



Retired Public Employees' Association (RPEA)
Board of Directors' Meeting
February 2019

Minutes

Hilton Sacramento Arden West Hotel
2200 Harvard St.
Sacramento, CA 95815

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

President Darby called the meeting to order at 1:31p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

Secretary/Treasurer Marie Reed called the roll:

Present: Al Darby, President; Ted Rose, Immediate Past President; Marie Reed, Secretary/Treasurer; Rosemary Knox, Vice President; Lorenzo Rios, Director of Public Relations; Director of Membership, David Soares; Paul Tamboury, Area Director I; Robert Van Etten, Area Director III; Al Fillon, Area Director IV; Ellie Knapp, Area Director V; Jim Anderson, Area Director VI; Dennis Cassella, Area Director VII; Kathleen Collins, Area Director VIII; Larry Sullivan, Area Director IX

Also Present: Tanya Rakestraw, Office Manager

AGENDA ITEM 3 - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Public Relations, Lorenzo Rios, led the Pledge.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS OF NEW BUSINESS

MOTION Area Director I, Paul Tamboury, moved that the Board
M-1 approve the appointment of David Soares as Director of
02/19 Membership to replace Bill Wallace. Area Director V,
Ellie Knapp, seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

MOTION Immediate Past President Ted Rose moved to accept Bill
M-2 Wallace's leave of absence. Area Director III, Bob Van
02/19 Etten, seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 4 – INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Secretary/Treasurer Reed gave the following Inspirational Message:

What You Give Is What You Get

"What you give is what you get." I am sure that everyone of us have heard those words uttered again and again in our lives. They remain age old words of wisdom that go back thousands of years. They go along with "reaping what we sow" and "doing unto others as you would have them do unto you." What amazes me most about these wonderful words, though, is the truth that lies in them. I see this truth every day in my own life.

This truth shines through the actions of my youngest son a child whose smiles, hugs, and laughter light up the world around him in spite of his handicap. This truth glows from the life of my daughter whose kindness, friendship, and loving spirit brightens the lives of those around her. This truth flows out of the behavior of my oldest a boy who is a friend to the world and never met anyone he didn't like. This truth radiates from everything I watch my wife do as she makes the world a better place for her family, friends, co-workers, and the many pets she rescues. This truth lights up my own life as I see again and again every good, kind, and loving thing I do come back to bless me with even greater joy.

Don't be afraid to give then. Give your time, your energy, your talents, your love, and your joy. Share all the fantastic blessings God gives to you with those around you. Become as Leo Buscaglia said "the most beautiful, sensitive, wondrous, magical, unique, fantastic person in the world", so that you can share that person with everyone everywhere. If you can do this then what you will get back will be so glorious and wonderful that you will never want to stop giving. It is true that what you give is what you get. But if what you give is love, joy, peace, happiness, goodness, delight, and oneness with God then what you get will be a thousand times greater.

Joseph J. Mazzella

AGENDA ITEM 5 - INTRODUCTIONS

President Darby invited the Board and audience to introduce themselves.

[ATTACHMENT ___]

AGENDA ITEM 7 – CONSENT CALENDAR

President Darby called for changes to the Consent Calendar.

- A) *Area Director VII, Dennis Cassella, added Area VII Assistant Area Director appointments for C. T. Weber and Paul Latsufka.*
- B) *Vice President Knox pulled Items 6A2 and 6A6.*
- C) *Since Secretary/Treasurer Reed was not present for yesterday's session, she distributed a handout and spoke regarding use of chapter funds*
[ATTACHMENT ___].

AGENDA ITEM A4 – CORRESPONDENCE [ATTACHMENTS ___]

President Darby presented two items of correspondence,

AGENDA ITEM 9 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION Area Director Cassella moved to approve the minutes of
M-3 the September 2018 Board of Directors meeting as
02/19 submitted. Area Director Tamboury seconded the
motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 10 – ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Area Director VI, Jim Anderson, moved to adopt the
M-4 Consent Calendar as amended. Director of Public
02/19 Relations, Lorenzo Rios, seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 11 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Area Director VI, Jim Anderson, moved to adopt the
M-5 agenda. Director Rios seconded the motion.
02/19 [CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 12 – FINANCIAL REPORTS [ATTACHMENTS ___]

Secretary/Treasurer Reed presented the financial reports.

AGENDA ITEM 20 – CALPERS UPDATE

Margaret Brown, CalPERS Board Member and Assistant Area Director VIII, gave the CalPERS Update.

CalPERS Board candidate JJ Jelincic then addressed the Board and solicited its endorsement of his candidacy.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Aaron Read of Aaron Read & Associates gave the Legislative Update.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – PIO UPDATE

Jesse Delgado and Stephen Rodriguez of Marketplace Communications gave the PIO Update.

AGENDA ITEM 15 – AMBIA UPDATE

Robert Lee and Anja Baucom of Association Member Benefits & Insurance Agency gave the AMBIA Update.

AGENDA ITEM 16 – CHAPTER-LEVEL RECRUITING EXPLAINED

President Darby explained RPEA's goal of standardization of communications to our prospect list by having the prospective member cover letter drafted and sent by Headquarters instead of at the chapter level. Chapter-specific info can be included in the standardized letter.

Discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 17 – TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS FOR CHAPTER 074 - PARADISE

The Board discussed how and/or whether or not to "suspend" operations for Chapter 074. The consensus was to take no such action at this time and allow the chapter to continue operations.

**AGENDA ITEM 18 – PROPOSED NEW POLICY FILE LANGUAGE RE
HARDSHIP GRANTS FROM ONE RPEA CHAPTER TO ANOTHER
[ATTACHMENT _____]**

MOTION Area Director Collins moved to allow hardship grants
M-6 from one RPEA chapter to another. Director of
02/19 Membership, David Soares, seconded the motion.

Discussion. Area Director Baily called for the question.

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
MOTION
M-6
02/19

**AGENDA ITEM A2 – DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTER 051 – WEST CONTRA
COSTA COUNTY**

Area Director Ill, Bob Van Etten, updated the Board on 051's progress to date. A second membership alert meeting has been called.

AGENDA ITEM A7 – DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTER 010 - MARIN

Area Director Tamboury gave the update on the status of this chapter. The chapter has been closed in spite of having no direction from the Board.

Discussion.

UNSCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM – DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTER 011 – NAPA

Area Director Tamboury gave the update. This chapter has also been closed with no prior direction from the Board.

Discussion.

MOTION Area Director Collins moved that the Board approve the
M-7 dissolution of Chapters 010 and 011. Area Director IX,
02/19 Larry Sullivan, seconded the motion.
[CARRIED W/1 OPPOSED]

AGENDA ITEM 19 – CHAPTER IN TROUBLE – 086-MORGAN HILL-SAN MARTIN-GILROY (INFORMATION ITEM ONLY)

President Darby asked that the possible dissolution of this chapter be conducted in accordance with the Policy File. Area Director Van Etten assured the Board that it will be.

AGENDA ITEM 21 – VACANT LOT DISCUSSION

MOTION Area Director IV, Al Fillon, moved that the Board get a
M-8 marketing analysis of the lot at 314 T Street. Area
02/19 Director V, Ellie Knapp, seconded the motion.

Discussion

VOTE [CARRIED]
MOTION
M-8
02/19

(President Darby recessed the meeting until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

President Darby called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 22 - RPEA TV INTERVIEWS WITH ASSEMBLY MEMBERS & WEBSITE UPDATE

Director Rios presented. Discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 23 – FREE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS FOR WILDFIRE VICTIMS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH MINIMAL PENSIONS

President Darby presented.

MOTION Area Director Tamboury moved that this proposal
M-9 include any chapter in RPEA affected by wildfires or who
02/19 have minimal pensions for one year. Area Director
Cassella seconded the motion.

After discussion the maker withdrew the motion.

MOTION President Darby moved that the chapter leadership
M-9 inform the Headquarters Office of whom is eligible for
02/19 this program and that the reimbursement be made from
Headquarters treasury instead of from the chapter(s).
Area Director Sullivan seconded the motion.

Discussion.

MOTION [UNKNOWN] moved to close debate. [UNKNOWN]
M-10 seconded the motion.
02/19 [CARRIED]

VOTE ON [CARRIED W/1 ABSTENSION]
MOTION
M-9
02/19

AGENDA ITEM 24 – 2019 CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CEA) FEES

MOTION Area Director Baily moved to continue the \$100/mo.
M-11 contribution to CEA. Director Robinson seconded the
02/19 motion.

Discussion.

MOTION Area Director Baily changed the motion to indicate that
M-12 the fee to CEA be continued pending a marketing
(AMENDMENT analysis. The second accepts the amendment.
TO M-11)
02/19

Discussion.

VOTE ON [FAILED W/1 ABSTENSION]
MOTION
M-12
02/19

AGENDA ITEM 27 – 2019 CARA RENEWAL

MOTION Area Director Collins moved to renew RPEA's annual
M-13 \$800 CARA membership. Area Director Cassella
02/19 seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 25 – MODIFICATION TO LANGUAGE IN POLICY FILE **SECTION F – MEMBERSHIP [ATTACHMENT ___]**

MOTION Director Soares moved to approve the modification of
M-14 the language in Section F.1.2 (b) – MEMBERSHIP to
02/19 indicate that chapters are to obtain "pre-approval" of
their planned recruitment effort exceeding \$300 from
their Area Director if they are seeking reimbursement
from Headquarters. Director Rios seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 28 – REPORT ON CLOSED MEETING

President Darby reported on the closed meeting.

- A. *The Board agreed to investigate other public relations firms as possible alternatives to MPC.*
- B. *The Board discussed investment strategy as it relates to small allocation public equity.*
- C. *The Board agreed that Chapter 035 – SOLANO COUNTY is now an Area I chapter.*

AGENDA ITEM 26 – NEW POLICY FILE LANGUAGE RE PUBLIC RELATIONS

MOTION Area Director Tamboury moved to add language to the
M-15 duties of the Director of Public Relations to indicate that
 02/19 the Director of Public Relations engages in public
 relations activities under the direction of the President.
 [UNKNOWN] seconded the motion.
 [CARRIED W/1 NO]

AGENDA ITEM 29 – CRS REPRESENTATION UPGRADE

MOTION Director Robinson moved that we do not upgrade our
M-16 visibility/status at Californians for Retirement Security
 02/19 (CRS) from the current \$2500/year. Area Director
 Cassella seconded the motion.

Discussion.

VOTE ON [CARRIED W/1 NO]
MOTION
M-16
 02/19

UNSCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM – DAVE CORTESE

Senatorial candidate for 2020, Dave Cortese, addressed the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 30 – SCORE FUNCTIONS REPORT

MOTION Area Director Cassella moved to support a CalPERS
M-18 Inspector General. Director Collins seconded the
02/19 motion.
[CARRIED]

Discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 31 – MEMBERSHIP RETENTION METHODS

Vice President Knox discussed different methods of membership retention such as polling exiting members about why they choose to discontinue membership.

AGENDA ITEM 32 – AFFILIATE MEMBER CONVERSION UPDATE

President Darby explained that this program determines which affiliate members have retired and should be switched to active (\$60/yr.) status using Transparent California.

AGENDA ITEM 33 – HEADQUARTERS ANNUAL SERVICES REVIEW

President Darby, Vice President Knox and Secretary/Treasurer Reed will conduct this review when Accounting Clerk Lee returns from maternity leave.

AGENDA ITEM 34 – ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL CONDITION UPDATE

President Darby reported on the health of the RPEA reserve fund.

AGENDA ITEM 35 – BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Office Manager Tanya gave a status of the exterior improvements of the Headquarters Building.

AGENDA ITEM 36 – OFFICE STAFF TRAINING

Office Manager Tanya advised the Board that whenever outside training is required for staff, she contracts with the appropriate local training center. This hasn't happened since 2015.

AGENDA ITEM 37 – REWARD POINTS CREDIT CARD – ACTION ITEM

President Darby indicated that he would become the guarantor for this card.

MOTION Area Director Knapp moved that the Board give
M-19 President Darby permission to obtain the proposed
02/19 reward points credit card for RPEA. Area Director
Sullivan seconded the motion.

Discussion.

MOTION [UNKNOWN] moved to end debate. [UNKNOWN]
M-20 seconded the motion.
02/19 [CARRIED]

VOTE ON [CARRIED W/1 OPPOSED]
MOTION
M-19
02/19

AGENDA ITEM B4 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020 PLANNING COMMITTEE

GA Planning Committee Chair, Julie Van Etten, reported. GA 2020 is scheduled for 9/20 – 9/24/2020.

MOTION Secretary/Treasurer Reed moved that the Board
M-21 approve holding GA 2020 at this facility, the Hilton
02/19 Sacramento Arden West Hotel. Area Director Baily
seconded the motion.

Discussion

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
MOTION
M-21
02/19

(President Darby recessed the meeting for lunch.)

AGENDA ITEM 38 – NON-AREA DIRECTOR ORAL REPORTS

A. *Director Robinson reported on the last CalPERS Stakeholder Relations meeting and gave a status of the CalPERS LTC lawsuit.*

REPORT ON AREA DIRECTORS MEETING

Area Director Van Etten reported on the reassignment of 035 – SOLANO to Area I.

MOTION Area Director Collins moved to accept the reassignment
M-22 of 035 – SOLANO to Area I. Director of Legislation,
02/19 Randall Cheek, seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 39 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Robinson reported that Henry Jones was invited to address the Board at this meeting, but he could not attend because he was here conducting CalPERS business. Henry will attend any other meeting when he is not here conducting CalPERS business.

The Board cannot make an endorsement until all candidates after all candidates have filed.

Discussion.

After discussion it was decided that endorsement will be decided upon after Henry Jones is interviewed by the Legislative Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 40 – NEW BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED ON AGENDA

Randy Cheek reported on this morning's joint hearing of the Senate Labor Public Employee Retirement Committee and the Assembly Public Employee Retirement Committee.

AGENDA ITEM A5 – PRESENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018 OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD TO AMBIA

AMBIA was not present to receive the award.

AGENDA ITEM A3 – DATE(S) OF NEXT MEETING(S)

- 5/20 - 5/21 – SACRAMENTO
- 9/23 – 9/24 – SACRAMENTO

(President Darby adjourned the meeting at 1:48PM.)