

RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

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ORANGE COUNTY

RPEA CHAPTER 040

ESTABLISHED JULY 31, 1972

Next Meeting is a virtual meeting. It is Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

THE PREZ SEZ

Hello RPEA members,

We are all still experiencing in one way or another, a seemingly unending pandemic racing across the US and the world. But I still remain optimistic that "this too shall pass" and we will be in a better place.

Your board has met on two occasions in the past few months utilizing the Zoom platform. We are planning our September General meeting via Zoom and hope you can join us.

Our General meeting will be held September 9, 2020, at 1 pm via Zoom. We are coordinating with AMBIA, our insurance carrier to assist in hosting the meeting, to that end, an email will be sent to each member with the appropriate information to access the Zoom platform. You may use Zoom on any device, laptop, iPad, iPhone, desktop, or Android device. We look forward to "seeing" you.

Email Spoofing: We have been victims of "spoofing" in the last few weeks. Strictly speaking, email spoofing is the act of sending emails with false sender addresses, usually as part of a phishing attack designed to steal your information, infect your computer with malware or just ask for money. It is a crime! So if you get an email supposedly from me, check the sender's email address. If not from me, delete the email.

Volunteering: If you have made masks to give away, or have assisted in delivering food, water, sanitizers, etc., please let us know. RPEA headquarters wants to know how RPEA gives back to the community.

Stay safe. Wear a mask when you leave your home. Keep your distance. We will make it together, and please plan to join us virtually on September 9th.

Ivory Webb



NEW MEMBERS (Last twelve months)

VICTORIA WILLIAMS--YORBA LINDA
JOHN MALEY--FOUNTAIN VALLEY
DIANE MALEY--FOUNTAIN VALLEY
GUADALUPE MIRELEZ--TUSTIN
VIRGINIA QUINTERO--PLACENTIA
VALERIE ORDUNA--IRVINE
LORNE MERKOSKY--ANAHEIM
THOMAS WOOD--FOUNTAIN VALLEY
KAREN HIGHT--CORONA
PIERRE ROYERE --PLACENTIA
CRISTINA FIGUEROA--ANAHEIM
STEPHEN HARTJE--ORANGE
CHERYL CIENFUEGOS--LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ
EDNA SANDOVAL--PLACENTIA
JOHN GARCIA--ANAHEIM
RODNEY BISSELL--YORBA LINDA
TONY LAM--WESTMINSTER
JOHN CODAY--RANSON, WV
DANIEL GOMEZ--PLACENTIA
NANCY MILLER--APEX, NC
ROCK MILLER--ORANGE
GREGORY FORTNER--MIAMI, FL
SILVIA ORTIZ--SANTA ANA
SANDRA KOPRINIK--IRVINE
NORMAN NGUYEN--GARDEN GROVE
GLORIA SERRATO--ANAHEIM
LUCY SOIFUA--SANTA ANA
PATRICIA TREJO--FOUNTAIN VALLEY
MARTIN TREJO--FOUNTAIN VALLEY
MARK CHITJIAN--GARDEN GROVE

RPEA MISSION: We are active and retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our retirement and medical benefits.

Minutes of Board Meeting RPEA Chapter 040, July 8, 2020

The board meeting of RPEA Chapter 040 was called to order at 1:14 pm by President Ivory Webb via Zoom video conference hosted by Lorne Merkosky. Joining the meeting were Ivory Webb, John Jago, Lorne & Estela Merkosky, Viola Sadler, Bea North, and Mercedes Smith.

The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison. Estela Merkosky provided an inspirational message.

Minutes: Secretary Mercedes Smith read the minutes of the April 29, 2020, board meeting. Viola Sadler moved to accept the minutes as read. MSP. The June 10, 2020, general meeting was cancelled.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Jago reported the balance in the chapter checking account. There were 536 paid members. Mercedes Smith moved to accept the report as presented. MSP. A copy is attached.

Old Business: Discussion was held on who will be on the slate of officers for 2021-2022. So far, John Jago has agreed to continue as Treasurer and Bea North has volunteered to be Secretary. We need members to volunteer for board positions! The terms of the current Chapter 040 board members expire in December 2020. Members are asked to provide nominations for new board members as a slate should be presented at the September 2020 general meeting. The election will be in December.

General Assembly has been postponed from September 2020 by RPEA Headquarters. It has been rescheduled to March 29 to April 1, 2021. More information will follow.

New Business: President Webb will contact AMBIA to see if they can host the September 9, 2020, general meeting. VP Merkosky will contact Headquarters to see if someone there will be available to join us and speak at the general meeting. She will also invite Area VIII Director Kathleen Collins to join the meeting.

Mercedes Smith moved that RPEA Chapter 040 compensate Lorne Merkosky for each time that his Zoom account is used for chapter meetings. Lorne will notify John Jago of the amount each time. MSP. (It is approximately \$15.00 for a monthly subscription.)

President Webb forwarded to the board the e-mail from Headquarters regarding the changes to their board. Al Darby resigned as President, but retains his position as Vice- President. Rosemary Knox is Interim President. Also on the board are Marie Reed, Secretary/Treasurer; JJ Jelincic, Director of Health Benefits, who was appointed after Harvey Robinson resigned; Bill Wallace, Director of Membership; Lorenzo Rios, Director of Public Relations; and Randall Cheek, Director of Legislation. Ballots to elect a new board will be mailed soon.

All meetings will be virtual on Zoom until further notice. The next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020. The next board meeting is Wednesday, October 14, 2020, hosted by Lorne Merkosky.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Mercedes Smith, Secretary

CALPERS NEWS

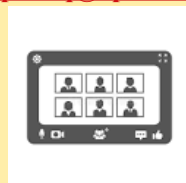
CalPERS announced that Chief Investment Officer Yu (Ben) Meng resigned, effective August 5.

Dan Bienvenue, deputy chief investment officer, will serve as interim chief investment officer. CalPERS will start an immediate search for a permanent successor.

Meng had been CalPERS' chief investment officer since January 2019. Under his leadership, CalPERS recently announced a fiscal year 2019-20 return of 4.7%, beating its benchmark of 4.3% during a time of extreme financial market volatility sparked by the coronavirus pandemic.

It is very important that headquarters has your current email address, then you can join us at our next meeting.

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

During this pandemic, and that it has lasted so long, you may need assistance of various kinds. This

partial list was available from CA 2-1-1 of Orange County. Please do not hesitate to ask for help if you are in need.

<http://www.211oc.org/>

Serve Hope Helpline

A program of: Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

Provides a helpline that connects callers (especially older adults, people who are homebound, and pregnant women) with local resources for food. The Helpline also provides crisis counseling, spiritual guidance, and prayer. Groceries and other necessities from local food pantries can be delivered to those that might not be able to afford it at this time.

Phone Number Business 844-279-0105

Website www.rcbo.org/group/serve-hope/

Meals on Wheels Locator

A program of: MEALS ON WHEELS AMERICA

During Coronavirus response period, still offering services. Please call. (Updated 4/23/2020) Provides location services for Meals on Wheels deliveries through out the United States

Main Phone 888-998-6325

Access

Hours Mon: 9am EST - 5pm EST; Tue: 9am

EST - 5pm EST; Wed: 9am EST - 5pm

EST; Thu: 9am EST - 5pm EST; Fri:

9am EST - 5pm EST

Website www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org

Community Referrals

A program of: Delivering with Dignity

Provides a one-time meal delivery directly to the doorsteps of community members who meet the "triple-threat" criteria and who live in one of the following cities: Aliso Viejo, Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Irvine, Laguna Hills, Orange, Santa Ana, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, and Westminster.

Non-profit organizations will conduct the intake and screening for the program. After the screening is completed and the client's information has been collected, meals are prepared by locally-owned restaurants and then delivered by "FoodHero" volunteers, who follow strict health and social distancing guidelines.

Business Phone Line 2 949-646-4357

Local Number Toll free 888-600-4357

Business 2-1-1 Intake Line

Website www.deliveringwithdignityoc.org/

Access Hours: Phone hours: 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Food Delivery: 2:00 pm-4:30 pm

Information and Assistance

A program of: Orange County Office On Aging

Provides specialized information and referral to older adults, caregivers and persons with disabilities. Does not offer direct services.

Phone Numbers: Toll free 800-510-2020; Business 714-480-6450

Website www.officeonaging.ocgov.com

Email areaagencyonaging@occr.ocgov.com

Hours 8:00 am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

Most programs serve people ages 55 years and older, People with disabilities: 18 years and older, Program eligibility may depend on age and/or income

The Friendship Line Alternate name: Friendship Line California

A program of: INSTITUTE ON AGING (IOA)

During Coronavirus response period, office is closed but still offering services. Please call. (Updated 4/23/2020) Offers confidential telephone support for seniors who may be lonely, isolated, grieving, depressed, anxious, and/or thinking about death or suicide. Also provides support for caregivers of seniors and to individuals with physical and/or emotional disabilities. Offers crisis intervention phone support 24/7.

24/7 Hotline Phone: 800-971-0016

Alternate Number Phone: 888-670-1360

Website www.ioaging.org/services/all-inclusive-health-care/friendship-line/

Email friendshipline@ioaging.org

HUMOR

Grandpa Alert



My grandpa tried to warn everyone that the Titanic was going to sink. When everyone just ignored him, he yelled at them three more times, each time louder. Eventually, they got irritated and kicked him out of the theater.



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• EUGENE FUNDUM - TEMECULA
• GARY BRAATEN - ANZA
• FRANCES ROBERTSON - ORANGE
• SAM FORD - PLACENTIA
• LILLIAN JONES - SANTA ANA
• HAZEL HO WANG - SIERRA MADRE
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