



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

Minutes

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

Monday, June 3, 2019

President Darby called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.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; Randall Cheek, Director of Legislation; Harvey Robinson, Director of Health Benefits, Paul Tamboury, Area Director I; Robert Van Etten, Area Director III; Al Fillon, Area Director IV; Bob Seigler, Assistant Area Director V; Dennis Cassella, Area Director VII; Elena Peña-Merkosky, Assistant Area Director VIII; Larry Sullivan, Area Director IX. Excused James Anderson, Area Director VI.

Also Present: Teena Stone, Member Services Representative and Corey Saeteurn, System Administrator.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Area Director VII, Dennis Cassella, led the Pledge.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Director of Membership David Soares gave the Inspirational Message:

[ATTACHMENT ____]

AGENDA ITEM 5 - INTRODUCTIONS

President Darby invited the Board and audience to introduce themselves.

[ATTACHMENT ____]

AGENDA ITEM 6 – CONSENT CALENDAR

President Darby called for changes to the Consent Calendar.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – APPROVAL OF CHAPTER BYLAWS

MOTION Area Director Cassella moved to approve Chapter Bylaws of
M-1 Chapters 020, 039, 043 and 044. Assistant Area Director Peña-
06/19 Merkosky seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 8 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION Area Director Tamboury moved to approve the minutes of
M-2 the February 2019 Board of Directors meeting as corrected.
06/19 Area Director Sullivan seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 9 – ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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06/19 President Darby, Vice President Knox and Director of Legislation Cheek will make verbal reports. Area Director Tamboury moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended. Area Director Cassella seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 10 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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06/19 President Darby mentioned a change in the Agenda to remove content from Item 20, replace with CalPERS Issues.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 11 – CORRESPONDENCE

President Darby reported he had sent a letter of congratulations to Lisa Middleton, the new Governor appointee to the CalPERS Board of Administration. Also, a note from the Santa Cruz chapter thanking President Darby for his help on the video conferencing. He stated that Corey was responsible for that assistance. **[ATTACHMENTS__]**

AGENDA ITEM 12 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

Secretary/Treasurer Reed presented the financial reports for each of the members' budgets. Also included is a copy of the proposed budget for 2019-2020. This is for review only by the members in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association.

[ATTACHMENT__]

AGENDA ITEM 15 – AMBIA UPDATE

Robert Lee of Association Member Benefits & Insurance Agency gave the AMBIA Update. He mentioned proposing new benefits and the goal of making RPEA the largest retiree organization affiliated with AMBIA in California. Robert is the only representative of AMBIA currently in California, and given enough notice, he will come to Chapters to provide information about the benefits offered by AMBIA.

AGENDA ITEM 16 – CHAPTER-DISSOLUTION – CHAPTER 095

MOTION A motion by Area Director Cassella, seconded by
M-5 Immediate Past President Rose gave directions to proceed
06/19 to notify members of Chapter 095 of the proposed
dissolution of this chapter.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 17 – REFUNDS TO DISASTER VICTIMS

President Darby reported a few members have requested refund of dues in accordance with the motion made at the February meeting of the Board. Director Cassella reported the sale of calendars he offered at the February meeting generated \$11,400 for the victims of the disasters.

AGENDA ITEM 18 – WEBSITE

President Darby made comments regarding improvements made and that will be made to the appearance and content of the website. His desire is to keep the website newsworthy and current, thereby making it useful to our members.

Discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 19 – VIDEO CONFERENCING

President Darby explained the video conferencing equipment that is in use at this meeting. He mentioned one person had logged in and taken advantage of viewing this meeting in session.

AGENDA ITEM 20 – CALPERS ISSUES

President Darby spoke about issues currently occurring at meetings of the CalPERS Board of Administration at the behest of the CEO of CalPERS. Some contracts are being discussed by that Board that will affect the funds being held in a fiduciary capacity for beneficiaries/members of CalPERS.

AGENDA ITEM 21– FORMATION OF 501(c)3 FOUNDATION

An explanation was given by President Darby for the proposal to form a 501(c)3 Foundation.

MOTION A motion to go forward with the proposal to explore
M-6 the formation of a 501(c)3 Foundation for RPEA was
06/19 made by Director Baily, seconded by Director Cheek.

MOTION Director Bailey moved to close debate.
M-7 Director Tamboury seconded the motion.
06/19 [CARRIED]

VOTE ON [CARRIED W/2 OPPOSED
MOTION
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AGENDA ITEM 22 – PRUDENT RPEA INVESTMENT PRACTICES

MOTION Motion by Secretary/Treasurer Reed, seconded by Director
M-8 Van Etten to invest in higher risk assets.
06/19 Motion failed.

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

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

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

President Darby announced that elected Director of Membership Bill Wallace has improved and can now return to his position. President Darby then administered the oath of office to Director Wallace who then took his seat for the remainder of this meeting. President Darby thanked David Soares for filling Director Wallace's position during his absence.

AGENDA ITEM 23 – WHAT IS/IS NOT RECRUITING

Once again information was presented to define what is and what is not recruiting and what is eligible for reimbursement of recruitment efforts by Chapters from Headquarters.

AGENDA ITEM 24 – CALPERS UPDATE

Director Cassella reported that CalPERS Board Member Margaret Brown gave information that an agency can make additional payments to the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF) to reduce the unfunded liability of that agency.

AGENDA ITEM 25 – REPORT ON CLOSED MEETING

President Darby reported that an issue of a solar carport in the Headquarters building parking lot has been tabled since the bid didn't include the carport structure, only the solar panels. The second item during this meeting related to the construction of a multi-family building on the lot next to the Headquarters building. Construction estimates are being received to facilitate that. Next item dealt with the insurance coverage of Officers and Directors which the Board voted to give authority to the President and Secretary/Treasurer to increase the coverage and the flood insurance based upon the estimates received for the increases. Next item concerned the contract approved to repaint the building as well as to improve the signage identifying the organization.

AGENDA ITEM 13 – ARA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Pat Moran has joined the meeting and gave an update on events occurring at the State Capitol.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – PIO UPDATE

President Darby reported that during the closed session it was passed that the MPC contract was reviewed and is under study and final disposition.

AGENDA ITEM 26 – NON-AREA DIRECTOR ORAL REPORTS

Office Manager Rakestraw reported that all at the Headquarters office is under control. The office is fully staffed, and all is moving forward without problems.

Director of Health Benefits Robinson gave information regarding benefits and problems from/with CalPERS and has provided some hand-outs. **ATTACHMENTS**

Vice President Knox welcomed Bill Wallace back to the Board. She presented a sample of a business card we as members can use to help with recruitment. She asked we let her know if this is something we might want to utilize for encouraging membership.

MOTION Motion by Immediate Past President Rose to proceed with
M-9 proposal to investigate Vice-President Knox's suggested

06/19 business card to encourage membership. Seconded by Director of Public Relations Rios.

Discussion

MOTION Director Baily moved to end debate
M-10 Seconded by Director of Legislation Cheek
06/19 [CARRIED]

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
MOTION
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Director Van Etten reported on the Area Director's meeting. The Area Directors would like to form a committee to investigation formation of a virtual (internet) chapter.

MOTION A motion by Director Van Etten was seconded by
M-11 Director Sullivan to consider the formation of a
06/19 committee to bring information to the next
General Assembly about an internet chapter.

MOTION A motion to end debate by Immediate Past
M-12 President Rose was seconded by Director
06/19 Cassella.

[CARRIED]

VOTE [CARRIED]
ON
MOTION
M-11

AGENDA ITEM 27 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) HQ ANNUAL SERVICES REVIEW. President Darby reported that he, Vice President Knox and Secretary/Treasurer Reed have completed a review of services provided by Headquarters and have made some suggestions for minor changes in service providers. These are being implemented.

AGENDA ITEM 28 – NEW BUSINESS NOT on AGENDA

Vice President Knox suggested that a tool be provided that Area Directors may take with them to meetings to help them in performance of their duties.

MOTION Director Sullivan moved that Area Directors and Board
M-13 Members be provided with a laptop computer, software
06/19 and necessary internet capability to perform their duties.
Seconded by Director of Public Relations Rios.

MOTION Immediate Past President Rose moved to end debate.
M-14 Seconded by Director of Legislation Cheek.
06/19
[CARRIED] with 1 No

VOTE ON [MOTION FAILED]
M-13

MOTION Director Cassella moved, Director of Membership Wallace
M-15 seconded a motion to create a committee to investigate
06/19 feasibility of providing equipment and training necessary to
Board members to access information available
electronically.

MOTION Director Tamboury moved to end debate.
M-16
06/19
[CARRIED]

VOTE ON
M-15 [CARRIED]

Director Tamboury moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.