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STEPHANIE ROWLEY—AMBIA REPRESENTATIVE

(The June 10, 2020, Chapter 044 meeting will be hosted by AMBIA via Zoom.)



Stephanie Rowley is the Benefits Advisor for AMBIA (Association Member Benefits and Insurance Advisors) for the San Gabriel and west Inland Empire. She is fully licensed for Insurance Sales in CA and has worked for over a decade with AMBIA, the endorsed and exclusive provider of benefits for RPEA members. Her mission is to teach the importance of protection of health, finances, family legacy, and peace of mind when a family can lose everything if they aren't covered properly. She says that many seniors think they are fine and don't need anything, but when a health or financial crisis occurs, they could lose their financial security. AMBIA is here with RPEA to help you in any such crisis.

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Past-President's Report—Hi everyone. I hope all RPEA members, their families, and friends have stayed well and safe during this quarantine of over two months and that none have been infected with the Covid 19 virus. We retirees are all differing variations of *old*, and were expected to stay in complete isolation with food and other essentials delivered to our porches. I elected to continue with my outside volunteer work for a few hours each day, while following all the recommended guidelines for hygiene and distancing, and then looking forward to the comfort of being at home for the night. Sandie has been in her own quarters, video conferencing with her colleagues on the



CalPERS Fund Market Value, 03/12/2020, 352.89 Billion; 05/20/2020, 379.18 Billion

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President's Report –Shirley Wofford



Hello friends—Here we are--where *here* is, I am not sure. I was prepared to follow the usual hygiene- and social distancing guidelines. I was not expecting to see the whole country shut down. I have stayed well, so far, and hope that is the case for you and your loved ones. I am very concerned about the millions of people who have had their livelihoods interrupted so abruptly. I hope the economy can open and get rolling again soon.

The June 10, 2020, meeting will be held via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. for those who have internet access. Stephanie Rowley, *AMBIA* representative, will host the meeting. See the conclusion of her introduction on this page, right-hand column, to learn how to participate in that meeting.

Please give your attention to the column by Loran Vetter, *Volunteer Hours and the Bonus Generated to the State*, on page 12 of the March-April edition of the *RPEA* newsletter. (Loran is a member of Yolo County Chapter #043.) If you donate volunteer hours to any group or entity, you can be part of her project to document all volunteer work donated by *RPEA* members in CA or other states. Please put your volunteer information in the removable, self-addressed trifold on pages 13 and 14, add a postage stamp, and mail it to *RPEA*. Or, if you are able to attend our next meeting, you can leave it with me for mailing.

*A CA Senator invites cities to claim bankruptcy as a way to slash pensions for "Classic" public employees and abolish our COLAS!

He is a public-sector retiree himself! His name is John Moorlach.



*Pension Tsunami (April 30, 2020)
Put California's Public Employee Pensions on a Ventilator

STAY INFORMED!—REMAIN VIGILANT

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Stephanie lives in the local area with her husband Doug and family. She offers a discussion, without pressure, to all *RPEA* members about the services provided by *AMBIA* that would give them *peace of mind* in a health or financial crisis. She will conduct a tour of the services available to *RPEA* members through *AMBIA* by hosting a meeting for Chapter 044 members by *Zoom* on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Stephanie at (626)-555-4004 or e-mail her at stephanie.rowley@amba.info for an invitation and instructions on how to access the meeting.

AMBIA Member Benefits: and Discounts:

- *Dental & Vision Plans*
- *Long-Term Care Insurance*
- *Medicare Supplement Plans*
- *Cancer, Heart & Stroke Insurance*
- *Final Expense Whole Life & Guaranteed Acceptance Life Insurance*
- *Medical Air Services Association (MASA)*
- *Annuity*
- *American Hearing Benefits (AHB)*

Additional Member Discounts:

- *Rental Car*
- *Cruise & Vacation*
- *Nationwide Pet Insurance*
- *Road Scholar*
- *my AMBAining.com*
- *Computer*

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program-- Retired public employees seeking volunteer opportunities need to look no further. *Tax-Aide*, a free program that makes it easier for senior and other low-income taxpayers to file their tax returns is looking for compassionate, friendly people to join its team of volunteers for the next tax season. Retirees could help prepare tax returns or organize client, paperwork, manage computer equipment, be interpreters, etc. If you are interested, you can get a head-start on the program and be ready when David Patterson, District Coordinator for *Tax-Aide* gives his presentation at our meeting on February 10, 2021. Sign up at <https://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide>, or leave a message for him at (605) 459-5168.

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GA Planning Committee. We received notice from RPEA that GA that had been scheduled for September 21-24, 2020, is postponed until March 29-April 01, 2021.

With no end yet in sight to the sanctions and other hardships brought on by this Covid 19 pandemic, it has been impossible to plan group activities. We will miss having the Chapter 044 meeting that was scheduled for June 10, 2020. I hope that you will view or participate in the AMBIA zoom meeting to be hosted by Stephanie Rowley who was to be our guest-speaker for that meeting.

In the meantime we will look forward to the Chapter meeting on August 12, 2020. Hope to see you all then.

--Bob Seigler

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**

RPEA CHAPTER 044 MEETING Wed., August 12, 2020, 12 noon

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If you need a ride to a Chapter meeting and you do not have family/friend support for help with arranging transportation, please call (909)986-3160 at least two days in advance.



Chapter 044 and other members of RPEA, family members, friends, and anyone else who supports RPEA are all welcome at our meetings.

