



Retired Public Employees' Association (RPEA)
Board of Directors' Teleconference Meeting
October 07, 2020
Minutes
RPEA Headquarters
300 T Street
Sacramento, CA
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Rosemary Knox called the meeting to order on **Wednesday, Oct. 07, 2020 at 10:03 a.m.**

ROLL CALL

Secretary/Treasurer Marie Reed conducted the roll call. Present at this teleconference are:

Present: Al Darby, Vice President; Marie Reed, Secretary/Treasurer; Rosemary Knox, President; Randall Cheek, Director of Legislation; Ted Rose, Immediate Past President; Bill Wallace, Director of Membership; Lorenzo Rios, Director of Public Relations; Susan Tamboury, Area Director I; Robert Van Etten, Area Director III; Ellie Knapp, Area Director V; Ken Brown, Area Director VII, Lucy Lopez, Assistant Area Director IX; J.J Jelincic, Director of Health Benefits; Al Fillon, Area Director IV.

Absent were Susan Nelson, Area Director IV; Kathleen Collins, Area Director VIII;

Also Present: Al Raitt, David Soares, Sharon Deos, C.T. Weber, Jack Danielson, and Bob Duffield.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Al Darby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Secretary/Treasurer, Marie Reed Moved the adoption of the
M-1 Consent Calendar. Vice President, Al Darby Seconded.
10/07/2020 Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Vice President, Al Darby Moved the adoption of the Agenda.
M-2 Director of Legislation, Randall Cheek seconded.
10/07/2020 Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION Area Director V, Ellen Knapp Moved for the approval of the
M-3 Meeting Minutes of the July 1, 2020 meeting. Area Director II,
10/07/2020 Abe Bailly seconded.
Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4 – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director of Legislation, Randall Cheek gave the Legislative update. AB 2473 was pulled by its author, RPEA was opposed to the bill. Other bills RPEA supported were pulled at the request of their authors as COVID and fire concerns dominated the legislative session but would be resubmitted in the next session. The RPEA also gave a donation to CalPERS Board member Margaret Brown.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Past President, Ted Rose swore in incoming President, Rosemary Knox, Vice President, Al Darby, Secretary Treasurer, Marie Reed, Director of Legislation, Randall Cheek, Director of Membership, Bill Wallace, Director of Health Benefits, JJ Jelincic, and Director of Public Relations, Lorenzo Rios.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021 DISCUSSION

Discussion as to the pros and cons of holding General Assembly for 2020 on March 29, 2021 versus holding off until June of 2022. Area Director V, Ellen Knapp brought up the costs involved in having two General Assemblies so close together especially since the 2020 elections had already occurred. Director of Membership, Bill Wallace and Secretary/Treasurer, Marie had questions about delegates.

MOTION
M-4
10/07/2020

Past President, Ted Rose Moved to move the General Assembly to 2022. Director of Legislation, Randall Cheek, seconded.
Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 7 – CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 8- FINANCIAL REPORTS

There were no Financial reports included in the packet. Ordinarily there are reports on officers spending. There was no P&L statement either but the office appears to be adhering to the budget.

The Proposed 2020-2021 RPEA Budget was included in the Consent Calendar.

MOTION
M-5
10/07/2020

Secretary/Treasurer, Marie Reed Moved passage of the Budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021. As it came out of committee there was no need for a second. Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 9 - AMBIA UPDATE

Jack Danielson of AMBIA updated the Board on the status of AMBIA's continuing efforts to inform and educate current RPEA members on product offerings as well as AMBIA's continuing efforts to recruit new members. Zoom meetings, while having a few issues, have allowed information to reach members effectively.

AGENDA ITEM 10 - INCREASING EQUITIES ALLOCATION

Financial Advisor, Bob Duffield of Edward Jones, spoke for increasing the equities allocation from 10% to 20% as a way of growing funds at a rate better than inflation as more traditional forms of investment, such as CDs and Bonds are not currently offering that level of return.

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Vice President, Al Darby called for the question to end debate. Area Director II, Abe Baily seconded
Motion Carried

MOTION
M-7
10/07/2020

Vice President, Al Darby moved to increase the equities allocation to 20% Director of Legislation, Randall Cheek seconded. Motion Carried with two abstentions. Ted Rose and Ellen Knapp abstained

AGENDA ITEM 11 - POLICY FILE CHANGE

Secretary/ Treasurer, Marie Reed presented the need for a Refund Policy Change, some people signing up through AMBIA are quickly changing their minds about both AMBIA and RPEA and the current policy has become untenable. The proposed Policy File Change: Policy File Section F.2.0 Dues
Add Section 2.5 Those members choosing "Cash Pay" or payment by credit card who wish to cancel their membership note - no refunds for a discontinued

membership will be issued after 30 days from date of payment. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on an individual basis, depending upon circumstances. Members wishing to cancel a dues deduction membership must send a written request to the Headquarters office. Such request will be forwarded to CalPERS and the date of such cancelation will be noted in the member's record.

MOTION
M-8
10/07/2020

Secretary/Treasurer Marie Reed Moved to adopt Policy File change to section F.2.0 adding Section 2.5. Area Director VII, Ken Brown seconded. Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 12- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Director of Membership, Bill Wallace spoke about the new Spanish Language inserts available for Chapter's use in recruiting. Chapters are getting along well with Zoom meeting with AMBIA's help. We are working on videos for both HR departments use and for CALPELRA. Vice President, Al Darby spoke about the upcoming CALPELRA and that it will be a virtual conference this year with attendees logging in and choosing which programs they wish to attend. Attendees will be enticed to visit sponsor sites or "booths" with the offer of prizes. Currently the sites or "booths" will only offer one-way communication with visitors.

AGENDA ITEM 13- HEALTH BENEFITS UPDATE

Al Raitt, reported on the state of the CalPERS long term healthcare plan and likely premium increases as well as possible benefit changes and changes in the claims procedure.

No decisions have been made as of yet but will likely happen at the meeting of the full CalPERS Board in November. AMBIA's Long term Healthcare plan was also discussed and President, Rosemary Knox mentioned that it could be a valuable tool to recruit members to the RPEA before retirement.

AGENDA ITEM 14- REPORT ON CLOSED MEETINGS

The two closed meetings dealt with political contributions both from LAO or IEC and from RPEA dues. After consulting with lawyers, it was determined that political contributions could affect the RPEA's IRS standing. The matter was referred back to the IEC and has been addressed.

AGENDA ITEM 15- BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HEADQUARTERS WRITTEN REPORTS

There was only one written report submitted by Area Director VIII, Kathleen Collins.

AGENDA ITEM 16- COMMITTEE WRITTEN REPORTS

A. ad hoc Committee Re Expert CalPERS Issues

David Soares, reported on the legal and ethical questions on the CalPERS staff. Staff has made statements that are likely untrue and possibly illegal. He went on to discuss the possibility of legal action and that the FTC is investigating. RPEA opposition to AB 2473 is bearing fruit as well with the State Controller and others. Yet another possibility mentioned was writing a bill to create an Inspector General of CalPERS as a watchdog on state funds.

B. ad hoc Committee for Area Regional Meetings

President Rosemary Knox proposed Scott McGookin to Chair the ad hoc Committee for Area Regional Meetings.

**MOTION
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10/07/2020**

Vice President, Al Darby moved to appoint Scott McGookin as the Chairman of the ad hoc Committee for Area Regional Meetings. Area Director V, Ellen Knapp seconded.
Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 17- NEW BUSINESS – THE RESIGNATION OF LORENZO RIOS

Director of Public Relations, Lorenzo Rios resigned his position and recommended Scott McGookin be appointed in his place.

**MOTION
M-10
10/07/2020**

Vice President, Al Darby moved to appoint Scott McGookin as Director of Public Relations. Area Director V, Ellen Knapp seconded.
Motion Carried

(President Knox adjourned the meeting at 12:17)