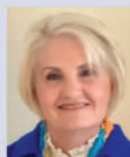


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