



Retired Public Employees' Association (RPEA)  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
January 27, 28, 2020

**Minutes**

**Hilton Sacramento Arden West**  
2200 Harvard St  
Sacramento, CA 95815

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

President Al Darby called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – ROLL CALL**

Secretary/Treasurer Marie Reed conducted the roll call.

**Present:** President Al Darby, Vice President Rosemary Knox, Secretary/Treasurer Marie Reed, immediate Past President Ted Rose, Director of Public Relations Lorenzo Rios, Director of Legislation Randall Cheek, Director of Health Benefits Harvey Robinson, Director of Membership Bill Wallace, Area Director I Paul Tamboury, Assistant Area Director II Ernest Sandoval (sitting in for Area Director II Abe Baily), Area Director III Robert Van Effen, Area Director IV Al Fillon, Area Director V Ellen Knapp, Area Director VI Susan Nelson, Outgoing Area Director VII Dennis Cassella, Area Director VII Kathleen Collins, Area Director IX Larry Sullivan, Incoming Area Director VII Ken Brown

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Assistant Area Director IX Lucy Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Director of Health Benefits Harvey Robinson gave the inspirational message

### **AGENDA ITEM 4 - INTRODUCTIONS**

President Darby invited the guests and audience to introduce themselves.

Radtana Lee, Sean Decker, Corey Satuern, Jerry Boles, David Soares, JJ Jelencic, Shirley Bard, Pat Moran, Ernest Sandoval, Norma Rose, Nancy Santos, Julie Van Atten.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Al Darby called for changes to the Consent Calendar.  
There were no changes

**MOTION**    ? moved to accept the Consent Calendar as is. The  
**M-1**            motion was seconded by? The motion carried

### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

President Darby called for any change to the minutes of the previous Board Meeting as there were none, the motion was called and carried.

### **AGENDA ITEM 7 – CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence reported

### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – ARA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Pat Moran of Aaron Reed & Associates gave the legislative update. This being the second year of a two-year legislative session he explained all two-year bills need to be out of their house of origin by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. Bills being

sponsored by RPEA include changing the COLA to a California centric metric rather than a national one, fixing the 960 rule to penalize the employing agency not the annuitant, funding vision care thru CalPERS and creating an office of Inspector General to oversee CalPERS.

### **AGENDA ITEM 9 – REAPPOINTMENT OF GEORGE OTTERBECK TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** Motion to reappoint George Otterbeck to the Budget  
**M-2** Committee.  
Moved? Seconded? Motion carried

### **AGENDA ITEM 10 – AFFIRM SUSAN TAMBOURY AS AREA DIRECTOR I**

**MOTION** Motion to Approve Susan Tamboury as Area Director I  
**M-3** Moved? Seconded? Motion carried

### **AGENDA ITEM 11 – DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTER 074**

Abe Baily, Area Director II stated the Roger Klaves is currently track of Chapter 074 members and currently is operating the chapter in suspense

**MOTION** Motion to place Chapter 074 in suspense including funds  
rather than dissolve it.  
**M-4** Moved? Seconded? Motion carried.

### **AGENDA ITEM 12 – RETENTION OF RECORDS**

All records that can legally be stored electronically would be.

**MOTION** Motion to Retain all records legally eligible digitally.

**M-5** Moved? Motion Carried

### **AGENDA ITEM 13 – CHAPTER RECRUITMENT AND CBEE'S**

Chapter recruitment and CBEE's were discussed with the air to make these affairs more productive, Ellie Knapp suggested included using a sign in sheet at the booth it was mentioned CalPERS discourages the practice. Ernest Sandoval suggested looking into school boards May meeting minutes to find retiring classified employees. J.J. Jelencic mentioned that staff imposes restrictions on CBEE's and that the CalPERS Board should be asked why.

### **AGENDA ITEM 14 – DELINQUENT CHAPTERS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Radtana reported that any chapters with delinquent financial records would be contacted by phone. She reported she would update the Board and follow up with the delinquent chapters.

### **AGENDA ITEM 15 – AMBIA UPDATE**

Jeanie Coffey and Jack Danielson of AMBIA reported they now their first group of agents in the field that have met with over 400 potential members and that furthermore they are looking to recruit younger members, under 65 to take advantage of products that cannot be purchase in the California after that age.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020**

President Darby called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **AGENDA ITEM 16 – JASON PEREZ CalPERS REPRESENTATIVE**

CalPERS Public Agencies Representative, Jason Perez, spoke on the current state of funding of CalPERS and discussed the agency's move toward private equity investment as a method of getting higher returns. The fund was 128% funded in 1999, but dropped to only 61% funded in 2008, as of 2019 the fund was back to 71%

## **AGENDA ITEM 17 – THE STATUS OF VIDEOCONFERENCING**

The current status of Zoom videoconferencing was discussed and in general, it was agreed that it seem to be working well.

## **AGENDA ITEM 18 – AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CalPERS ISSUES**

President Darby announced the addition of J.J. Jelencic to the Ad Hoc Committee on CalPERS Issues. The biggest issue here is the reduction of transparency.

## **AGENDA ITEM 19 – CHAPTER NAME REVISION**

Chapters wishing to change their names need to make the change in their bylaws and inform headquarters of the change.

## **AGENDA ITEM 20 – VOLUNTEER HOURS -RPEA GIVES BACK**

Vice President Rosemary Knox and Loran Vetter discussed the value of RPEA retirees volunteer hours to their communities. Volunteer hours are worth \$29.09 per hour to the agency they are donated. Chapter 043 donated over a \$1,000,000 last year alone.

**MOTION** Motion to Create an Ad Hoc Committee to publicize the value of public retirees to the community at large.

**M-6** Moved? Seconded? Motion Carried.

## **AGENDA ITEM 21 – REPORT ON CLOSED MEETING**

The development of 314 T Street was discussed and a new contract for printing the newsletter adopted. Also adopted was a motion that after candidates are endorsed, only they may speak at chapter events, if a non-endorsed candidate is invited before the endorsement is but will speak after the endorsement, they may only speak to their expertise and may not electioneer.

## **AGENDA ITEM 22 – OLD BUSINESS**

RPEA Office Manager, Radtana Lee spoke on the ongoing construction around headquarters and damages to the building because of it.

## **AGENDA ITEM 23 – NEW BUSINESS**

Director of Membership, William Wallace made a motion to become a full voting member of CARA by raising RPEA contribution to \$1000 from the \$800 it currently is. Ted Rose amended the motion by to state the additional \$200 is a donation, seconded by Lorenzo Rios. Abe Baily called the question to close debate, seconded?

Motion passed

Original Motion failed

Randall Cheek called to become a full member CARA for \$1000 dollars. Abe Bailey seconded.

Motion Passed.

Susan Nelson brought up the issue of fillable PDF forms Corey reported it works in Google Chrome.

## **AGENDA ITEM 24 – AJOURNMENT**

President Al Darby asked, "All in favor of adjournment?" Motion carried