

# CALIF ORNIA STATE RETIREES

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## AGENDA

California State Retirees (CSR)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 11, 2012  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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1. Call to order by President Susan Sears at 8:30 a.m.
2. Salute to Flag
3. Roll Call:

Susan Sears, President, Chapter 14, District D  
Jerry Evans, Executive Vice President, Chapter 10, District B  
Tim Behrens, Vice President, Chapter 35, District F  
Donna Hernandez, Chapter 9, District A  
Gus Lease, Chapter 23, District C  
Fritz Walgenbach, Chapter 02, District E  
Gene Waggoner II, Chapter 06, District G  
Harold Rose, Chapter 21, Chief Financial Officer  
Roger Marxen, Immediate Past President, Chapter 02, District E

Jerilyn Johnson, Board of Directors Meeting Secretary

**Headquarters Staff – Phil Sherwood, Trinda Lundholm, Terrence Conklin, Mary Reed, Laura Strang and Renee Texeira**

- 4. Introductions and Agenda Changes, Corrections and/or Unscheduled Items**
- 5. Approval of Minutes of the February 24, 2012 Meeting**
- 6. President's Report of Activities**
- 7. Board Member Reports**
- 8. Report on March 10, 2012 Executive Board Workshop – Susan Sears**
- 9. Chief Financial Officer Report – Harold Rose**
- 10. Headquarters Report – Phil Sherwood**
- 11. CSEA President's Report – Information – Dave Hart**
- 12. CalPERS Board of Administration Update – JJ Jelincic**
- 13. CSR Committee Reports (only the committees that have met since the last board meeting are listed)**
  - A. Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee – Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton
  - B. Building Committee – Roger Marxen
  - C. Finance Committee – Harold Rose
  - D. Grant Committee – Gene Waggoner II
  - E. Health Benefits Committee – Stephanie Hueg
  - F. Membership Committee – Caryl Cole
- 14. What's on Your Mind?**
- 15. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Review of 2012 Meeting Locations – Information
- 16. New Business**
  - A. Motions from Presidents' Forum February meeting – Caryl Cole
    - (1) Presidents' Forum May Tentative Agenda
  - B. Proposed Resolution for Submission to Delegate Assembly – Action – Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

- C. Proposed Amendments to Governing Rules – Action – Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton
- D. Ad Hoc Committee created for Delegate Assembly/GC – Action – Susan Sears
- E. Consideration of Chapter Grant Requests – Action – Gene Waggoner
- F. Report on 2012 General Council/Delegate Assembly – Information – Fritz Walgenbach
- G. Update on California State Retirees PAC – Information – Dick Mesa
- H. Update on Initiatives, Legislation and State Budget – Information – Sherrie Golden
- I. Presentation of CSR Proposed Ambassador Program – Information – Terrence Conklin
- J. Membership Report and Drawing Winners – Information – Terrence Conklin
- K. CSEA Board Committee Reports
  - (1) Bylaws, Policies and Procedures – Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton
  - (2) Member Benefits – Caryl Cole
  - (3) CSEA Women’s Conference – Beverly Waller Wharton
- L. Presentation of CSR Proposed Ombudsman Position – Information – Mary Reed
- M. 2012 CalPERS Retirement Planning Fairs – Information – Mary Reed
- N. Federal Activities (CalPERS Federal Lobbyist’s Written Report)
- O. Unscheduled Items
- P. Travel Expense Claim forms (5) and Instructions

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 4

**Title:** Introductions and Agenda Changes, Corrections  
and/or Unscheduled Items

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Susan Sears

**Background:** Any introductions and agenda changes, corrections and/or unscheduled items will be listed here.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES (CSR)**

Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel, Millbrae  
February 24, 2012

### **1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Roger Marxen.

### **2. Salute to flag**

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Donna Hernandez.

### **3. Roll Call**

Members present were:

Roger Marxen, President, Chapter 2, District E  
Fritz Walgenbach Chapter 2, District E Board Member-Elect  
Susan Sears, Executive Vice President, Chapter 14, District D  
Jerry Evans, Vice President, Chapter 10, District B  
Donna Hernandez, Chapter 9, District A  
Gus Lease, Chapter 23, District C  
Tim Behrens, Chapter 35, District F  
Gene Waggoner II, Chapter 6, District G  
Harold Rose, Chief Financial Officer, Chapter 21  
Barbara LaPlante, Past President, Chapter 1

Headquarters was represented by Phil Sherwood, Trinda Lundholm, Terrence Conklin, Mary Reed and Laura Strang.

### **4. Introductions and Agenda Changes, Corrections and/or Unscheduled Items**

President Marxen introduced CSEA Past Presidents Yolanda Solari and J. J. Jelinsic, also a CalPERS boardmember, CSEA President Dave Hart and Vice President Donna Snodgrass, and former board member Max Turchen. Introducing CSR Past President Barbara LaPlante, he noted that Barbara retired in 1984 and hit the ground running. He remembered her as a regional director holding great meetings; she served as the first president of the CSEA Foundation, as a district representative for the Retired Division, then as the first woman director and president. She enjoyed lobbying and personally pushed a wheelbarrow into the State Capitol containing 4,000 letters which led to the passage of SB 400 and the greatest retirement increase in 30 years. Barbara was the recipient of a resolution from the State of California, and every person present benefited by her work. Susan Sears presented Barbara with a crystal plaque in recognition of her service as immediate past president. Barbara thanked people for all they had done, noting that members were always right behind her, and that is how we got our bills through -- California was the first state to get a retirees' bill of rights.

## **5. Approval of Minutes of the November 4, 2011 Meeting**

The following typographical errors were corrected: on page 1, Mattie Mackerl; on page 2, Stephanie Hueg; on page 3, ~~upmost~~utmost, Embassy Suites; on page 21, there is a line item. Gus Lease noted that his birthday is November 5, not November 6, and Donna Hernandez asked that the Report on CARA Convention, page 18, be amended to reflect that she also attended.

CSR 1/12/1 MOTION: Evans, second by Rose - that the minutes of the California State Retirees Board meeting of November 4, 2011 be approved as amended.  
CARRIED.

## **6. Installation of Newly Elected Board Members in Districts D and E**

CSEA President Dave Hart installed Susan Sears, reelected board member for District D, and Fritz Walgenbach, newly elected board member for District E.

## **7. Election of Board Vice President and Installation of Board President, Executive Vice President and Vice President**

Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton conducted the election for Vice President, noting that the rules state that the board elects the Vice President when there is a vacancy in the succession. Donna Hernandez, Gene Waggoner and Tim Behrens were nominated; Tim Behrens was elected. Dave Hart installed the President Susan Sears, Executive Vice President Jerry Evans, and Vice President Tim Behrens.

Roger Marxen turned the gavel over to President Sears, thanking members for their indulgence and participation over the past years. District D Chapters 8, 13, 14 and 19 presented President Sears with a gift to show their esteem, and President Sears presented each with a gift in gratitude for their support. Honoring Roger Marxen for his dedication and long hours working to protect the interests of California State Retirees, Jerry Evans presented Roger with a crystal plaque in recognition of his service.

President Sears requested the privilege of addressing the group on her first day to share her ideas. She again thanked Roger for his years of dedicated service, noting that she had learned so much in her last year as Executive Vice President. She suggested that the test for a leader of any organization is to find the sweet spot between stagnation and overextension. Communicating with each other is key – she urged members to call her, e-mail, write, or stop her in the hallway with their ideas about what is working and what needs to be shaken up. We are the largest and most experienced state retiree organization in California. With membership approaching 33,000 we have enough people to make a difference, but we can become even stronger with each new member. Terrence Conklin has created new membership brochures that are sent out to people as they retire, and staff is working on the details of what is currently called the Chapter Ambassador Program, with a goal to get all 25 chapters connecting with people who are still working for the state. Once retirees have joined CSR, we must make it worthwhile for them to remain members. While we provide a way for members to become involved politically, keep them informed of retiree issues through the *California State Retiree* and represent their issues before the legislature and at CalPERS, we are

not able to provide all of the personal assistance that members want, and she believes our membership would appreciate a full-time ombudsman on staff. Each of our staff members hears about specific problems and issues from members on a daily basis – an ombudsman knowledgeable about CalPERS, Social Security, Medicare and more would provide a very real service to our members. Several times we have requested that CalPERS set up an ombudsman program similar to what they used to have, but the response has been that they found it impractical to expect a few staff to be able to effectively handle the variety of issues which arise and instead had made an organization-wide commitment to excellent customer service. With problems continually arising at CalPERS, she believes it is time for CSR to have its own ombudsman.

Another important priority this year is our political activity – the people who make decisions about our lives and livelihoods will soon be elected. Fortunately for us, state retirees vote, and legislators know that. Political threats are real and anti-pension proposals continue to crop up – we need to fight back with the real truth about our pensions. Handouts with talking points members can use in writing their letters were available on the information table, and some members have participated in activities of the Pension Truth Squad, a coalition of public retiree and employee groups that travels statewide to help set the record straight about public pensions.

On the subject of CSR committees, she offered members currently serving on a committee the opportunity to leave that committee if they wish, or move to a different committee, allowing new people to serve and former committee members the opportunity to move around. Another of her major goals is to visit each of the 25 chapters during 2012 and she is also exploring including a member survey in the *State Retiree* to learn what members want from their legislative representatives and use their responses to help create a set of questions for legislative candidates. Additionally, she asked members to consider switching from *Robert's Rules of Order* to *Rosenberg's Rules of Order*, which is a more modern form of parliamentary procedures and has already been adopted by several public agencies in California.

In closing, President Sears noted that our work is just beginning – if we make a genuine effort to work together and consider each other's ideas, we will get so much more done. So many of the things we want to do could not be accomplished without our hard-working and dedicated staff, and she urged members to respect our staff like they wanted to be respected when they were working.

Later in the meeting, President Sears reported it had come to the officers' attention that the vote taken earlier for Vice President was improper, with ballots given to the two past presidents, resulting in 10 votes rather than 9. Tim Behrens respectfully requested that the board take another vote; all agreed and another vote was taken. Tim Behrens was elected and he thanked the board for allowing the re-election. There was no need for another swearing in.

## **8. President's Report of Activities**

President Marxen's printed report was included in the agenda material.

## **9. Board Member Reports**

The backup material contained printed activity reports from Susan Sears, Jerry Evans, Donna Hernandez, Gus Lease, Tim Behrens and Gene Waggoner. Jerry Evans added that being involved in the CSEA/SEIU/UAW bargaining has been a challenge. Donna Hernandez added that there will be new officers in Chapter 9, thanked Ceil Andersen for her work for the chapter and CSEA Foundation, and related that she will be attending the CARA conference. Gus Lease added that he attended a legislative committee hearing on the governor's retirement reform proposal, where Marty Morgenstern presented the governor's 12-point program. He noted that Marty had been CSEA's chief job steward trainer and is now presenting a program that may hurt members; Susan Sears did a marvelous job of presenting our opposition to many of the points. Tim Behrens added that 44 members attended the first meeting of a new subchapter in Bakersfield. He noted that there is real value to establishing subchapters in large areas and gave credit to Anita McCabe, outgoing president of Chapter 5, which has five subchapters. Gene Waggoner thanked all who have sent cards and made calls concerning his wife, Sharon, who is undergoing treatment for cancer – the support has been gratifying, and he is attending meetings again.

Fritz Walgenbach reported that Roger Marxen had appointed him to work on reviewing the issue of a new headquarters building. He was invited to a board workshop and came up with a thought that he wanted to put in the *State Retiree* – to establish a voluntary capital building fund. He hopes to get the proposal in the newspaper just to see the response from members.

## **10. Report on February 14, 2012 Executive Board Workshop**

Susan Sears reviewed the agenda of the February 14 meeting, which included a presentation by CSEA President Dave Hart, discussion of various ways of handling expenses for delegates and an update on bargaining between CSEA and UAW. The board set up an ad hoc committee for Delegate Assembly and General Council, which met on February 23. Dates for 2013 board meetings will be February 20-22 in the Bay Area, May 8-10 in the Sacramento area, October 21-23 in the Los Angeles area, and November 6-8 in the San Diego area.

## **11.Chief Financial Officer Report**

Harold Rose noted that he gave his report to the Presidents' Forum on February 23 and was adding to it today. Fritz Walgenbach is the new board liaison to the Finance Committee, with Jim McRitchie replacing Fritz on the committee. CSR is still making investments at Edward Jones, with money market, checking and savings accounts at Wells Fargo. Chapters can get details on the money in those accounts from their district reps.

Mr. Rose reported that he has been working with the CSEA Finance Committee, with members from the four affiliates and Dave Okamura, on CSEA's three-year budget. That budget has some reductions in Central Support and is ready for the CSEA board to pass on to General Council. The Department of Corporation rules say we have to meet to conduct business once every four years – we are looking into doing so in person for a



limited number of days, or on the internet and other ways to cut costs. SEIU Local 1,000 has started the process to become its own employer, which means less funding coming into the CSEA Central Support budget. We are working with ACSS and CSUEU to make the reduction in funds have as little effect on each affiliate's operation as possible.

Committee members George Linn and Jim McRitchie are working on projects concerning General Council and cost containment of expenses. He hopes the proposal for an investment committee gets approved, and the Building Committee will help us realize how we want to spend the money.

## **12. Headquarters Report**

Copies of the headquarters report were available on the information table. Phil Sherwood highlighted a few subjects in the report, noting that current membership is 32,856 compared to 31,500 in September 2011. With hard work we could reach 60,000 members, which would represent one-third of all state retirees and give us political power to influence legislation.

He had been asked to talk about chapter officer orientation at the Presidents' Forum, but there had not been enough time. Staff distributed a page from the Governing Rules on chapter officer orientation, and he asked members to write down on cards also distributed, topics they think should be covered during training. We know we need to have training for treasurers, and the rules provide that the orientation program include (1) a review of current and major Corporation and Association programs, problems and activities; (2) membership recruitment and solicitation techniques; (3) counseling of members as to rights and benefits; (4) organizing a chapter for effective action; (5) chapter informational activities; and (6) restrictions on the release of chapter membership lists. He asked members to include any resources they know of that could be tapped to provide training.

## **13. CSEA President's Report**

President Dave Hart discussed what the CSEA Board of Directors has been working on for four years, to restructure CSEA, noting that he is not running again no matter what happens. The members with the most experience with the organization are the ones with the biggest challenge to try to decouple their emotions from what is best for the organization. We all need to be on the same page regarding how we look at the organization and it is important to recognize why the organization was set up as it was.

In the 1970s CSEA did everything -- we got together at General Council annually and talked about bargaining issues; all staff was directed centrally; and CSEA did all the political action and communications. Personally, he would love to go back to those days of one organization instead of five. Bob Carlson loved to tell the story of how we got vacation time applied to retirement. Think of the effect Proposition 13 has had on the state budget -- state funding used to be from income tax, property tax, corporate tax and sales tax. When the Dills Act passed, we lost half of our members who were in different bargaining units, including the Highway Patrol and engineers, who had their own organizations already. Politics today under term limits are totally different. It is virtually

unheard of to get votes out of Republicans -- only termed out Republicans tend to vote with us. The biggest thing he sees happening is that new people coming to work for the state do not have a career mentality -- they are not planning to work for the state for their entire life to retirement. For the first time, current retirees are now seeing direct attacks -- there are money managers who want that money. All these things put pressure on the organization, requiring compromise and the creation of divisions to take care of four classes of members, Civil Service, CSU, supervisors and retirees, with four unique communities of interest. As time went by and political changes occurred, the next compromise was incorporation and affiliates having their own interests. All four affiliates have incorporated. The passage of B&P 8 was the latest thing, to guarantee affiliate autonomy. He said he can't thank enough the members who sat on the Committee of the Future -- what they did was brave.

The CSEA Bylaws still need changes -- we are a point where we have compromised and amended all we can. Affiliates are doing all they can for themselves and Central Support is doing those things that affiliates can't do for themselves, like accounting. That is where CSEA is now, and our mission is cheaper, better, faster business services. The problem we are running up against now is that the board realizes that if affiliates had all the money in the world they could provide their own accounting and other services. The accounting reports required for SEIU Local 1000 and CSUEU are not required by other affiliates. CSEA's attorney, Chris Anderson, listened to the board and suggested bylaw changes to allow us to restructure the central services part. With CSEA just doing business services, how big does it need to be? He distributed copies of the resolution proposing new Article XIX, New Governance Structure for the Association, which the board adopted on February 4 for submission to General Council. It will eliminate the need for General Council and shrink the Board of Directors to eight members, two from each affiliate, and the board will elect its own officers. A chair and a secretary-treasurer are required by law under standard corporate structure.

If one affiliate is against an action, then it can't be taken. The issue then is how much are we spending to manage 40 people who are providing business services. Reviewing the resolution, he noted that it creates a new class of membership, "Affiliate Entity Members," which consists of four members, the four affiliates. Under this bylaw proposal, CSEA cannot be dissolved until the affiliate entity members and active members agree -- there has to be a mechanism under corporate law to dissolve. President Hart stressed that no one on the board feels it necessary to dissolve CSEA -- we are bound together by assets and liabilities, liabilities for staff retirement and health care, \$2 million annually for retiree health care. ACSS is probably under the most pressure to cut costs, followed by CSUEU, while Local 1000 is looking to hire another 30 people. Affiliates all have to decide on their dues structure; as a member of Local 1000, he pays dues of \$182 a month. Local 1000 is willing to put money in Central Support for three years, \$2.5 million every year for three years plus \$1.7 million toward the continuing liability for retiree health care.

A real challenge is how we provide services without a subsidy from Local 1000, which has given notice that it intends to be its own employer, but is on the hook for 83% of retiree health care. We are only talking about four areas -- Accounting, IT, Membership and the personnel office. The biggest issue might be the need to invest in new accounting software or do something with the headquarters building.

President Hart noted that in putting these proposals together, it has been very hard for people to be honest about how they feel and to separate their emotional link to the past CSEA and what it is doing now, providing services. CSEA's existing bylaws are totally at odds with that and he believes this is the best path to restructure CSEA, and it makes enough sense that if people talk about it they will agree it is reasonable. Everyone realizes that the money spent on General Council regarding business services for 40 employees could be better spent on something else. If the resolution passes, the CSEA Board will have several meetings and establish new bylaws much like the CSEA Foundation bylaws, with a narrow focus. These are proposals for running the business services of CSEA. If it passes, the average member will see no difference. President Hart said he is willing to go to any chapter meeting and answer questions – it is good for people to know exactly what we are doing. To a question on how the proposal will affect CSEA's Retirees' staff, he noted that CSEA is the employer for all employees in the affiliates, but effectively affiliates are in total charge. The UAW contract allows bumping statewide, but Local 1000 wants to be a separate employer – the issue has not yet been resolved.

#### **14. CalPERS Board of Administration Update- Henry Jones**

Henry Jones remarked that it is always a pleasure to give members a brief update of the issues and challenges facing CalPERS. He congratulated Susan Sears, Jerry Evans and Tim Behrens on their new offices, and thanked Roger Marxen for his support during his years as president.

On the issue of governance reforms, he noted that after press disclosures concerning unethical behavior two years ago, the PERS Board conducted an 18-month investigation to see what could have contributed to the problem, resulting in a series of recommendations. The review uncovered unethical behavior by former board members and staff, and the board has now adopted a number of recommendations to deal with the issues identified, based on the principle of fiduciary ideals. Board actions must be open and accountable to stakeholders and include them in the decision-making process -- members are the stakeholders and provide direction. The board wants to be sure that every time it makes a decision it identifies the risk involved regarding returns for members and continues to take a long-term view, to return to a long-term approach in the decision-making process. Concerning the CalPERS Board President, Vice President, committee chairs and staff, it is now laid out in board governance policy what the roles are for these officers and senior staff. PERS has also streamlined board meeting agendas, going to a consent item agenda since many items are routine reports not requiring discussion. Sometimes there are questions whether an item should be on the consent calendar when it really needs to be discussed, and the board is working on a new refined consent calendar. In other changes, the Benefits and Health Benefits Committees have been combined into one committee, and some items formerly under the Benefits Committee are now before the Finance Committee.

Regarding the governor's 12-point plan, on February 23 Republican legislators introduced their plan, putting exact language from the Governor's plan into their bill. The legislative conference committee is still taking testimony on what pension reform should look like and whatever they come up with will be merged into the bill's final form. Members need to be mindful of what's happening -- PERS asked to make presentations at the various committees, so at least we get an opportunity to present the facts.

CalPERS, STRS, the Legislative Analyst's Office and the Department of Finance will be presenting the facts.

The governor also asked PERS to conduct an analysis of a hybrid plan, combining a pension and 401(k). Preliminary analysis has found that a combination of defined benefit and defined contribution will be more costly to administer. PERS will continue to respond as it gets questions. There is also proposed legislation to provide a pension fund for non-public employees in the state. What's not clear is how it would be funded and who would administer the program. The proposal says it would be under the State Treasurer's Office; PERS cannot constitutionally use its resources to serve non-state employees. The proposal also talks about a 3% employee contribution, and we already know that 3% would not fund a defined benefit plan.

A number of issues have surfaced with implementation of the new computer system, including delays in payment of death benefits, and PERS has now set up a process to give death benefits a high priority. Staff provides updates on call center waiting times, and the average two hours' wait is now down to 17 minutes. Some calls only take a few minutes, and some members may be hanging up, but anytime you implement a program this large there are going to be problems and it takes time to work them out -- these are complex programs and PERS has to get all the facts so they can address problems.

Regarding service credit, only 45% of those who request a service credit calculation actually do it, and there is a calculator online members can use to decide if they want to purchase service time. Staff is sending out letters saying PERS will deduct two payments from the next check for those who had no payment or only a partial payment withheld in January for their health care premiums, but members will have the option to work out a plan to make up the payment. The External Affairs Branch will be reaching out to organizations regarding the problem.

Responding to a suggestion that CalPERS staff add 20 to 30 temporary phone lines to provide ombudsman service, Mr. Jones agreed with the need for service and noted that PERS did hire an additional number of retirees during this critical time. On a question whether PERS plans to increase the cost or reduce coverage for health benefits, Mr. Jones explained that PERS will start looking at next year's rates in two to three months, noting that current rates include one-time federal money that will not be available next year.

In response to a request for advice for members who make less than \$2,000 and whose pensions are reduced because of increased health benefits costs, Mr. Jones noted that continually increasing health care costs is a national issue -- what members can do is become more active. PERS is taking steps to make sure its programs are cost effective -- for example, hospitals charging different amounts for the same services -- and will continue to challenge its service providers to provide the most cost-effective service.

## **15. California State Retirees (CSR) Committee Reports**

### **15A. Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee**

Minutes of the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee meeting of January 18, 2012, were available on the information table. Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton deferred her report until presentation of the committee's recommendations in agenda items 18 B and C.

### **15B. Finance Committee**

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of February 9, 2012, were available on the information table. Harold Rose reported that the committee adopted seven recommendations to the board, with the first four recommendations totaling \$125,000. He explained that when line items were redone by CSEA Accounting, chapter elections were not included, and when the budget was prepared in 2009, we didn't know what was going to happen down the road.

CSR 2/12/1 MOTION: Rose, second by Waggoner - that the CSR Board transfer \$125,000 from reserves to the 2012 budget, increasing line item 7305 by \$5,000; line item 7533 by \$70,000; line item 7130 by \$25,000 and line item 7460 by \$25,000. CARRIED.

CSR 3/12/1 MOTION: Rose, second by Waggoner - that CSR pay for the first alternate delegate to attend Delegate Assembly. CARRIED.

CSR 4/12/1 MOTION: Rose, second by Waggoner – that the recommendation to add a new tier to the existing top tier of dues be referred to the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee for appropriate language to be brought back to the May Board meeting. CARRIED.

CSR 5/12/1 MOTION: Rose, second by Waggoner – that line item 7530 be increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 in the 2012 budget to send officers and members to any CSR meeting. CARRIED.

### **15C. Grant Committee**

The report of the Grant Committee was given in agenda item 18D.

### **15D. Health Benefits Committee**

Minutes of the Health Benefits Committee meeting of February 23, 2012, were available on the information table. Stephanie Hueg reported that the committee wanted to learn what people were interested in. The biggest issues concerned Caremark CVS medication errors. She spoke with Henry Jones, who suggested they meet with the CalPERS committee. She asked members to contact her by e-mail ([SJHsantacruz@hotmail.com](mailto:SJHsantacruz@hotmail.com)) with their input, including names and details of what happened. She will then schedule a meeting with Henry Jones. She reported that she also attended an offsite PERS committee meeting in Monterey and was amazed at how

intertwined all issues were. CalPERS also invited us to become part of the CalPERS strategic plan.

### **15E. Membership Committee**

Caryl Cole reported that the Membership Committee met on February 23 -- a very busy meeting with a lot of discussion. She asked committee members to bring copies of newsletters and found there seem to be questions on how to do bulk mailings. Newsletters are important because that is how we can get to people who won't come to meetings.

### **16. What's on Your Mind**

Ceil Andersen, Chapter 20, presented the first of four payments toward a \$1,000 contribution to the CSEA Foundation and challenged other chapters to do likewise. Cynthia Garey, Chapter 15, reported she was just appointed to be on the committee to look for new a headquarters building – there seems to be a rush to action and she wants to make sure the committee reports what it learns to the membership.

Diane Whorton, Chapter 17, urged that we need to do things right to have a viable organization, and members cannot be disrespected. She suggested putting an article and application in the *State Retiree* so members can know what is available and have an opportunity to apply. She also urged CSR to hire a professional to write bylaws so it is done right and we have good documents to work from.

Barbara Powers, Chapter 5, called attention to the January newsletter which contained an article by the president of another affiliate quoting information about retirees and the SEIU International which she feels was incorrect and inaccurate. She asked that a retired member write an article to give their views, feeling that members were given an incorrect story of what SEIU is planning to do for retirees.

Bill Fawx and Bill Duclus, Chapter 165, spoke on the issues of ABX 129, open and transparent meetings, legislative matrix charts, the death benefit, the Presidents Forum, and management audits. They did research and attended public hearings on the issue of AB1X 29, concerning state responsibility and fire prevention fees for people who live in rural areas. That bill reduced the non-tax levy from \$150 to \$90, which affects the Department of Forestry and impacts retirement income. Mr. Fawx suggested not using the word "pension," saying instead we are on "retired incomes." He related that it is very handy to have a legislative matrix chart when dealing with legislators and committees – a summary of bills and where we stand on them. Concerning the death benefit issue, he will be working with Tod Bedrosian, requesting an amendment to the IRS code to eliminate the death benefit tax. He noted that he worked with Vera Simkins to establish the Presidents' Forum, but now senses a lack of acceptance to suggestions coming from the forum.

Bill Duclus added that he has been a stakeholder in CSEA since 1947 and believes meetings should be open and transparent, with closed board meetings only for litigation and personnel matters. He also urged a management audit every five years to clarify the duties and responsibilities of area directors and officers.

Danny Morales, Chapter 6, suggested consideration be given to the possibility of utilizing a parliamentarian.

Donna Snodgrass recognized chapter contributions to the CSEA Foundation for 2011 -- Chapter 9 contributed \$385 from drawings and individual contributions; Chapter 14 contributed \$372 from 50/50 drawings held at every meeting. Chapters 2, 5 and 20 made total donations of \$2,650. During this meeting, the boutique, art work and drawing together raised \$1,587.

## **17. Unfinished Business**

### **17A. Review of 2012CSR Board Meeting Dates and Locations**

Dates and locations for the remainder of CSR Board meetings for 2012 were listed in the agenda material, including May 9-11 at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, Delegate Assembly at General Council on August 31, and November 7-9 at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley. The three days set aside for meetings include one day for training, one day for committees and the Presidents' Forum, and one day for the board meeting.

## **18. New Business**

### **18A. Motions from Presidents' Forum November Meeting**

Caryl Cole reported there were no motions from the forum's February 23 meeting. There was an interesting presentation on the CSEA History Project by Janis Mickel Szichak, Dave Hart and Danny Beagle. She encouraged chapter presidents to let her know a month before the board meeting if they have an agenda item for the forum.

### **18B. Proposed Resolution for Submission to Delegate Assembly**

Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton reported that the committee tried to address the issue of not having closed meetings.

CSR 6/12/1 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner – that the CSR Board submit the following resolution to the next Delegate Assembly regarding open meetings:

WHEREAS, (1) Closed meetings have been a bone of contention for the CSR members, and

WHEREAS, (2) reports of the meetings are not regularly made to the members of the actions taken at the closed meeting, and

WHEREAS, (3) the Board can meet in an open workshop session and limit audience participation, and

WHEREAS, (4) the members would be aware of the needs of the CSR, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, (a) that Bylaws Article XIII, Section 1.A. be amended as follows:

### ARTICLE XIII Meetings

#### Section 1. Open Meetings.

A. Except as set forth below, ~~meetings of the Delegate Assembly, the Board of Directors and all committees at which the business of the Corporation is acted upon shall be open to all members in good standing of the Corporation.~~ meetings and workshops of the Board of Directors, Delegate Assembly and Chapters at which the business of the corporation is discussed or acted upon shall be open to all members in good standing of the corporation, their spouses and guests.

B. ~~Meetings of each Chapter and of its officers and committees shall be open to all members of the Chapter.~~ CARRIED.

#### **18C(1) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 3.02 Board of Directors (3.00 Corporation Organization)**

The committee's recommendation would have added "all of which shall have voting rights on all matters presented to the Board," to the section listing the nine board members. There was discussion about having someone sit in for the immediate past president if that person is not present.

CSR 7/12/1 MOTION: Behrens, second by Waggoner – that the proposed amendments to Section 3.02 Board of Directors, be referred back to the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee. CARRIED.

#### **18C(2) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 4.01(c) President (4.00 Duties of Officers and Board Members)**

CSR 8/12/1 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner – that the CSR Board approve the amendment to Section 4.01( c) to read as follows:

##### 4.01 President

In addition to the duties of Board member the President shall:

(c )Be responsible for carrying out the policies established by the Board of Directors and otherwise perform duties normally assigned to that office unless assigned to a designee; CARRIED (roll call vote unanimous).



**18C(3) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 6.03(l) Recall of District Board Member (6.00 Election Procedures for Officers, Board Members and Delegates)**

It was noted that recall of district board members is covered in Section 18, making the language in Section 6.03(l) unnecessary.

CSR 9/12/1 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner – that the CSR Board approve the proposed amendment to Section 6.03(l) Recall of District Board Member, by deleting the section in its entirety. CARRIED (roll call vote unanimous).

**18C(4) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 8.04 Open Meetings (Section 8.00 Meetings)**

CSR 10/12/1 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner – that the CSR Board approve the proposed amendment to Section 8.04 of the Governing Rules as follows:

8.04 Open Meetings

~~Board of Director meetings are open to all retired members, spouses and guests. Meetings and workshops of the Board of Directors are open to all members of the CSR, spouses and guests with the exception of Executive Sessions.~~ Meetings and workshops of the Board of Directors are open to all members of the CSR, spouses and guests with the exception of Executive Sessions. CARRIED (roll call vote unanimous).

Fritz Walgenbach noted that all meetings will be posted 30 days in advance.

**18C(5) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 8.16 Required Voting (8.00 Meetings)**

CSR 11/12/1 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner – that the CSR Board approve the proposed amendment to Section 8.16 of the Governing Rules as follows:

8.16 Required Voting

~~Voting on amendments to the Governing Rules requires six (6) affirmative roll call a simple majority voice votes. Voting on other items will be by voice vote and ruled on by the chairperson except in those cases where any member of the board requires a roll call vote.~~ Board members may request a roll call vote. CARRIED (roll call vote unanimous).

**18C(6) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 10.02 Required Vote (10.00 Amending the Governing Rules)**

CSR 12/12/1 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner – that the CSR Board approve the proposed amendment to Section 10.02 of the Governing Rules as follows:

10.02 Required Vote

Amendment of these rules shall require ~~six (6) affirmative~~ a simple majority voice votes of Board members and shall be by may request roll call vote. CARRIED.

**18C(7) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 13.05 California State Retirees PAC and Governing Rule Section 15.00 Legislative Contact Representative Program**

As many of the duties listed under the LCR program are now being done by the PAC Committee, it seemed reasonable to combine the two committees.

CSR 13/12/1 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner – that the CSR Board approve the proposed amendment moving Section 15.00 Legislative Contact Representative Program to Section 13.05 California State Retirees PAC (13.00 Committee Organization and Responsibility), renaming Section 13.05 California State Retirees PAC and Legislative Contact Committee as follows:

13.05 California State Retirees PAC and Legislative Contact Committee  
[no change to existing language of Section 13.05.]

~~15.00~~ LEGISLATIVE CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

~~15.01~~ Purpose of Legislative Program

The purpose of this program is to effectively convey to members of the Legislature in their home districts, the objectives and interests of the Corporation membership, and to foster grass roots legislative activity in support of the Corporation's legislative program.

~~15.02~~ Selection of Legislative Contact Chair

Each Board member will serve as District Legislative Contact Chair for the District which the Board member represents.

#### 15.03 Guidelines for Legislative Contact Chair

The District Legislative Contact Chair shall:

- (a) Establish a list of counties in the District showing the chapters within the District;
- (b) Establish a list of chapters showing the counties within each chapter's geographical area;
- (c) Each chapter president should, in consultation with the District Legislative Contact Representative and a member of the PAC Committee, assign a chapter member, who is in good standing, to be in charge of legislative/political activities. The person selected should be willing to organize phone banks, organize letter writing and phone banking campaigns and perform other assignments deemed necessary. The person must be able to cooperate and coordinate legislative and political activities with other affiliate representatives and the regional director; and
- (d) Contact each chapter president in the District for names of members who would be willing to call on the Legislators in that District.
  - (1) The persons selected to contact the legislators should also be willing to make phone calls, write letters, assist in the California Retirees PAC Program when requested and perform other assignments that may be necessary.

CARRIED.

#### **18C(8) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 16.00 Chapters**

Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton explained that chapter bylaws, which were abolished, contained language defining the duties of chapter officers, and it was intended to have all chapter officers able to co-sign checks.

CSR 14/12/1 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner – that the CSR Board approve the proposed amendments to Section 16.00 of the Governing Rules as follows:

[no changes in Sections 16.01, 16.02, 16.03, 16.04, 16.05 or 16.06]

#### 16.07 Chapter Officer Orientation

##### (a) Orientation Program Objective and Schedule

A program of chapter officer orientation shall be conducted, ~~when deemed necessary and appropriate,~~ to prepare newly elected local officers for performance of their duties ~~and to stimulate them to a~~

~~high level of activity.~~ The program will be conducted by the Board of Directors as soon as possible after the election of such officers and, in any event, no later than eight weeks after the deadline for reporting chapter election results.

(b) Program Participants

~~Chapters are encouraged to have chapter officers, Delegate Assembly delegates, and committee chairs participate. Newly elected chapter officers are required to attend. Any other participants shall be paid for by the chapter.~~

(c) Topics of Orientation Program

The orientation program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) A review of CSR Bylaws, Governing Rules and Robert's Rules of Order.
- (2) Membership recruitment, retention and membership solicitation techniques;
- (3) Chapter programs and availability; ~~Counseling of members as to rights and benefits;~~
- (4) A review of current and major Corporation and Association programs, ~~problems~~ and activities;
- (5) Organizing a chapter for effective action; PAC
- (6) ~~Restrictions on the release of chapter membership lists to persons outside the Corporation.~~

The program may include other topics designed to meet the needs of the Corporation. These topics may be presented to the group as a whole or may be presented to portions of the group.

16.08 Chapter Officer Duties

The officers of the chapter are the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Chapters may also have the office of Jr. Past President.

(a) President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the chapter and of the Executive Committee and shall exercise general supervision over the activities of the chapter and, if so elected, serve as delegate to General Council and Delegate Assembly. The President shall appoint and remove all members of committees, subject to the right of the Executive Committee to disaffirm such appointment or removal, and shall be an ex-officio member of each committee. The President may co-sign checks drawn for payment of chapter expenses.

(b) Vice President

The Vice President shall act for, and in the place of, the President at the latter's request or during the President's absence or disability, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President. The Vice President shall assume the office of President in the event the office becomes vacant. The Vice President may co-sign checks drawn for payment of chapter expenses.

(c) Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all chapter and Executive Committee meetings, conduct the correspondence of the chapter, have custody of the records of the chapter, ensure that a copy of the Corporate Bylaws is available at all meetings. The Secretary may co-sign checks drawn for payment of chapter expenses.

(d) Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the chapter and shall deposit them in a financial institution approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall pay all bills authorized by the President, keep the financial records, render a written financial report at each chapter and Executive Committee meeting, render such financial reports to the Corporation as required by the Governing Rules and perform such other duties as assigned by the President. The Treasurer may co-sign checks drawn for payment of chapter expenses.

(e) Jr. Past President

The Jr. Past President shall serve as an advisor to the President and the Executive Committee, and perform such other duties as assigned by the President.

16.09 Chapter Activities

Each chapter shall keep accurate and complete minutes and records of the proceedings of the meetings of its officers, committees and membership; accurate and complete financial records; and permanent files of its correspondence, contracts and other documents. All such records shall be retained for a minimum of five years. Each Chapter shall file with the Chief Financial Officer/Secretary its budget, its meeting schedule, and such other reports of the proceedings and activities of the Chapter, its financial affairs and other information as the Board of Directors may reasonably require.

(a) Use of Corporation Staff Services

Chapters are encouraged to avail themselves of the services which can be provided by staff. These services may include, but are not limited to, ~~printing, mailing~~ membership records, accounting, bookkeeping, ~~printing and distribution of election ballots~~, etc.

(b) Chapter Officer Installation Ceremony [no changes in 16.09 (b)]

(c) Goals for an Effective Chapter

As the basic membership group of the Corporation, chapters are authorized by the Board of Directors to operate as a lawful part of the Corporation. Effective chapter operations should be based upon, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Conducting elections in compliance with the Corporation Governing Rules;
- (2) Scheduled chapter newsletters or flyers;
- (3) Active membership recruitment program under the direction of the chapter membership coordinator;
- (4) Necessary candidates for chapter officers;
- (5) Local political action program;
- (6) Effective communications network; and
- (7) Regularly scheduled chapter meetings.

a. Suggested order of Business

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Officers

Introduction of Guests

Approval of the Minutes

Reports of Officers and Committees

Old Business

New Business

Information Items

Guest Speaker(s)

Adjournment

(d) Financial Reporting [no changes]

(e) Prohibited Use of Chapter Funds [no changes]

(f) Inspection of Chapter Books [no changes]

## 16.10 Chapter Committees

Members to committees shall be appointed by the Chapter President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. ~~It is recommended that Chapter Committees be appointed by the Chapter President, except for the Executive Committee.~~

### ‡ Executive Committee

a. The committee is charged with the conduct of the chapter's business subject to the ~~policies of the chapter~~ Bylaws and Governing Rules of the Corporation. The Executive Committee shall include the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and when practical may include delegates to the Delegate Assembly.

b. The committee meets at the call of the President or by a majority of members of the Committee and conducts the chapter's business between regular chapter meetings. Decisions are made on the basis of majority rule. Full reports of actions taken are to be given at the next chapter meeting. Only members of the executive committee may make motions or vote. Any chapter member may address the Executive Committee on the subjects under consideration.

c. The Executive Committee should be involved with or informed of the activities, problems and proposals of the other chapter committees.

### Recommended Committees

#### ~~(2)~~(1) Membership Committee

[no change in text for Membership Committee]

#### ~~(3)~~(2) Audit Committee

[no change in text for Audit Committee]

#### ~~(4)~~(3) Program Committee

[no change in text for Program Committee]

## 16.11 Chapter Meetings

Meetings of each chapter and of its officers and committees shall be open to all members of the chapter. CARRIED.

## **18C(9) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 17.19 Duties of Chapter Alternate Delegates (17.00 Chapter Elections)**

There was confusion about whether alternate delegates are expected to attend all the meetings listed in the proposed duties, since CSR will only pay for the first alternate to attend Delegate Assembly.

CSR 15/12/1 MOTION: Behrens, second by Hernandez – that the proposed amendments to Section 17.19 be referred back to the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee. CARRIED.

Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton noted that she will be meeting with the attorney to make sure the Bylaws and Governing Rules are consistent with corporate law.

#### **18D. Consideration of Chapter Grant Requests**

President Sears reported that five chapters requested grants, several requesting computers. As there were six computers at headquarters purchased two years ago and not needed, those computers were offered to the chapters and all six found good homes. The value of the computers (\$1,235 each) was not included in the Grant Committee funds and chapters can make further grant requests if they need additional software or programs.

CSR 16/12/1 MOTION: Sears, second by Behrens – that the CSR Board approve Grants for Chapters 6, 9, 14, 15 and 31 in the amount of \$4,423.85 as follows: Chapter 6 - \$2,500; Chapter 14 - \$750; Chapter 15 - \$540, Chapter 31 – \$633.85. CARRIED.

#### **18E. Election of Two CSR Board Members to Serve as General Council Delegates**

This item was deferred to the May meeting.

#### **18F. Report on 2012 General Council/Delegate Assembly**

Harold Rose reported on the discussions of the General Council Planning Committee and distributed copies of the tentative program and schedule. General Council will be held at the Hotel Bonaventure in Los Angeles, and travel days will vary by chapter. Last time, hotel reservations were made for delegates, and CSR had to pay for 12 rooms for three days because people did not show. This time, delegates will make their own reservations on their credit cards and make their own changes for room requirements. For Delegate Assembly, there were 121 changes in room requirements for such things as step-in showers and higher toilets. The hotel should have sufficient ADA rooms and has assured us that CSR delegates can use the service elevator. In response to a request, he will check to make sure there is an emergency shutoff on the escalator.

The same delegates will serve Delegate Assembly and General Council. Delegates will be sworn in twice, first as a delegate to Delegate Assembly, then as a delegate to General Council, and serve for three years. Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton added that if a delegate does not show up at Delegate Assembly, the alternate is installed. If such delegates then show up for General Council, they will be sworn in as GC delegates, but will not be delegates at the next Delegate Assembly.

At the last Delegate Assembly there were some problems with people producing receipts, and Danny Morales has compiled a list of what receipts will be accepted. For example, if delegates take the train, it is acceptable to charge for a taxi. However, if a shuttle is available, you cannot just take a taxi. The mileage reimbursement remains at \$.555 until it is changed by the IRS. The hotel will be paid by master billing, so delegates will need to clear any charges first for such things as room service or movies.



All delegates are expected to spend three nights at the hotel no matter where they live.

Trying to get four affiliates to agree is hard -- there is still discussion about how delegates will get their advances, and there may be a debit card issued to each delegate. In response to a question whether delegates will have the option to refuse an advance, Mr. Rose said he would bring it up but doesn't think that will be an option. There will be no double bunking for CSR delegates, although Local 1000 is doing that this year -- that means they won't need as many rooms so our contract with the hotel will change and we may have to spend more for other things at the hotel.

Mr. Rose urged chapters to review the material with their delegates before General Council. The last General Council cost CSR \$740,000 and the last Delegate Assembly was \$440,000. For General Council, CSR pays 30% of \$3.5 million, based on percentage of delegates, and would like to control costs for meeting rooms and meals where possible. For example, a normal cost for meetings includes coffee at \$47 a gallon, and if you want your meeting room secured, it costs \$500 to change the lock.

### **18G. Update on California State Retirees PAC**

Dick Mesa noted that most of those who attended the PAC meeting were also at the board meeting. One of the purposes of the PAC meeting was to get input to make recommendations to the board. The PAC Committee has changed since the last election and has set up its organizational structure. With redistricting coming up, we had to determine where our members reside because of changes in district lines, and all chapters were given responsibility for certain legislative districts. Redistricting was done on the basis of population, approximately one-half million people in each Assembly district and modification due to local interests. The updated list for chapters has now been completed, and copies will be sent out, along with a report on PAC training. Mr. Mesa noted that when he was preparing for the PAC training, he went back to EPIC handbook, whose authors were Max Turchen, Bob Spiegel, Leo Mayer and Mike Baldich.

The PAC will be doing some interviewing before the primary, then the real push will come after the primary regarding redistricting and renumbering of districts. For example, his old Assembly district was 10; now it is another number. TargetSmart went through the 80 Assembly districts and 20 Senate districts and that information is now on a disk.

We need to develop a fact sheet on pensions that people can use to fight news articles, along with a list of talking points for legislative visits, questions for interviews, and a list of things we support and don't support in the governor's 12-point program.

CSR 17/12/1 MOTION: Behrens, second by Waggoner -- that the CSR President request staff to produce a "fact sheet" and a brief legislator questionnaire sheet by March 15, which will then be sent out to all chapter presidents and PAC chapter representatives. CARRIED.

California State Retirees' first Lobby Day will be May 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A form must be filled out to make appointments to visit legislators at the Capitol and it should be by a

constituent.

CSR 18/12/1 MOTION: Behrens, second by Rose – that the CSR PAC sponsor one additional member per chapter for Lobby Day, May 8, and a PAC meeting on May 9 to finalize which legislative candidates to support. CARRIED.

Harold Rose clarified that the cost for an additional member attending was determined by using average expenses, which run \$500 to \$600 a day – \$12,500 for 25 people for one day, \$25,000 for two days.

Current PAC membership, as reported by PERS from payroll deduction, is now 1165 contributing members. Between now and the primary, PAC funds should reach about \$500,000, with an additional \$110,000 added between the primary and the November election.

### **18H. Update on Initiatives, Legislation and State Budget**

Sherrie Golden noted that CSR must deal with a two-part program – one part legislative and one part political. On the legislative part of the program are the state budget and any other pieces of legislation, including what's going on with bills now that Republicans have decided to adopt the governor's pension reform program.

The other part of the program is elections. When members talk to legislators at the State Capitol on Lobby Day, they cannot discuss support for legislators at all. There will be fact sheets for Lobby Day including budget problems and any issues that come up between now and May 8. When visiting legislators, members can drop off fact sheets, but not a questionnaire -- you cannot take a questionnaire to the Capitol because that concerns the election. Once you decide who you want to interview, you fill out the interview questionnaire.

We are faced with Republicans supporting the governor's program and have to work with Democrats too. She urged members to not forget their district office visits. Visiting legislators' district offices, you have much more time and can talk to the legislators' local representatives. Her staff will work with CSR staff on a questionnaire, which she suggested be sent to the PAC Committee first for input, before it is distributed to the members.

Concerning the three tax initiatives, most people are going to say they don't want any of them. She suggested we wait to see what comes out of it. If we take a position in support of the governor's tax initiative, he will want a contribution. Concerning the "pay check deception" initiative, if it passes we will have to have every PAC card signed every year. She is going to talk with the law firm to get details. To a question whether any of the tax initiatives would benefit retirees, she noted that it should if we get more revenue in the state.

The legislative joint conference committee will look at the pension reform proposal again on February 28; the labor coalition meets on March 1 and there will be a lot of discussion on how to counter the governor's proposal.

## **18I. Report on February 4, 2012 CSEA Board of Directors Meeting**

Roger Marxen, Susan Sears and Harold Rose attended the February 4, 2012 CSEA Board of Directors meeting; a copy of the agenda was included in the backup material. President Sears reported that the board voted to send the resolution for a new governance structure, which was discussed earlier, to General Council. She felt that the Women's Conference was a huge success, but the presentation at the board made it look like it was a failure because the report included staff overtime hours, instead of just actual costs, making it look like the conference lost money. Harold Rose noted that the board meeting lasted only about two hours.

Concerning the Women's Conference, Sherrie Golden noted there is a cost of doing business for everything, and staff time includes salaries, benefits and workers compensation. The conference this year had no seed money at all, but fortunately got enough in registration and sponsorships. The conference cost \$28,000; we were able to raise \$29,000 and she applauded all affiliates for participating and helping out.

Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton noted there is no language in the Governing Rules for a CSR Women's Committee and the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee will be putting language together. She intends to request seed money for a women's conference and also will donate a quilt to be auctioned off.

## **18J. Membership Report and Drawing**

Terrance Conklin reported that CSR membership is at 32,856 and continuing to climb. He asked members to ignore December on the chart distributed, which is when PERS had computer problems. The CalPERS computer system is back on track now and everything should be running smoothly in March. Winners of \$50 awards in the recruiters drawing were Laretta King, Diane Deutsch, Doris Lithgow, Eleanor Poole and Jack Schlotter.

## **18K. CSEA Board Committee Reports**

### **18K(1) Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Committee**

Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton reported that the CSEA B&P Committee approved the resolution amending the Bylaws to provide a new governance structure. That resolution was submitted to the CSEA Board of Directors, which adopted it for submission to the delegates of the 2012 General Council. Copies of the resolution were distributed to the members earlier. She added that her recommendation to President Hart was to retain the CSEA Member Benefits Committee.

### **18K(2) Member Benefits Committee**

Caryl Cole reported that Member Benefits Committee only had one conference call. The committee will meet on March 3, and she will report on that meeting in May.

### **18K(3) CSEA Women's Committee/Women's Conference**

Beverly Waller-Wharton expressed her relief that there will be future women's conferences in some form or another; she hopes all four affiliates will cooperate to have a conference we will all participate in. Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton will send her a copy of language she is putting together for our CSR Women's Committee, and she thanked everyone for their support and participation.

### **18L. Federal Activities (CalPERS Federal Lobbyist's Written Report)**

Copies of the most recent report from CalPERS' federal lobbyist were available on the information table.

### **18M. Unscheduled Items**

There were no unscheduled items.

### **18N. Travel Expense Claim Forms (5) and Instructions**

Travel expense claim forms and instructions were included in the agenda backup. The backup for each board meeting will have the instructions and five forms. Members can still obtain the form on CSR's web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Susan Sears  
President

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 5

**Title:** Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2012 California State Retirees Board Meeting

**Action**

**Presented by:** Susan Sears

**Recommended Action:** That the California State Retirees Board approve the minutes of the February 24, 2012 California State Retirees Board Meeting.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 6

**Title:** President's Report of Activities

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Susan Sears, District D

**Background:** The following is a summary of my activities from January 31, 2012 through May 1, 2012.

Attachment

SEE SUSAN SEARS PDF REPORT

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 7

**Title:** Board Member Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Donna Hernandez, District A

**Background:** The following is a summary of my activities from February 21 through April 19, 2012.

Feb 21-25 LDI Training, Committee Meetings, Presidents' Forum and Board Meeting in San Francisco, Tim Behrens was elected Vice President of CSR.

Feb 28 CARA Training in Orange-We spoke of a new campaign to pass Medicare for all, key initiatives and Candidate races, protecting Social Security and a time for new tax revenue.

Feb 29-Mar 2 Alliance of Retired American Western Conference—Las Vegas, NV - Their message was that we can't be the Last Generation of Americans to Retire with a Pension.

Mar 9-10 Board Retreat Sacramento – We discussed ways to move our Organization, increase Membership and create better Benefits for All of us as Retirees.

Mar 12 CSR Newspaper Delivery, CalPERS Office—Orange

Mar 14 Chapter 9 Meeting – La Mirada-we videotaped Max Turchen and had Members ask him questions about his career with CSEA and California State Retirees.

Mar 19 Building Committee – Sacramento—A group of 9; Phil Sherwood, 3 Board Members and 3 Members and the Real-estate Men. We researched over 15 properties for sale or lease. We worked steadily from 9 am to 5 pm. The buildings have to pass all the codes and laws pertaining to the Disabilities Act and earthquake retrofitting. We have more properties to look at in the coming months to find a new home for CSR.



Mar 21 Chapter 20 Meeting – Van Nuys – We had a Police Officer speak to us on personal safety.

Mar 21 CSR Newspaper Delivery, CalPERS Office – Glendale

Mar 23 Meeting for Congress of California Seniors – Los Angeles – I decided it was time to join a group that Max Turchen has been a member of so that I can have more information to bring back to our CSR Members. They were discussing Non Profit Funding and Tax Revenues.

Mar 28 SEIU DLC Meeting – Hawthorne – I introduced myself spoke of the importance of a Pension and passed out Retiree Pamphlets.

Apr 9 CSR Newspaper Delivery, CalPERS Office – Orange

Apr 11 Chapter 9 Meeting – La Mirada

Apr 16 CARA CAT Meeting – Cerritos – We discussed a Lobby Day for CARA CAT members on May 18<sup>th</sup>, when we all will visit our area Representatives.

Apr 18 Chapter 20 Meeting – Van Nuys—Dave Hart came to speak on his Resolution for General Council Delegates.

Apr 18 CSR Newspaper Delivery, CalPERS Office – Glendale

Apr 19 Chapter 4 Meeting – Los Angeles—Dave Hart came to speak on his Resolution for General Council Delegates.

Apr 19 Congress of California Seniors Open House – Long Beach

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 7

**Title:** Board Member Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Jerry Evans, District B

**Background:** The following is a summary of my activities from February 22, 2012 through April 26, 2012.

Feb 22	LDI Training - Millbrae
Feb 23	Committee Meeting - Millbrae
Feb 24	CSR Board Meeting – Millbrae
Feb 28	Chapter 31 Meeting - Ventura
Mar 1	Chapter 10 Meeting - San Luis Obispo
Mar 5	Wife Surgery (was unable to attend meeting until after 04/16/2012)
Apr 23	Meeting with Phil - Sacramento
Apr 25	Chapter 31 Meeting - Santa Barbara
Apr 26	Chapter 10 Meeting - San Luis Obispo

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 7

**Title:** Board Member Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Gus Lease, District C

**Background:** The following is a summary of my activities from March 8, 2012 through May 11, 2012.

Mar 8	Chapter 3 – San Francisco
Mar 9-10	CSR Off-Site Board Meeting – Sacramento
Mar15	Chapter 1 – Oakland
Mar 21	Chapter 36 – Salinas
Apr 11	Chapter 23 – San Jose
Apr 17	Chapter 21 – Napa
May 3	CSR Finance – Sacramento
May 7	PAC Training – Sacramento
May 8	Lobby Day – Sacramento
May 9	Leadership Training – Sacramento
May 10	Chapter Presidents' Forum – Sacramento
May 11	CSR Board Meeting – Sacramento

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 7

**Title:** Board Member Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Fritz Walgenbach, District E

**Background:** The following is a summary of my activities from February 21, 2012 to April 17, 2012.

Feb 21	Chapter 15 Meeting – Rocklin
Feb 22	CSR Training – Milbrae
Feb 23	CSR Presidents' Forum – Milbrae
Feb 24	CSR Board Meeting – Milbrae
Feb 28	Legislative Hearing – Sacramento
Mar 6	Chapter 2 Meeting – Sacramento
Mar 9-10	Board Workshop – Sacramento
Mar 19	Building Search – Sacramento
Apr 2	Chapter 2 Meeting – Sacramento
Apr 4	Senior Coalition - Sacramento
Apr 11-12	Bylaws & Governing Rules Committee – Sacramento
Apr 16	SCORE Meeting – Sacramento
Apr 17	Chapter 15 Meeting – Rocklin

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 7

**Title:** Board Member Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Tim Behrens, District F

**Background:** Board Member Report will be on the back table at the board meeting.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 7

**Title:** Board Member Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Gene Waggoner II, District G

**Background:** The following is a summary of my activities from March 9, 2012 to April 28, 2012.

Mar 9-10	CSR Board Meeting – Sacramento
Mar 19	Conference Call for the Disclose Act – 9:00 to 10:30 p.m.
Mar 20	Met with Chapter 6’s Legislative Committee - Fontana
Mar 21	CARA Meeting – City of Orange
Apr 1	Committee Meeting for the Disclose Act – Culver City
Apr 10	CARA Meeting – Victorville
Apr 11	Chapter 34 Meeting
Apr 13	PERS Hearing, Chaffey College Community Center – Chino
Apr 14	Attended the 99% Training at Pitzer College – Claremont
Apr 18	Chapter 12 Meeting – Bishop
Apr 19	Chapter 6 Meeting – Blythe
Apr 25	Chapter 17 Meeting – El Cajon
Apr 28	Democratic Meeting – San Bernardino

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 7

**Title:** Board Member Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Roger Marxen – Immediate Past President

**Background:** The following is a summary of my activities for the Spring of 2012.

Mar 10      CSR Board Off-Site - Sacramento

Mar 19      Tour of Potential Properties by Building Committee - Sacramento

Apr 2      Chapter 2 Meeting - Sacramento

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 8

**Title:** Report on March 10, 2012 Executive Board Workshop

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Susan Sears

**Background:** The President will report on the Executive Board Workshop held on March 10, 2012 in Sacramento.



## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 9

**Title:** Chief Financial Officer Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Harold Rose

**Background:** An oral report will be given by Chief Financial Officer Harold Rose.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 10

**Title:** California State Retirees Headquarters Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Dr. Phil Sherwood

**Background:** Headquarters Report will be on the back table at the board meeting.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 11

**Title:** CSEA President's Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** CSEA President Dave Hart

**Background:** A standing agenda item has been given to the CSEA President to give him a more formal opportunity to make remarks at the California State Retirees Board meeting. President Dave Hart will give retirees an update on CSEA activities.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 12

**Title:** CalPERS Board of Administration Update

### **Information**

**Presented by:** JJ Jelincic

**Background:** JJ Jelincic, All Member representative on the CalPERS Board, has been invited to give an update on CalPERS activities as Henry Jones is unavailable for the May Board meeting.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 13 A

**Title:** Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Background:** The Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee met on April 11-12, 2012 in Sacramento. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the back table.

Chair Ferrasci Hamilton will give an oral report of the meeting.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 13 B

**Title:** Building Committee Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Roger Marxen

**Background:** The Building Committee met on March 19, 2012 in Sacramento. Roger Marxen will give an oral report on the meeting.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 13 C

**Title:** Finance Committee Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Harold Rose, Chair

**Background:** The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on May 3, 2012 in Sacramento. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the back table.

Chair Rose will give an oral report of the meeting.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 13 D

**Title:** Grant Committee Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Gene Waggoner II, Chair

**Background:** The Grant Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2012 in Sacramento.

Chair Waggoner will give an oral report of the meeting.



## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 13 E

**Title:** Health Benefits Committee Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Stephanie Hueg, Chair

**Background:** The Health Benefits Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2012 in Sacramento.

Chair Hueg will give an oral report of the meeting.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 13 F

**Title:** Membership Committee Report

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Caryl Cole, Chair

**Background:** The Membership Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2012 in Sacramento.

Chair Cole will give an oral report of the meeting.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 14

**Title:** What's on Your Mind?

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Susan Sears

**Background:** Members of the audience have the opportunity to address the Board on any unscheduled matters they wish to discuss. Therefore, each Retiree board agenda contains What's on Your Mind? to provide members with the opportunity to express their views/concerns.

## CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 15 A

**Title:** 2012 California State Retirees Board Meeting Dates and Locations

### Information

**Presented by:** Susan Sears

**Background:** Listed below are the dates and locations for the remaining California State Retirees 2012 Board meetings.

#### Dates

#### Locations

May 9 – 11, 2012

Hilton Sacramento Arden West  
2200 Harvard Street  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
(916) 922-4700

August 31, 2012  
(Delegate Assembly at GC)

The Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles  
Information will come from CSEA

November 7 – 9, 2012

Hilton San Diego Mission Valley  
901 Camino Del Rio South  
San Diego, CA 92108  
(619) 543-9000

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 A

**Title:** Motions from Presidents' Forum February Meeting  
(1) Presidents' Forum May Tentative Agenda

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Caryl Cole, Chair

**Background:** The Presidents' Forum is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. Attached are the tentative agenda and a copy of the February 23, 2012 minutes.

Attachments

## **AGENDA**

**PRESIDENTS' FORUM  
CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES, INC  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
1:00 pm**

**Hilton Sacramento Arden West  
2200 Harvard Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 922-4700**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: When a chapter is called, will the President or designee please acknowledge their presence. (Presidents will be given an opportunity to give a report on their chapter activities later on the agenda). If you are a new President or are substituting for a Chapter President, please state your name, loudly & clearly for the Secretary.

Caryl Cole, Chair  
Vivianne Fitzgerald, Vice Chair  
Beverly Waller-Wharton, Secretary

001 Shirley Borden	002 Ben Smith	003 Mary McDonnell
004 Ethel Watson	005 Anita McCabe	006 Dee Stoddard
008 Ruth Ziegenfuss	009 Vivianne Fitzgerald	010 Victor Martinez
011 Addie Jackson (acting)	012 Caryl Cole	013 Ed Huey (I)
014 Doris Lithgow	015 Cynthia Garey	016 Jean Laosantos
017 Pearl Pacheco	019 Jo Ann Harmon	020 Ceil Andersen
021 Donald Lehnhoff	023 Beverly Waller-Wharton	031 Raylene Laverentz
034 Madeline Rae Jensen	035 Loyd Winner	036 Otis Hollibaugh
165 Beverley Greening		

3. Approval of Minutes for February 23, 2012
4. Remarks of the Chair
5. Approval of Agenda (addition of unscheduled items)
6. CFO Harold Rose's Report
7. Chapter Presidents' Reports – please limit to 3 minutes each  
Are your Chapter Financial Reports & Audits current?

8. Unfinished Business
  - A. Have you changed the name to CSR on bank accounts-any problems?
  - B. Discussion of the Leadership Training
  - C. What do you need from the CSR's Officer's Training in July?
  - D. Feedback on Lobby Day....
9. New Business
  - A. Ben Smith, Chapter 2, 1108 "O" St Building Committee
  - B. Discussion of Robert's Rules of Order vs Rosenberg's
  - C. There will be no President's Forum at General Council/Delegate Assembly
10. Adjourn -

## **PRESIDENTS' FORUM MINUTES**

### **February 23, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Chair, Caryl Cole. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vivianne Fitzgerald.

**Roll Call:** Chapter presidents or designees present were: **1.** Borden; **2.** Espinosa; **3.** McDonnell; **4.** Zaragoza\*; **5.** McCabe; **6.** Stoddard; **8.** Moranda; **9.** Fitzgerald; **10.** Wood\*; **11.** Jackson (Acting); **12.** Cole; **13.** Huey; **14.** Lithgow; **15.** Garey; **16.** Absent; **17.** Pacheco; **19.** Harmon; **20.** Cole\*; **21.** Lehnhoff; **23.** Waller-Wharton; **31.** Laverentz; **34.** Duronslet\*; **35.** Harvey\*; **36.** Hollibaugh; **165.** Greening. **\*Designee**

**Appointment of Vice Chair.** Chair Cole congratulated Fritz Walgenbach on his election as District E representative to the CSR Board. In accordance with Rule 21.024, Chair Cole's announced appointment of Chapter 9 President, Vivianne Fitzgerald as the Presidents' Forum Vice Chair, replacing Fritz Walgenbach, was confirmed by the Chapter Presidents.

**Approval of November 3, 2011 Minutes.** M/s/c (Fitzgerald/Harmon) that the 11/3/11 minutes be approved as printed.

**Approval of Agenda.** With the addition of the History Project presentation and Dues Rate Increase under Reports, Grant Requests under Unfinished Business, and Training Topics under New Business, the agenda was approved.

**CFO Harold Rose Report.** Harold reported adjustments to the 2013 and 2014 budgets will be made at the May Board meeting and at General Council Delegate Assembly in August. More money was spent at the last GC than was brought in and a full report will be made Friday on GC as well as the cost of chapter officer and delegate elections. He is counting on help from experienced chapter treasurers for the Treasurer Training and encouraged treasurers to use Quick'n. Funds for chapters that have not submitted financial reports are being withheld. Due dates were published for chapter quarterly reports which should be sent with chapter minutes included to his office, not CSEA Accounting. At the Feb. 9 CSR Finance Committee meeting a motion passed to have a Treasurer training. Details are yet to be worked out. In addition, all officers (new and continuing) will receive training.

**CSEA History Project.** A power-point presentation developed by a team (Danny and Amy) with specific goals, timelines, and deliverables was presented by CSEA President Dave Hart. As part of the oral history project, the team wants to talk to people who have been through the struggles of CSEA. With help from CSU Sacramento faculty, volunteers are being trained in video taping oral history. An interactive website (available around March) will allow members to click on more than 9,000 photos by decades. Help is needed to identify those who have stories to tell and there will be opportunities to volunteer through the committee. Thus far, \$70,000 has been spent, using salary savings approved by the CSEA Board of Directors. A four-year budget has been set for a contract with state archives. \$130,000 will be spent to get things rolling. Help is also needed to identify people in the photos. Each chapter will be asked to donate \$500 for the project. The CSR Finance Committee has been approached and requests for donations will be asked of all four affiliates. Checks should be made out to CSEA History Project. Donations may also be made in the memory of a chapter member. Topics covered will include the struggle to obtain medical benefits and what CSEA did prior to collective bargaining. This history will give us a perspective. Grants for the project will also be pursued. The project, funded through 2014, will not put CSEA in the red to finance it.

**Retiree Dues.** Varon Smith reported that the Board is considering adding another category to the Dues Table for retirees whose monthly pension allowance is above \$4,000 per month. About 5,300 retirees make \$4,000 and above and will pay \$12 per month as CSR members if delegates approve it at the Delegate Assembly.



**Health Benefits Committee Report.** Chair Hueg reported discussion of previous goals and objectives which need updating to monitor the impact of the Health Care for America Act. The Committee, however, needs some smaller open meetings to find its direction and to focus on pharmacy issues; assembly and senate bills; dental, vision, and long-term care coverage; the federal Health Care for America Act; DPA; and CalPERS. Many members spoke about problems they are encountering due to Caremark prescription drug changes.

**Chapter Presidents' Reports.** **1)** Pres. Borden reported a turnout of 65 members to hear State Treasurer Lockyer. Due to membership increase, the chapter will have 13 delegates. Nominations were held and with no contested officer races, all were elected. **2)** VP Espinosa congratulated Fritz Walgenbach on his election to the CSR Board and thanked him for his past service as Chapter 2 president. The chapter is resubmitting its application for Distinguished Chapter. VP Espinosa attended the hearing on the Governor's 12-point pension reform. **3)** VP Linn reported their holiday party was well-attended and chapter officers were reelected. Dr. Sherwood and Susan Sears will be the next meeting's speakers. **4)** VP Zaragoza reported that Pres. Waters is not well. While not running for reelection, she is running for delegate. The Chapter held its Board and general meetings on the same day to save money. **5)** Pres. McCabe related that Chapter 5, which covers 9 counties and has 5 subchapters, is alive and well. All had holiday parties with "Elvis" as guest and collected food to donate to food banks. In recruiting efforts "So You Are Going to Retire" booklets were given out at the Sierra Center where they met with 50 people, attended a six-hour retirement seminar, and recruited two new members. Plans are to return the end of March. Postcards encouraging members to run for office and attend meetings were sent, resulting in people stepping up to run for office. She announced she is running for delegate, but not reelection as president, and introduced VP Hill who is running for president. **6)** Pres. Stoddard reported she and VP Rice are running for reelection. Two candidates are running for treasurer. A County Department of Aging representative spoke recently on nursing home resident rights and who to call for information. The chapter received a grant to reach out to members in the Blythe area. They developed a form for members to report number of hours they volunteer and for whom. She was amazed at the hours they volunteer but may not attend chapter meetings. **8)** VP Moranda announced that Pres. Ziegenfuss will finish out her term but is not able to participate. The chapter has a full slate of officers running unopposed. "Elvis" attended their holiday party. They are starting a scholarship program for students in the far North. **9)** Pres. Fitzgerald reported a full slate of officers (3 unopposed and a runoff for VP) and 13 running for delegate. Members brought toys to the holiday party to be donated to the City of La Mirada. A memorial donation was made to the History Project and Max Turchin will be taped for the History Project in March. She announced the death of M. Vost, who would have been 92, and that Val Segundo is undergoing dialysis 3 times a week. May's meeting date is to be changed due to the May CSR meetings and speakers for Feb are Susan Sears and Dr. Sherwood. **10)** VP Wood stated the north county startup, for which they received a grant, did not go well. Chapter officers are running unopposed for election and 13 members are running for 10 delegate seats. **11)** Interim Pres. Jackson, who stepped in when the President was removed, reported they were able to save and retrieve \$3,000 to put the chapter back together and increase membership by 100. Without the help of CSR Board of Directors and the members working together, they would not have been able to save the chapter from going under. New interest in the chapter has been created and \$700 will be put in escrow. **12)** Pres. Cole reported that food, etc, was collected and personal items (shampoo, soap) from hotels to donate to the local homeless shelter and the chapter had a nice holiday party. Two meetings are scheduled for April (one in Bishop for which they received a grant, and one in Tehachapi). All officers were reelected. Not certain about the number of delegates running. Two new members signed up. **13)** Pres. Huey stated

they are wrapping up 2011 loose ends and moving forward in 2012. New officers were elected and on March 12 will answer phones for the local PBS TV station (wearing CSR shirts and with CSR table placards on display for public exposure). Members are being urged to sign up to receive the newsletter via email to reduce printing and mailing costs. Plans have been firmed up for a chapter picnic in July. The chapter received a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Marine Corp "Toys for Tots" program. **14)** Pres. Lithgow said they met with the Chico CSUEU chapter. At November's meeting a husband/wife team recited Cowboy Poetry. The chapter started a scholarship program for Butte and Lassen counties. The Christmas luncheon featured a ladies quartet and food was collected for the Salvation Army. For January a husband/wife team talked about the Honorflight Program which takes WWII veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the monument. February's meeting featured the Meals on Wheels program. Nominations for officers and delegates were completed and 10 members are running for 6 delegate seats. CSR staff was commended for returning calls and answering emails and late-evening calls. **15)** Pres. Garey reported the loss of all its officers and a decrease in membership. The first meeting in October had 22 in attendance. The chapter covers 8 counties and people travel up to 1-1/2 hours to attend meetings. One-piece boxes of candy were given to all who attended the holiday party and \$400 was donated to the food bank. With an approved grant, the chapter will be able to better communicate with members. **16)** Absent. **17)** Pres. Pacheco reported a successful holiday party with a raffle for the Foundation Scholarship Fund. PG&E presented a program on Smart Meters. **19)** Pres. Harmon who was unable to attend the holiday party due to her husband's death stated VP Hulet carried on for her and is running for President. The chapter has a full slate of officers. The Secretary, running unopposed was elected. **20)** VP Cole, reporting for Pres. Andersen, said the Jan meeting was an "all you can eat" luncheon for \$2. The chapter voted to give \$1,000 to the Foundation for scholarships with the first of four checks to be presented this year. **21)** Pres. Lehnhoff said the chapter was "up to snuff" on their reports. Susan Sears and Dr. Sherwood were Feb. meeting speakers. \$750 is being donated for scholarships. A local print shop has been found to print the newsletter. All officers have been reelected and 19 members are running for delegate but more are still needed. **23)** Pres. Waller-Wharton reported 54 members and guests attended the holiday luncheon where they were entertained by the "Never Too Old" quartet. CSR Benefits Rep Bob Wright made a presentation. Door prizes and gift certificates from Target and Macy's were presented to lucky winners. Two of 11 members who signed up for PAC won gift baskets. The Feb meeting was at a new location thanks to Westmont Senior Living providing a room with facilities to serve food. The 2012 budget was approved, a full slate of officers running unopposed was elected, and 8 members are running for 7 delegate positions. **31)** Pres. Laverents said the Dec meeting was changed to Nov as a restaurant in Dec was not available even though they began looking in March. Reservations have been made for Dec. 2012 already. The newsletter will feature a full page of photos for the "year in review." A surprise activity is on the drawing board and is a tremendous undertaking which they hope will generate a lot of good will. **34)** VP Duronslet reported, the Santa Ana High School choir performed at the Dec meeting. A \$500 check was sent to the high school for two scholarships. Three candidates are running for President and Vice President. Two new members have joined. **35)** VP Harvey announced that the ladies cooked and leftovers went to the Battered Women's Shelter with toys and \$500 donated to charities. Lunch at meetings is provided for a \$2 plus canned goods to be donated to charities. A free lunch has been scheduled for meetings in Bakersfield. Chapter officers ran unopposed and 15 candidates are running for 13 delegate positions. **36)** Pres. Hollibaugh reported they continue to have active meetings with lunch paid for all attending members. All officer candidates were elected and there are a sufficient number running for delegate.

Assemblyman Bill Monning spoke and a food drive was held for the Nov meeting. District C Rep Gus Lease attends all their meetings. **165)** Pres Greening announced nominations will be held at the Feb 29 meeting. Thirty-four delegates are needed. The letter to congratulate recent retirees/rollovers, welcome new members, and invite them to meetings is being updated. A copy of the newsletter is included with the welcome letter. They are also asking for email addresses. Chapter Treasurer Poole has attended By Laws Committee meetings and is chair of the Grants Committee. The Snow Train trip was a success and garnered two new members. The SF trip on Mar 3 is a go. Meeting attendance is increasing. Bill Faux and Bill Duclus who are new members from Chapter 15 attend CalPERS meetings.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Travel Claims.** Because Travel Expense Claims (TECs) are now scanned and mailed back, presidents were reminded that only one copy, with receipts, is now required.

**Safer Methods of Payment.** To avoid using credit cards, except for the hotel bill, members were advised they should charge meals, etc, to the room and not carry large amounts of cash when attending CSR meetings and General Council.

**Grant Requests.** Susan Sears noted that Chapter 31 developed a form perfect for accounting how grant money was spent and if any was left over, as well as for how the \$3,000 for sending members to CSR meetings was spent. She suggested other chapters copy it for their use.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Meeting Hotels.** Using only Embassy Suites for CSR meetings has been suggested, but there are problems for those with handicaps at that hotel. Another suggestion was to use casino hotels which offer cheaper rates.

**CSR's Name Change Problems.** Presidents reported problems when attempting to change the name on chapter bank accounts, because the banks are requesting documentation (i.e. original Articles of Incorporation) before they will make the change. The U.S. Post Office also wants documentation to change the name for bulk mailing permits. A master bulk mailing permit or corporate mailing permit was suggested. An application is available on-line for an IRS letter showing non-profit status. If using a mailing service, their non-profit stamp can be used and with non-profit status you also get bulk rate for mailing.

**New Badges.** New badges will become available from headquarters after elections.

**Training Topics.** Presidents are requested to send ideas for training topics to Headquarters.

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Waller-Wharton, Forum Secretary**

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 B (1)

**Title:** Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly  
Bylaws Article IX Delegate Assembly Section 3.A. –  
Membership Roll

### **Action**

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board that they submit the resolution listed below to the next Delegate Assembly.

**Background:** California State Retirees as an independent organization with a growing membership must reconsider the number of delegates per 100 members. The costs for travel, lodging and meals for over 300 people are becoming very expensive. The amendment below is a compromise between the current 100 and the proposed 200 submitted at the 2011 Delegate Assembly.

**WHEREAS:** (1) The California State Retirees (CSR) foresees doubling its membership, and

**WHEREAS:** (2) CSR is now a separate corporation distinct from CSEA, and

**WHEREAS:** (3) The time and energy needed to properly address the various issues of the affiliate require more time and attention than can be dedicated to these tasks at a delegate assembly meeting, and

**WHEREAS:** (4) The CSR needs to look to the future of the organization, and

**WHEREAS:** (5) Allows for consistency in the budget and for planning future delegate assemblies, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** (a) That Bylaws Article IX, Section 3.A. be amended as follows:

Article IX  
Delegate Assembly

Section 3. Membership Roll. The membership roll of delegates to the Delegate Assembly, limited to active members of the Corporation, shall be fixed at 160 delegates plus all members of the California State Retirees Board of Directors and all past presidents of CSR. The 160 delegates shall be is determined at each session, and consists of:

- A. Delegates and alternates elected by chapters. Each chapter shall be entitled to elect ~~one delegate for each 100 members then belonging to such chapter or major fraction thereof~~ two delegates at large and additional delegates based upon each chapters percentage of total active members in the California State Retirees. Each chapter shall be entitled to at least one delegate based upon membership. A chapter may designate that the person elected as chapter president ~~will~~ shall also be elected one of the chapter's delegates to the Delegate Assembly and General Council. In such case, the candidate consent statement and the election ballots shall indicate that the person elected will serve in all three capacities;
- B. Members of the Board of Directors;
- C. Past state presidents who are members of CSR.

**Estimated Corporation Cost:** Holding a separate Delegate Assembly would be approximately \$150,000 savings every three years starting after 2012 General Council and Delegate Assembly.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 B (2)

**Title:** Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly to adjust current membership dues

### **Action**

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board that they submit the resolution listed below to the next Delegate Assembly.

**Background:** The Board of Directors assigned to the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee the task of writing the language to add a new tier to the dues level for CSR. Per Bylaw Article III Membership, Section 2, D.4.Dues, "The dues for the members, which may from time to time be adjusted by the Delegate Assembly...."

**Whereas:** (1) There has not been a change in the CSR dues structure for quite some time, and

**Whereas:** (2) The dues have not kept pace with the changes in the economy, and

**Whereas:** (3) Additional income to CSR would help provide chapters with additional funds, now therefore be it

**Resolved:** That a new tier be established for retirement income of \$4,000 plus and the current top level be changed to \$3500 to \$3999, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the new tier amount be set at \$12.00.

**Estimated Cost:** None

## CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 C (1)

**Title:** Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 14.02  
Grant Request Form

### Action

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of proposed amendments to Section 14.02 Grant Request Form.

**Background:** To provide chapters further information regarding the process of grant requests.

### 14.02 Grant Request Form

The Grant Committee will specify the form to be used by the chapters to present requests for grants and may request chapters to submit periodic reports on the status of activities of the grant.

When requesting a grant, the authorized "Chapter Grant Request Form" is to be obtained from the Corporate office by online or mail (send request-Attention: Grant Committee/Staff Assigned). Once the grant is awarded, a quarterly report shall be submitted for review to identify how the grant is being utilized. Documentation of a successful grant can be beneficial for future use by others.

Any chapter that fails to comply shall be notified and future dues may be withheld.

## CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 C (2)

**Title:** Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 14.04  
Approval of Grant

### Action

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of proposed amendments to Section 14.04 Approval of Grant.

**Background:** To provide chapters further information regarding the process of grant requests.

### 14.04 Approval of Grant

The Grant Committee shall meet prior to the Board meeting. After review of a grant request the Grant Committee shall submit a recommendation to the ~~President Board who will~~ complete review. ~~the recommendation and forward it to the Board of Directors for action.~~ No grant shall be considered by the Board which has not been reviewed by the entire majority of the Grant Committee. ~~prior to the meeting.~~

When approved by the Board, the Chief Financial Officer/Secretary shall issue a check to the chapter as permitted in the Rules.



## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 C (3)

**Title:** Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 16.07  
(e) Chapter Activities

### **Action**

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of proposed amendments to Section 16.07 (e) Chapter Activities.

**Background:** CSR Finance Committee provides each chapter additional money to send chapter members to CSR Board meetings and for other expenses incurred by the chapter. This amendment will clarify for chapters how the additional money may be spent. It is advisable that this section become (e) following (d) Financial Reporting. The remaining sections will be re-lettered.

### **16.07 (e) Financial Reporting for Additional Chapter Funds**

CSR shall rebate to the chapters a set amount of money for printing, including paper, labels and stamps;

Another set amount of money for interested members and officers, with the exception of the Chapter president, to attend board and committee meetings;

Reports shall be submitted no later than the end of the fiscal year, or monies may be withheld from monthly dues.

## CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 C (4)

**Title:** Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 19.01  
(g) General (19.00 Travel and Expense Claims)

### Action

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of proposed amendments to Section 19.01.

**Background:** CSR has no provision for members who are in need of personal care services to have allowable expenses for the personal care provider. This is an unfair practice for our handicapped members who have and need personal care services when they hold an elected position in the corporation.

### 19.00 Travel and Expense Claims

#### 19.01 General

(g) With approval of the President, any elected officer of the Corporation or delegates, may be reimbursed for travel, lodging and meal expenses incurred for personal care services when on authorized Corporate business at the same per diem as the member. The President shall require medical verification of the need for personal care services prior to granting approval. The President shall also require, prior to granting approval, a written waiver of liability for the Corporation which shall be executed by both the member and the person(s) providing personal care services.

## CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 C (5)

**Title:** Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 4.07  
Board Member

### Action

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of proposed amendment to Section 4.07 adding (I) which provides for training of delegates prior to the Delegate Assembly.

**Background:** The Delegate Assembly is held only once every three years and the important business of the California State Retirees (CSR) is decided by the delegates from all of the State Chapters. With the cost of the assembly approaching \$500,000, the delegates, in order to efficiently resolve the business of the organization, must be informed of the resolutions and amendments. In addition the Delegate Assembly is comprised of at least some new delegates that may not be familiar with the process. Finally, at the recent Delegate Assembly there was some confusion as to the time, location and responsibilities of the delegate.

**4.07 (I)** Prior to the Delegate Assembly, a group setting of the delegates is encouraged in order to promote discussion and understanding of the proposed resolutions, rules and procedures. Each District Representative shall communicate with their respective Chapter Presidents to convey the pending business, times, locations and responsibilities of each chapter delegate. It is then the responsibility of each chapter president to relay this information to each respective chapter delegate.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 C (6)

**Title:** Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 4.07  
Board Member – adding stipends for the Corporate  
President and CFO/Secretary

### **Action**

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of the proposed amendment adding section (m) to Section 4.07 of the Governing Rules.

**Background:** At the November 4, 2011 Board meeting, the CSR Board of Directors referred the proposed amendment back to the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee directing them to determine if this section of the Governing Rules was the most appropriate place for this amendment. After researching this request, the Committee is referring this item back to the Board after determining that Governing Rule 4.07 (m) is the most appropriate placement for this amendment since it deals specifically with Board Members.

### **4.07 Board Member**

As Corporate officers, members elected to the Board are prohibited from holding any other elective position in the Corporation or chapter except for President, Executive Vice President, Vice President and delegate to Delegate Assembly and General Council and shall:

(m) May authorize a stipend to be paid to the Corporate President and the Chief Financial Officer/Secretary.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 C (7)

**Title:** Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 3.02  
Board of Directors (3.00 Corporation Organization)

### **Action**

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of proposed amendments to Section 3.02 Board of Directors.

**Background:** At the February 24, 2012 Board meeting, the CSR Board of Directors referred the proposed amendment back to the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee directing them to address absences and requirements of the Immediate Past President. After researching this request, the Committee is referring this item back to the Board after determining that the language as amended is sufficient and that proposed amendments to Governing Rule Section 5.02 will address the question of absences of the Immediate Past President.

### **3.00 CORPORATION ORGANIZATION**

#### **3.02 Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall be the Corporate governing board consisting of nine Board members, one elected from each electoral district, the Chief Financial Officer/Secretary and the Immediate Past President. All of which shall have voting rights on all matters presented to the Board.

## CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 C (8)

**Title:** Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 5.02 Absences (5.00 Board Vacancies/Absences)

### Action

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of proposed amendments to Section 5.02 Absences, Section (d) and adding Section (e)

**Background:** At the February 24, 2012 Board meeting, the CSR Board of Directors referred the proposed amendment to Section 3.02 back to the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee (BGR) directing them to address absences of the Immediate Past President. The BGR Committee feels the additional amendments to this section addresses the Board's concerns.

### 5.02 Absences

(d) District Board Members

A District Board member ~~may~~ shall recommend a chapter president from his/her District to sit on the Board during his/her absence. The President shall appoint that chapter president with full authority to act on behalf of the absent Board member.

(e) Immediate Past President shall not appoint any member to sit on the Board on his/her behalf.

## CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 C (9)

**Title:** Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 17.19  
Duties of Chapter Alternate Delegates (17.00 Chapter  
Elections)

### Action

**Presented by:** Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton

**Recommended Action:** That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of proposed amendments to Section 17.19 Duties of Chapter Alternate Delegates.

**Background: Background:** At the February 24, 2012 Board meeting, the CSR Board of Directors referred the proposed amendment to Section 17.19 back to the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee (BGR) directing them to change some of the language to the amendment. The BGR Committee feels the additional amendments to this section addresses the Board's concerns.

### **17.19 Duties of Chapter Alternate Delegates**

Chapter alternate delegates fill delegate vacancies in the order of votes received. Chapter alternate delegates are encouraged to attend:

- (a) All chapter or subchapter meetings;
- (b) Meetings of the delegates of the Corporation; and
- (c) Regular and special meetings of the Delegate Assembly and General Council.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 D (1)

**Title:** Motion to the CSR Board to establish a Delegate Assembly / GC Ad Hoc Committee.

### **Action**

**Presented by:** Susan Sears

**Recommended Action:** That the CSR Board establish an Ad Hoc Committee for the 2012 Delegate Assembly / General Council. In accordance with Governing Rule 12.04 – Ad Hoc Committees, “the Board of Directors may establish Ad Hoc Committees, as needed.”

**Background:** Every General Council (GC), CSEA asks each affiliate to appoint members to four committees for GC – Bylaws and Governing Rules; Credentials; Sergeant-At-Arms; and Election Tellers. In addition to these four committees, CSR feels that because of the growth of our own organization, Delegate Assembly has grown into a much larger event than what current staff can plan for or organize. The Board feels that appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to plan and organize the 2012 Delegate Assembly / GC will be in the best interest of the delegates and CSR members providing a reliable and efficient delegate assembly.



## CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 D (2)

**Title:** Motion to the Board that the following members be appointed to Delegate Assembly / GC Ad Hoc Committee.

### Action

**Presented by:** Susan Sears

**Recommended Action:** That the following members be approved for appointment to the CSR Delegate Assembly / GC Ad Hoc Committee in accordance with Governing Rule 12.01 – Appointment which states, “The President, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall appoint chairs and members of all committees....”

**Background:** The following members are jointly on the four committees serving the 2012 General Council and as such will have knowledge and access to all discussions and information concerning CSR Delegate Assembly / GC.

Fritz Walgenbach, Chair	Chapter 02	CSR Board Member
Tim Behrens	Chapter 35	Vice President-CSR Board
Harold Rose	Chapter 21	CFO/Secretary-CSR Board
Jim McRitchie	Chapter 02	Finance Committee
Marilyn Ferrasci	Chapter 36	Chair-Bylaws/Gov. Rules
George Linn	Chapter 03	Chapter Vice President
Ben Harvey	Chapter 35	Chapter Vice President
Varon Smith	Chapter 01	Finance Committee

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 D (3)

**Title:** Motion to the Board that the following members be approved for appointment to CSR committees.

### **Action**

**Presented by:** Susan Sears

**Recommended Action:** That the following members be approved for appointment to the following CSR committees in accordance with Governing Rule 12.01 – Appointment which states, “The President, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall appoint chairs and members of all committees....”

By-Laws and Governing Rules	Addie Jackson, Chapter 11 Mary McDonnell, Chapter 3
Grant	Marta Zaragoza, Chapter 4
Finance	Caryl Cole, Chapter 12
Membership	Carol Bowen, Chapter 1 Doris Lithgow, Chapter 14

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 E

**Title:** Consideration of Chapter Grant Requests

### **Action**

**Presented by:** Gene Waggoner II

**Recommended Action:** Will be given orally by Grant Committee Board Liaison Gene Waggoner.

**Background:** Grant Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, May 10, 2012. Board Liaison Waggoner will report on the Grant Committee's recommendations to the Board.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 F

**Title:** Report on 2012 General Council / Delegate Assembly

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Fritz Walgenbach

**Background:** Fritz Walgenbach serves on the General Council Planning Committee and has been appointed to the CSR Delegate Assembly / GC Ad Hoc Committee and will give an oral report on the committee's discussions.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 G

**Title:** Update on California State Retirees PAC

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Dick Mesa

**Background:** A standing agenda item has been give to the California State Retirees PAC Committee Chair Dick Mesa who will give an update on the PAC.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 H

**Title:** Update on Initiatives, Legislation and State Budget

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Sherrie Golden

**Background:** Governmental Affairs Administrator Sherrie Golden will give an update on Initiatives, Legislation and the State Budget.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 I

**Title:** Presentation of CSR Proposed Ambassador Program

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Terrence Conklin

**Background:** Terrence Conklin will give a presentation on the current proposed Ambassador program.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 J

**Title:** Membership Report and Drawing Winners

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Terrence Conklin

**Background:** Terrence Conklin will give a presentation on the current membership count and announce the winners of the drawing.



## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 K

**Title:** CSR Board Committee Reports

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Bylaws, Policies and Procedures – Marilyn Ferrasci  
Member Benefits – Caryl Cole  
CSEA Women’s Conference – Beverly Waller Wharton

**Background:** An oral report will be given by the respective committee members.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 L

**Title:** Presentation of CSR Proposed Ombudsman Position

### **Information**

**Presented by:** Mary Reed

**Background:** Several years ago CalPERS announced the end of its Ombudsman program stating that the entire organization would be focused on member support and customer service. This overall improvement would be in large part due to the online My CalPERS program. Since that time, many retiree stakeholders have requested CalPERS to reestablish the program without avail. CSR feels that an Ombudsman position would be a valuable asset to its members.

## CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 M

**Title:** 2012 CalPERS Retirement Planning Fairs Schedule

### Information

**Presented by:** Mary Reed

**Background:** California State Retirees will once again have exhibitor booths at CalPERS Retirement Planning Fairs. CalPERS did not hold any retirement planning fairs last year and they are only holding fairs at three locations this year. It is important that the CSR have a presence at these upcoming fairs. As you can see from the schedule below, the dates and location for the last two events are still to be determined.

City	Date	Event Size
Sacramento (Friday & Saturday) Sacramento Convention Center 1301 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	August 10 & 11	X-Large
Orange (Friday & Saturday) Location TBD	TBD August/September	Large
Bay Area Location TBD	TBD August/September	Large

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 N

**Title:** Federal Activities (CalPERS Lobbyist's Written Report)

### **Information**

**Background:** A copy of the latest Federal Activities Report from CalPERS Lobbyist Lussier, Gregor, Vienna & Associations is attached.



**April 23, 2012**

### **House Panel Rejects Treasury Request, Moves to Limit Dodd-Frank**

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Tuesday sent a letter to House Financial Services Committee Chairman Spencer Baucus (R-AL) and Ranking Member Barney Frank (D-MA) warning against repeal of Dodd-Frank financial reform law provisions in advance of that panel's scheduled vote on Wednesday to limit the federal government's authority to regulate the financial industry.

But the Committee rejected the Secretary's appeal, voting 31-26 along party lines to use a budget reconciliation measure to repeal provisions in Dodd-Frank that allows the federal government to take over financially troubled banks, and to limit the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). Democrats tried unsuccessfully to include several amendments preserving some of the Dodd-Frank measures.

The House committee voted to strip the FDIC of its resolution authority to take over failing banks and would both tighten oversight of the CFPB and reduce its funding. Committee members argued over the intent of the FDIC provisions. Republican members indicated that the provisions were another form of bailout, that the provisions would allow the FDIC to pick and choose winners and losers from the pool of creditors of the financial company. Democrats countered that the provisions are designed to prevent future bailouts and that the provisions would allow the FDIC to liquidate failing firms in an orderly fashion. One of the powers of the FDIC would be to pay those creditors necessary to ensure the orderly liquidation.

The Committee also rehashed much of the debate surrounding the creation of the CFPB. Republicans argued that the CFPB is unaccountable and overfunded, as its annual budget is not subject to congressional appropriations. Democrats responded that the CFPB was created to be an independent agency designed to be insulated from political pressure from both the Hill and the Federal Reserve Board.

The vote came in response to a request by the House Budget Committee to meet fiscal reconciliation levels that exceed last summer's debt ceiling negotiations. It was estimated the result of these provisions, if passed, would be savings of more than \$35 billion over ten years, which exceeded the Budget Committee request.

Geithner said such a move “would critically undermine the government’s ability to limit the damage to the economy in the event of future financial crises”, and would “weaken the ability of the Bureau to provide stronger protection to consumers against financial fraud and abuse.”

The FDIC has long had the power to force failing national banks into receivership and wind them down. But Dodd-Frank expanded this power to include large, non-bank financial institutions. Supporters of the Act argued that we may have avoided the financial crisis stemming from the collapse of Lehman Brothers and bailout of AIG had the federal government had the power to orderly liquidate the firms.

With respect the CFPB funding, the Committee’s ranking member and champion of the 2010 law, Barney Frank (D-MA) fired back, saying, “The effect of this provision would be politicize the process of CFPB funding and likely significantly restrict funds to the new agency, thus hobbling the bureau.”

In yet another attempt to incrementally repeal provisions of the financial reform law, on Thursday, Financial Services Committee members moved to abolish the Office of Financial Research, an obscure but potentially powerful office created by the Dodd-Frank reform law. The office was designed to collect data and conduct research on potential risks to the U.S. financial system.

Saying, “The Office of Financial Research was given essentially unlimited authority,” Rep. Francisco Canseco (R-TX) called the office a “threat to democracy”. The Office of Financial Research was funded for its first two years, through July 21, 2012, by the Federal Reserve; afterwards the office will be funded through fees on financial companies with at least \$50 billion in assets.

### **Fed Regulators Will Delay Implementation of Volker Rule**

The Federal Reserve on Thursday issued an announcement that it will delay the date of implementation of the Volker Rule to July 21, 2014 – a two year extension that will better enable banks and financial institutions to conform to the rule. The rule proscribes strict limits on FDIC banks trading and investment activities, among other restrictions it prohibits a bank from trading for profit using its own funds. There has been increasing bipartisan anxiety about the pending deadline for implementation that originally was scheduled for July 21, 2012.

Opponents of the Volker Rule have said it is too complex and cumbersome. During the past year many bankers and regulators have testified before the House Financial Services Committee to complain about it. Senator Michael Crapo (R-ID) introduced a bill in March to delay implementation by one year after regulators issue a final rule. Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) co-sponsored that bill and said the decision to delay implementation “demonstrates the regulations as crafted are overly complex and would be problematic for the economy.” Corker said, “While I am pleased the regulators have recognized the need for this modest step, ultimately this flawed rule will need to be fixed by Congress so companies across our country will not have to incur higher costs of doing business, which will ultimately be borne by the consumer.”

But Barney Frank (D-MA), Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee supported the decision to keep the measure and take whatever time is needed to enable banks to conform to the new rules. Frank released a statement saying in part, “The guidance issued today

by the Federal Reserve regarding the Volker rule is an appropriate and reasoned approach to the implementation of this important provision. As the statute requires, the Board's position gives the affected institutions time to come into compliance, without any retreat from the application of the basic principle. The two-year period during which the banks will have to come into compliance with the rule will allow a reasonable time for them to make their necessary changes, and will give the regulators the chance to deal with any particular issues that arise from the experience of implementation."

The agencies responsible for writing the rules for implementing the Volker Rule include the Federal Reserve, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

### **GAO Report Looks at Antitrust Issues for Exclusive Provider Collaboratives**

The Government Accountability Office last week released a report requested by lawmakers that looked at how new exclusive provider collaborations, like Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), may be interpreting antitrust laws and what guidance regulating agencies have provided for them. The report found there are differing views among stakeholders in the healthcare industry and among antitrust experts about whether current guidance is sufficient or not.

The issue is especially relevant to health insurance providers because clinical experts are supporting the theory that greater collaboration and coordination in how patients receive treatment can greatly reduce costs and medical errors while increasing better medical outcomes and patient satisfaction. Many patients receive treatment in a changing range of settings, from the hospital where they may have had surgery for example, to the home care following discharge, and on through rehabilitation and follow-up care. The Affordable Care Act provides incentives for ACOs that are eligible to participate in the Medicare Shared Savings program, but questions remain about whether exclusive arrangements among providers should be more tightly regulated.

The Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, the agencies responsible for enforcing federal antitrust laws, have issued general guidance for the business community and specific guidance for health care providers on the application of antitrust laws, but "perspectives differed on the sufficiency of guidance on clinical integration," according to the GAO.

The GAO summary said, "Stakeholders' perspectives [also] differed as to whether the agencies should permit greater use of exclusive collaborative arrangements, which restrict the ability of providers within a collaborative arrangement to contract with other arrangements or health plans. The use of exclusive arrangements has the potential to improve or reduce competition, depending on the circumstances."

Finally, the report said, stakeholders' perspectives differed on the adequacy of guidance related to which collaborative arrangements are exempt from the antitrust analysis and therefore are presumed to be lawful—known as being within a safety zone. There were differing opinions about whether those safety zones should be expanded.

## **House Panel Grills SEC Chairman on Cost Benefit Analysis**

The SEC has failed to appropriately consider the costs and benefits of its rules, a key House subcommittee chairman told the agency's leadership last week.

TARP and Financial Services Subcommittee chairman Patrick McHenry (R-NC) quoted from the DC Circuit Court opinion in the *BRT v SEC*, which invalidated the SEC's proxy access on the grounds that the agency had not conducted an appropriate cost-benefit analysis. McHenry claimed that the DC Circuit has shot down at least three rules in the past two years on similar grounds.

Testifying before Congress for the 42<sup>nd</sup> time, Security and Exchange Commission Chairman Mary Schapiro told the subcommittee the SEC is not averse to cost-benefit analysis. She said the SEC has 28 rules remaining to be finalized under requirements of the Dodd-Frank reforms, and that the agency has tried hard to prioritize the formulation of new rules, starting with those that have statutory deadlines. She said she expects most of the new final rules required by Dodd-Frank will be completed this year.

Schapiro has at times struggled to convince Republican skeptics that the SEC is capable of handling the vastly increased scope of the agency's new responsibilities under Dodd-Frank, while at the same time having to request additional funding from lawmakers hostile to the reform law to pay for new economists and accountants to handle the workload, saying "My view is that we're still under-resourced to the task we face."

When asked how she would feel if Congress repealed Dodd-Frank, she said, "It would be a mistake," because, "we're making our way through the rule-making with progress."

When asked by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) how many SEC regulations have been overturned because of systematic failure to do quality cost-analysis, Schapiro responded, "In three years we have done 51 substantive final rules and one has been challenged."

McHenry asked Schapiro about whether newly issued guidance on the rule-making will be retroactively applied to the 28 rules still awaiting final decisions. She assured him that "staff is reviewing [them all] to see if they meet the new criteria," and said the agency performs cost analysis on all its rules. McHenry challenged that assertion asking why four of the 28 rules had no cost-benefit analysis. Schapiro responded that those four samples were delegations of authority not requiring cost analysis.

McHenry also pressed Schapiro about her objections to 'crowdfunding', the ability of businesses to raise capital using social media sites, to which she replied, "The law of the land is the law of the land, whether we agree with it or not. We will do whatever Congress has asked us to do," in permitting the practice with guidance developed by the Commission.

## **ACA Will Diminish Gaps in Insurance Coverage**

A new report from the Commonwealth Fund says the Affordable Care Act will diminish or eliminate gaps in health insurance coverage for as many as 25 percent of Americans who last year were affected by losing or changing a job and consequently losing or changing their health insurance. The report projected the gaps in coverage would be greatly reduced because the new



law will make it easier and more affordable for individuals to purchase insurance coverage on their own in such circumstances.

“Together, these reforms mean that people who lose their health benefits will be able to turn to a range of affordable insurance options that will enable them to gain insurance immediately rather than enduring months or years without coverage, losing connections to their doctors, and indefinitely delaying preventive care that would help maintain their health,” the report says. The study tracked individuals who investigated purchasing their own health insurance and found that 55 percent did not purchase health insurance because the premiums were too expensive.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 O

**Title:** Unscheduled Items

### **Information/Action**

**Background:** Any unscheduled items will be listed here.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES**

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 16 P

**Title:** Travel Expense Claim (TEC) forms

### **Information/Action**

**Background:** Travel Expense Claim forms will now be part of the agenda backup. Each backup will have the instructions and 5 forms.

Members can still obtain the form on CSR's Web site.

Attachments

## **Member Expense Claim Instructions**

- General:**
- 1)** Expense claims must be submitted no later than the calendar month following the time the expenses were incurred.
  - 2)** Any expense paid by another claimant shall be noted on the expense claim.
  - 3)** Each claimant must sign the certification statement at the right of the claim form.
  - 4)** Expense claims which are not accompanied by the require receipts, authorization and details will not be paid.
  - 5)** The most economical use of Affiliates funds, consistent with the convenience of the claimant and the schedule of the meeting, shall control.
  - 6)** Do not tape or use highlighter on receipts as it affects the ability to scan the document.
  - 7)** Please note your phone number and e-mail information on your claim to receive processing updates and so you can be contacted if there are any questions concerning your claim.

**Date:** Indicate each date on which expenses were incurred.

**Location:** Show the location of which expenses were incurred.

**Depart:** Show the hour at which you departed for a meeting or other activity.

**Return:** Show the hour at which you returned from a meeting or other activity.

**Activity:** Describe the purpose of the expenditures.

**Lodging:**

- 1)** The regular allowance is based on the negotiated rate. Lodging other than General Council lodging shall not be allowed if residence is within 40 miles/40 minutes from meeting location. Only actual expense within the above limits is reimbursed, and original receipts are required.

- 2) A maximum of \$12.00 may be claimed for incidental expenses incurred during any 24-hour period involving a lodging claim.

**Meals:**

- 1) Meal expenses may be allowed up to the following rates:

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
\$12.00	\$13.00	\$20.00

- 2) Meals cannot be claimed if full meals are provided by the meeting facility or by the Corporation or any entity thereof.
- 3) When meals are purchased for other persons authorized to claim meal expense, such persons must be listed on the expense claim with receipt attached.

**Travel:**

- 1) Indicate the mode of transportation and cost. Common carrier (plane, bus, etc.) is the authorized method of transportation but private automobiles or privately owned or rented aircraft may be authorized if a common carrier is not available, is more costly, or would be unreasonably inconvenient.
- 2) If private automobile is authorized and used, indicate the number of miles traveled (in the comment space at bottom of claim) and use the allowance of 55.5 cents per mile. If travel is made in another claimant's automobile, travel expense will be allowed only to one claimant.
- 3) Transportation receipts, when applicable, must be submitted with claim.

**Misc.:**

- 1) Taxi fares are authorized only when no other transportation is practical or available, or when the fare for several riders is not more than the common carrier fee.
- 2) Parking expenses are reimbursed, but receipts are required for amounts in excess of \$10.00 per day.
- 3) Bridge tolls are reimbursed and no receipts are required.
- 4) Other actual and necessary expenses of an unusual nature, upon approval of the Secretary-Treasurer/Division Financial Officer, may be reimbursed when appropriately recorded and adequately explained.