



Retired Public Employees' Association (RPEA)
Board of Directors' Meeting
April 22 – 23, 2014
Minutes

Holiday Inn Express
2224 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95821

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

President Harvey Robinson called the meeting to order on **April 22, 2014 at 2:51 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

Secretary/Treasurer Marie Reed conducted the roll call.

Present: Harvey Robinson, President; Marie Reed, Secretary/Treasurer; Ann McWherter, Past President; Rosemary Knox, Director of Membership; George Linn, Director of Public Relations; Donna Snodgrass, Director of Legislation; Al Darby, Director of Member Services; Don Raffaelli, Area Director I; Ernest Sandoval, Area Director II; Robert Van Etten, Area Director III; Ellen Knapp, Area Director V; Wes Stonebreaker, Area Director VI; Dennis Cassella, Area Director VII; Estela Pena, Area Director VIII; Cleave Govan, Area Director IX

Excused: Helen Segletes, Area Director IV

Also Present: Joe Umiker, Office Manager; Tanya Rakestraw, Assistant Manager

AGENDA ITEM 3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Past President Ann L. McWherter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

This item is postponed until Wednesday, April 23, 2014

AGENDA ITEM 5 - INTRODUCTIONS

President Robinson invited the Board, audience and guests to introduce themselves **[ATTACHMENT A]**.

AGENDA ITEM 6A – BOARD OF DIRECTORS & HEADQUARTERS REPORTS

- 1) *President, Harvey Robinson* **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 2) *Vice President, Jerry O'Keefe* **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 3) *Secretary/Treasurer, Marie Reed* **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 4) *Immediate Past President, Ann McWherter* **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 5) *Director of Health Benefits/Health Benefits Committee, Joanne Hollender* **[ORAL REPORT]**
- 6) *Director of Membership, Rosemary Knox* **[ATTACHMENT L]**
- 7) *Director of Public Relations/Public Relations Committee, George Linn* **[ATTACHMENT M]**
- 8) *Director of Legislation/Legislative Committee, Donna Snodgrass* **[ATTACHMENT N]**
- 9) *Director of Member Services, Al Darby* **[ATTACHMENT O]**
- 10) *Area I Director, Don Raffaelli* **[ATTACHMENT P]**
- 11) *Area II Director, Ernest Sandoval* **[ATTACHMENT Q]**
- 12) *Area III Director, Bob Van Etten* **[ATTACHMENT R]**
- 13) *Area IV Director, Helen Segletes* **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 14) *Area V Director, Ellie Knapp* **[ATTACHMENT CC]**
- 15) *Area VI Director, Wes Stonebreaker* **[ATTACHMENT S]**
- 16) *Area VII Director, Dennis Cassella* **[ATTACHMENT T]**
- 17) *Area VIII Director, Estela Pena* **[ATTACHMENT U]**

- 18) Area IX Director, Cleave Govan **[ATTACHMENT V]**
- 19) Headquarters Report, Joe Umiker **[SEE ATTACHMENT W]**

AGENDA ITEM 8B – BOARD OF DIRECTORS & HEADQUARTERS REPORTS

- 1) ad hoc Committee for Archives (INACTIVE)
- 2) ad hoc Committee for Chapter Revitalization (INACTIVE)
- 3) Contract Agency Advocacy Committee, Ted Rose **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 4) Budget Committee, Marie Reed **[ATTACHMENT X]**
- 5) Bylaws Committee, Clarice French **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 6) California Seniors Coalition (VACANT)
- 7) CalPERS Long Term Care, Ann McWherter **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 8) Member Services Committee, Al Darby **[ATTACHMENT Y]**
- 9) General Assembly 2014 Planning Committee, Julie Van Etten **[ORAL REPORT]**
- 10) Investment Committee, Ernest Sandoval **[ATTACHMENT Z]**
- 11) LAO/IEC, Donna Snodgrass **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 12) Legislative Committee, Donna Snodgrass **[SEE ATTACHMENT K]**
- 13) Membership Committee, Rosemary Knox **[SEE ATTACHMENT L]**
- 14) Real Property Management, Lynn Cook **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 15) Strategic Planning Committee, Ann McWherter **[ATTACHMENT AA]**

AGENDA ITEM 7 – ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

President Robinson called for changes to the Consent Calendar.

- A. Past President McWherter requested that Item B15, Strategic Planning Committee Report, be pulled from the Consent Calendar.
- B. Director of Membership, Rosemary Knox, asked that Item B13, Membership Committee Report, be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

MOTION Secretary/Treasurer Marie Reed, moved to adopt the
M-1 Consent Calendar as amended. Director of Public
 04/14 Relations, George Linn, seconded the motion.
 [CARRIED]

C. A

AGENDA ITEM 8 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Area Director I, Don Raffaelli, moved to adopt the
M-2 Agenda as presented. Area Director VII, Dennis
04/14 Cassella, seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 9 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Corrections/changes to January 2014 Minutes:

- A) **Page 1:** In **AGENDA ITEM 4 – ROLL CALL**, change “Bob Seigler, Area Director V” to “Ellen Knapp, Area Director V.”
- B) **Page 8:** In **AGENDA ITEM 19 – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**, second paragraph, last sentence should read, “Director Casella withdrew MOTION M-12.”
- C) **Page 11:** In **UNSCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM – APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT AREA DIRECTOR V**, change “Area Director VI, Ellen Knapp...” to Area Director V, Ellen Knapp...”

MOTION Secretary/Treasurer Reed moved that the Minutes of the
M-3 January 2014 Board of Directors meeting be adopted as
04/14 amended. Vice President Jerry O’Keefe seconded the
motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 10 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

Secretary/Treasurer Reed presented the financial report **[ATTACHMENT B]**.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – CORRESPONDENCE [ATTACHMENT C]

Secretary/Treasurer Reed presented the following items of correspondence:

- A) *Thank you note from Barbara Wilson*
- B) *Thank you message from Cheryl Spaulding*
- C) *Verbal Thank You from Louise Avilla for the Get Well Card (Rich Avilla's wife. She recently had back surgery.)*

AGENDA ITEM 12 – SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT OBAMA’S MINIMUM WAGE ADJUSTMENT

MOTION Area Director Cassella moved that the RPEA Board
M-4 support President Obama’s \$10.10 minimum wage
04/14 adjustment. Area Director V, Ellen Knapp, seconded the
motion.

Disc
ussion.

VOTE ON [CARRIED W/2 ABSTENSIONS]
M-4
04/14

AGENDA ITEM 13 – MAILING REQUIREMENTS

Chapter 004 – SACRAMENTO member, Steve Kawai, presented his concerns re the security of member e-mail addresses and suggests that language to ensure the security of member e-mail addresses be added to the Policy File. Mr. Kawai presented a draft of the proposed language. **[ATTACHMENT D]**

Discussion.

MOTION Area Director Cassella moved that the Board adopt the
M-5 policy as presented, notwithstanding what may have
04/14 occurred. Area Director II, Ernest Sandoval, seconded
the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 25 – RESOLUTIONS SCREENING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Past President Ted Rose, General Assembly 2014 Resolutions Screening Committee Chair, presented the ten (10) resolutions that have been approved to be presented to the 2014 Delegates **[ATTACHMENT E]**.

Discussion.

*(President Robinson called a recess in the proceedings at 4:02 pm.
The meeting reconvened at 4:29 pm.)*

AGENDA ITEM 17 – VOTING BY E-MAIL

MOTION Director of Legislation, Donna Snodgrass, moved that the
M-6 Board conduct no additional e-mail voting until the
04/14 process is set into written policy. Area Director VI, Wes
Stonebreaker, seconded the motion.

Discussion.

VOTE ON [CARRIED W/1 NO]
M-6
04/14

AGENDA ITEM 18 – AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSOCIATION NAME CHANGE [ATTACHMENT F]

MOTION Director Snodgrass moved that RPEA fund two people
M-7 from the prospective Palo Alto chapter to attend
04/14 General Assembly 2014 and allow the prospective group
to select the two individuals. Director of Health Benefits,
Joanne Hollender, seconded the motion.

MOTION M-8 Area Director II, Ernest Sandoval, moved that Area
FRIENDLY Director III, Bob Van Etten, and Past President Rose make
AMENDMENT the decision re who from the prospective Palo Alto
TO M-7 chapter will be invited to General Assembly 2014.
04/14 Director of Membership, Rosemary Knox, seconded the
motion. Director Linn seconded the motion.

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
M-8
04/14

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
M-7 AS
AMENDED
04/14

AGENDA ITEM 19 – CONSIDERATION OF BOARD CONTRIBUTION TO CALIFORNIANS FOR RETIREMENT SECURITY (CRS)

Director Linn reminded the Board that this item was tabled at the last meeting pending a discussion with Aaron Read. That discussion did not occur.

A review of the Minutes of the January 2014 meeting indicated that no motion was ever passed.

MOTION
M-9
04/14

Director Linn withdrew the following motion he made at the January 2014 meeting:

MOTION Director Linn moved to table this discussion
M-5 until after Aaron Read's presentation
01/14 tomorrow. Director of Membership,
Rosemary Knox, seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

Discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – AREA II & IV NOMINATIONS (NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED BY APRIL 1 DEADLINE) [ATTACHMENT G]

The Board discussed the current status of Area Director nominations for Areas II and IV.

(President Robinson recessed the meeting at 5:19 pm.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:04 am and invited new audience members to introduce themselves. **[SEE ATTACHMENT A]**

AGENDA ITEM 4 – INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Secretary/Treasurer Reed gave the following Inspirational Messages:

*"All the effort in the world won't matter if you're not inspired." ~
Chuck Palahniuk, Diary*

Some people will stoop to anything in order to succeed....like working hard, using their intelligence, refusing to give up, and stuff like that...

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up", said Babe Ruth. So say "tomorrow will be better." "But what if it is not?" I asked. "Then you say it again tomorrow. Because it might be. You never know, right? At some point, tomorrow will be better." ~ Morgan Matson, Amy and Roger's Epic Detour

"Risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing." ~ Leo Buscaglia

"Do stuff. Be clenched, curious. Not waiting for inspiration's shove or society's kiss on your forehead. Pay attention. It's all about paying attention, attention is vitality. It connects you with others. It makes you eager. Stay eager." ~ Susan Sontag

AGENDA ITEM 15 – FUTURE POLICY FOR CONDUCTING STATE OFFICER ELECTIONS [ATTACHMENT H]

MOTION M-10 04/14	Director Knox moved that the Board address the concerns of 031 – SANTA CLARA COUNTY member, Al Chappell, and issue a policy to be adopted by the Board. Secretary/Treasurer Reed seconded the motion.
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After further discussion Director Knox withdrew the motion.

AGENDA ITEM 20 – SHOULD RPEA MEMBERS BE ADVISED THAT THEY CAN ATTEND CALPERS STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

President Robinson updated the Board on the recent changes to CalPERS' meeting schedules and the formats of those meetings.

Discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 16 – 20% TAX ON CALPERS DEATH BENEFIT [ATTACHMENT I]

Chapter 004 – SACRAMENTO member, Bill Fawx, presented.

MOTION M-10 04/14 Area Director IX, Cleave Govan, moved that the Board work with California State Retirees to create a joint resolution to amend the IRS code to eliminate the tax on death benefits. Director Snodgrass seconded the motion.

Discussion.

(President Robinson called a 15-minute break in the proceedings.)

AGENDA ITEM 16 – 20% TAX ON CALPERS DEATH BENEFIT (cont'd.)

Discussion continued.

MOTION M-11 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO M-10 04/14 Director Linn moved that the Board seek out any other retirement organizations with whom to collaborate on the effort to amend the IRS code to eliminate the tax on death benefits. Secretary/Treasurer Reed seconded the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION M-11 04/14 [CARRIED]

VOTE ON AMENDED M-10 04/14 [CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 24 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014 UPDATE

General Assembly 2014 Planning Committee Chair, Julie Van Etten, gave the update.

MOTION M-12 04/14 Director of Member Services, Al Darby, moved that EJS Insurance Services not be invited to General Assembly 2014. Director Snodgrass seconded the motion.

Discussion.

MOTION Area Director Sandoval moved to end debate.
M-13 [CARRIED]
04/14

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
M-13
04/14

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
M-12
04/14

MOTION Director Snodgrass moved that the Board approve the
M-14 per diem meal increases for General Assembly 2014, as
04/14 follows:

- \$15 = *Breakfast*
- \$25 = *Lunch*
- \$30 = *Dinner*

Area Director VI, Dennis Cassella, seconded the motion.

FRIENDLY Director Hollender moved to keep the per diem for lunch
AMENDMENT at \$20 and to increase the dinner per diem to \$35, as
TO M-14 follows:
04/14

- \$15 = *Breakfast*
- \$20 = *Lunch*
- \$35 = *Dinner*

The maker and second accepts the amendment.

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
AMENDED
M-14
04/14

AGENDA ITEM 6A5 – DIRECTOR OF HEALTH BENEFITS/HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Hollender gave an oral report. Discussion.

(President Robinson recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:05pm, to reconvene at 1:15pm.)

AGENDA ITEM 6A6 – DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP, ROSEMARY KNOX

Director Knox gave an oral report.

AGENDA ITEM 6B15 – STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE, ANN L. MCWHERTER [ATTACHMENT J]

Immediate Past President and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, Ann L. McWherter gave an oral report of the last meeting.

MOTION
M-15
04/14 The Strategic Planning Committee recommends, and Past President McWherter moves that the standing committee, California Seniors Coalition, be dissolved. [CARRIED]

MOTION
M-16
04/14 The Strategic Planning Committee recommends, and Past President McWherter moves that the standing committee, CalPERS Long Term Care, be dissolved and that monitoring of long term care issues be absorbed by the Health Benefits Committee.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY
AMENDMENT
TO M-16
04/14 Area Director Sandoval moved that the CalPERS Long Term Care Committee be dissolved and established as an ad hoc Committee

Discussion.

MOTION
M-17
04/14 Director Snodgrass moved to end debate. [CARRIED]

**VOTE ON
AMENDED
M-16**
04/14

[CARRIED]

**MOTION
M-17**
04/14

The Strategic Planning Committee recommends, and Past President McWherter moves that the Contract Agency Advocacy Committee be left unstaffed for the next two years and dissolved at GA 2016.
[CARRIED]

Discussion.

**MOTION
M-18**
04/14

The Strategic Planning Committee recommends, and Past President McWherter moves that the Investment Committee be dissolved.
[CARRIED]

Discussion.

**MOTION
M-19**
04/14

The Strategic Planning Committee recommends, and Past President McWherter moves that the Property Management Committee be left unstaffed for the next two years and dissolved at GA 2016.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 21 – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Advocate, Aaron Read, gave the Legislative Update. Director Snodgrass then gave a verbal update of the RPEA Legislative Position & Tracking Chart.

**MOTION
M-20**
04/14

Area Director Sandoval moved that the Board endorse David Cortese for Mayor of San Jose. Vice President Jerry O'Keefe seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

Aaron Read will prepare a letter of endorsement for President Robinson's signature.

MOTION
M-21
04/14 The Legislative Committee recommends and Director Snodgrass moves That the Board of Directors approve the positions recommended on the Tracking Chart as the official positions of RPEA. **[ATTACHMENT K]**

MOTION
M-22
04/14 The Legislative Committee recommends and Director Snodgrass moves that RPEA take no position on the Contra Costa County Measure C.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 22 – PIO UPDATE

Bernice Creager and Samantha Reardon of Marketplace Communications gave the PIO Update.

AGENDA ITEM 26 – CLOSED WORKSHOP UPDATE

President Robinson gave the Closed Workshop Update.

AGENDA ITEM 27 – HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

Office Manager Umiker submitted a written report. **[SEE ATTACHMENT W]**

UNSCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM – RPEA ATTORNEY [ATTACHMENT BB]

MOTION
M-23
04/14 Director Linn moves that RPEA negotiate a contract with Jason Jasmine for hourly Option 1 for a one-year period, subject to renegotiation at the end of that year. Vice President O'Keefe seconded the motion.

Discussion.

MOTION
M-24
04/14 Director Snodgrass moved to end debate.
[CARRIED]

VOTE ON
M-23
04/14 [CARRIED W/1 NO]

AGENDA ITEM A1 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

General Assembly 2014 Nominating Committee Chair, Ann L. McWherter, gave the report.

(President Robinson adjourned the meeting at 4:29 pm.)
