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AGENDA

California State Retirees (CSR)

Board of Directors Meeting

NOVEMBER 4, 2011

8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

DOUBLETREE-MISSION VALLEY/SAN DIEGO

7450 Hazard Center Drive

San Diego, CA 92108

(619) 297-5466

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(Map and Directions to the Hotel Attached)

*****NEGOTIATED ROOM RATES*****

\$119 – Single/Double (local taxes & fees not included)

NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITIES

Kaiser Hospital

4647 Zion Ave

San Diego, CA 92120

(619) 528-5000

Sharp Memorial

7901 Frost St

San Diego, CA 92123

(858) 939-3400

1. **Call to order by President Roger Marxen at 8:30 a.m.**
2. **Salute to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**

Roger Marxen, President, Chapter 02, District E

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 06, District G

Harold Rose, Chapter 21, Chief Financial Officer

Barbara LaPlante, Chapter 01, Past President (excused)

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

- 4. Introductions and Agenda Changes, Corrections and/or Unscheduled Items**
- 5. Approval of Minutes of the May 13, 2011 Meeting**
- 6. President's Report of Activities**
- 7. Report on November 3, 2011 Executive Board Workshop – Roger Marxen**
- 8. Board Member Reports**
- 9. Chief Financial Officer Report – Harold Rose**
- 10. Headquarters Report – Phil Sherwood**
- 11. CalPERS Board of Administration Update – Henry Jones**
- 12. CSEA Retirees, Inc. Committee Reports (only the committees that have met since the last board meeting are listed)**
 - A. Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee – Marilyn Ferrasci**
 - B. Finance Committee – Harold Rose**
 - C. Grant Committee – Susan Sears**
 - D. Membership Committee – Caryl Cole**
- 13. What's on Your Mind?**

TIMES CERTAIN

Friday 2 p.m. Diane Beach, Alzheimer's Association

- 14. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Review of 2011 Meeting Locations – Information**
 - B. Proposal to purchase a new Headquarters building – Action**
 - C. Proposal to amend 2011 and 2012 budgets – Action**

15. New Business

- A. Motions from Presidents' Forum May meeting – Caryl Cole
 - (1) Presidents' Forum November Tentative Agenda
- B. Proposed Amendments to Governing Rules – Action – Marilyn Ferrasci
- C. Proposed Resolutions for Submission to Delegate Assembly – Action – Marilyn Ferrasci / Harold Rose
- D. Update on California State Retirees PAC – Information – Dick Mesa
- E. Legislative Speaker – Unconfirmed at printing
- F. Guest Speaker – Alzheimer's Association - San Diego/Imperial Chapter
- G. Membership Report and Drawing – Information – Terrence Conklin
- H. Report on CARA Convention – Harold Rose
- I. Report on CSEA Board of Directors Meeting – Roger Marxen
- J. CSEA President's Report – Dave Hart
- K. CSEA Board Committee Reports
 - (1) Bylaws, Policies and Procedures – Marilyn Ferrasci
 - (2) Member Benefits – Caryl Cole
 - (3) CSEA Women's Conference – Beverly Waller Wharton
- L. Federal Activities (CalPERS Federal Lobbyist's Written Report)
- M. Unscheduled Items

Directions to the DoubleTree

From Airport Directions 7 miles N.E.

Take Harbor Drive toward downtown. Turn left on Grape Street. At top of hill, right lanes to 5 South. 5 South to Hwy 163 North. Exit Friar's Road East. Turn right in Frazee and right on Hazard Center Drive.

From Points North:

Take I-5 South to Hwy 163 North. Exit Friar's Road East. Take a Right onto Frazee Road. Take a Right onto Hazard Center Drive.

Transportation:

From I-15 & I-8:

Follow I-15 to I-8 and take I-8 West. Take I-8 West to Hwy 163 North. Exit to Friars Road East. Turn Right onto Frazee Road and Right onto Hazard Center Drive.

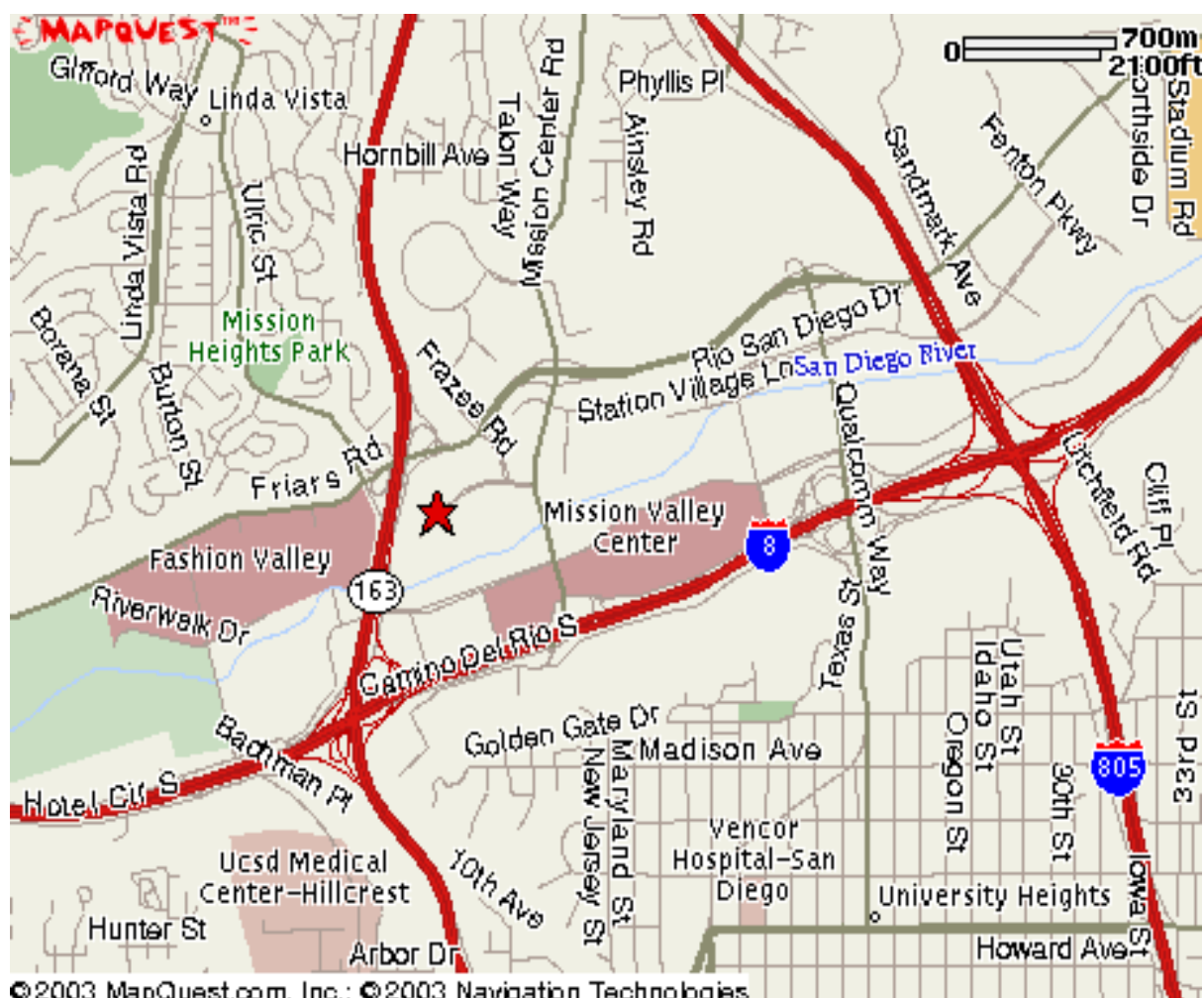
From the North: Interstate 5 south to 805 south to 163 south. Exit Friar's Road and turn right on Friar's Road. First right on Frazee, 2nd light turn right on Hazard Center Road. Interstate 15 south to 163 south. Exit Friar's Road and turn right on Friar's Road. First right on Frazee to 2nd right on Hazard Center Drive.

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CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 4

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

Information

Presented by: Roger Marxen

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

CSEA RETIREES, INC.

Hilton Sacramento Arden West, Sacramento
May 13, 2011

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
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, Chapter 1, Past President (excused)

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

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

President Marxen introduced CSEA Past President Yolanda Solari, CSEA Vice President and candidate for PERS Board Donna Snodgrass and CSEA Employee Benefits Representative Athena Sommers. Ms. Snodgrass reported that the CSEA Foundation had received 35 scholarship applications, which will be reviewed and the recipients announced by the end of May.

5. Approval of Minutes of the February 11, 2011 Meeting

RETBD 17/11/2 MOTION: Rose, second by Waggoner - that the minutes of the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board meeting of February 11, 2011, be approved as printed. CARRIED.

6. President's Report of Activities

President Marxen's printed report was included in the agenda material. He added that it has been difficult times, trying to counter attacks on our pension rights and health care. CSEA did sell the print shop -- it was sold because we could no longer afford it; it was

on track to lose \$1 million this year. Allowances were made for some employees, who received severance pay. Somebody bought the property and it is for lease. Commerce Printing bought the equipment. Commerce is a union shop and we may look to them to do a lot of our printing. Phil Sherwood reported that one of the print shop employees applied at Commerce and was hired; others have not applied.

7. Report on May 12, 2011 Executive Board Workshop

President Marxen reported on 13 items from the May 12 Executive Board workshop: (1) a letter will be sent to CalPERS indicating opposition to SB 80 language authorizing PERS to seek bids for a high/low health plan in 2012; (2) the board approved expansion of the *California State Retiree* to 16 pages; (3) the board discussed proposed restructuring of CSEA -- a committee of the CSEA Board will consider proposals over the next four months; (4) Harold Rose presented his fiscal report; (5) the board discussed various chapter officer vacancies; (6) the board discussed financial aspects of the closure of the CSEA print shop, noting that we will receive a payout for our share of the printing press loan; (7) appointments to the Political Action Committee are still in process and it is expected the first meeting of the reconstituted PAC committee will be in June; (8) consideration of the legislative report was postponed until additional information is obtained, then the board will consider whether or not to endorse a series of bills; (9) Phil Sherwood provided a membership project status report; (10) the board discussed on-going plans for the Leadership Development Institute, with the next session scheduled for November 2 in San Diego; (11) there will be a resolution to Delegate Assembly to change our name to California State Retirees; (12) the board recommended that the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee be the Ad Hoc Resolutions Screening Committee for Delegate Assembly; (13) the board discussed the CalPERS Ambassador Program -- PERS has solicited membership involvement in promoting their programs and representatives will be sent to those meetings.

8. Board Member Reports

The backup material contained printed activity reports from Donna Hernandez, Jerry Evans, Gus Lease, Susan Sears, Tim Behrens and Gene Waggoner. Tim Behrens added that he attended a board meeting of Bargaining Unit 18, a non-CSEA unit representing Licensed Psychiatric Technicians; he came from that unit and succeeded in getting them to allow us to advertise in their newspaper regarding life after retirement. He is also trying to get the AFSCME website to advertise our organization for those members to belong to after they retire and hopes that members who came from non-CSEA units will be able to provide contacts. Gene Waggoner added that he had contact with AFSCME people and agreed there is tremendous potential. Jerry Evans added that he participated in two telephone conversations concerning closure of the print shop. Gus Lease added that his aim is to get as many people as possible to join the Retirees PAC and he is also concentrating on membership. He was invited to an ACSS meeting in San Jose, plugging for retiring supervisors to join CSEA Retirees. He also participated in a Central Labor Council event at the state building with CSUEU and others.

Susan Sears suggested that when members get the schedule of quarterly board meetings they assume they will be coming a day early -- it is almost certain that there

will be training before the board meetings. In the last few months CSEA Retirees has increased staff but also increased workload – the *California State Retiree* is bigger and there is more training. She reintroduced staff members, noting that they have done a ton of work for us and she wanted to show the board's appreciation.

9. Chief Financial Officer Report

Harold Rose reported that the cost-of-living increase which retirees received May 1 gave CSEA Retirees a \$10,000 increase in dues. Also, PERS will be doing a recalculation of new members' dues each month instead of once a year. Concerning investments, a committee of Varon Smith, Leonard Culotta and Danny Morales is researching other avenues to improve the low rates received from CD's while staying within AAA investments. The current market rate of CD's is less than 1%. Concerning money still owed from delegates, we started with 65 delegates who received advances for the 2009 General Council and did not spend all the money and kept it. That list is now down to 10, and he has given district representative copies of the travel claims that were turned in and asked that they work with the chapter presidents to clear those claims.

The cost for Delegate Assembly in August will be about \$400,000, and General Council in 2012 will cost over \$600,000. Delegates will be getting their advances one month before Delegate Assembly, and we are also paying for one alternate. The reward program for 2009 worked very well, and we will again offer a reward to chapters who get their Delegate Assembly travel claims in by a certain date. However, this year we will require that all the claims clear – chapters may want to review their delegates' claims to see that any funds owed back to CSEA Retirees are included with the claim. There will be master billing for the hotel and parking, reducing the amount advanced to delegates for the trip. He reminded members that any time needed before and after Delegate Assembly must be approved by President Marxen; this also applies to driving instead of flying. Also, remember that hotels require a credit card, cash or check deposit for any unseen charges.

The due date for chapter quarterly reports has been changed from the 20th to the 30th of the month, which is what the Governing Rules say. Chapter budgets need to be in by December 31, and he asked chapters to consider doing two and three-year budgets – if nothing else to submit last year's budget and send in an amendment later. To safeguard chapter financial reports, he asked that quarterly reports, budgets and audits be sent to his home address and he will see that CSEA Accounting gets them. All chapters have received their monthly dues. Chapters 4, 11 and 17 are back on track and we will be monitoring the fiscal matters of all chapters. Chapter treasurers will receive e-mail or mail reminders of upcoming due dates.

CSEA Retirees members have on average 16,900 insurance policies through CSEA Member Benefits, with about \$3,350,000 passed on to insurance companies every month.

10. Headquarters Report

Copies of the printed headquarters report were distributed. Phil Sherwood reviewed highlights of the report, noting that on May 10 staff worked until 1 a.m. to be sure that the May 11 training was successful. The next meeting of the Leadership Development Institute will be November 2, and work on the curriculum for that program will begin now. Delegate Assembly is approaching rapidly and he believes it will be a top-shelf program. Choice of seminars will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and the activities planned will be fun. He urged chapters to submit their applications for Distinguished Chapter of the Year. That recognition will be awarded at Delegate Assembly – a \$1,000 academic scholarship, plus a banner stand indicating that the chapter received the Distinguished Chapter of the Year award 2010-2011.

He is continuing to make chapter visits and has now visited 11 of our 25 chapters. Chapters have some good ideas for attracting new members, including offering free lunches and prizes. Another opportunity to increase membership is with the SCORE card inserted with the PERS mailing every two years. Retirees interested in more information return the cards -- RPEA coordinates collection of the cards and we have a six-week window to send information to those who request it. Terrence Conklin is working on material to be sent out, including 10 top reasons to join. The quality of membership reports has changed tremendously in the last few months, and we are moving toward a separate membership project with ACSS and CSUEU.

Terrence Conklin is also working on the benefits directory. When CSEA Member Benefits decided to discontinue publication of the benefits directors and have the information available on-line but not in written form, the CSEA Retirees Board authorized our own directory. Terrence designed the directory and is selling ads. ACSS is participating, and CSUEU purchased 2,000 copies with its logo. Based on costs, with ads offsetting costs, the initial figure was within \$676 of being zero net. With advertising paying for the bulk of the production and mailing costs to our 31,000 members, the directory's final cost was \$27, and the plan is to continue to put the directory out in future years, with a potential to make a profit from ads.

Dr. Sherwood noted that Commerce Printing printed the benefits directory. Commerce bought the equipment from CSEA's print shop and he encouraged chapters to consider them as their printer of choice – Commerce seems to be giving us good prices and is very responsive to our needs. For our business in the first year, Commerce will give us 4% cash back; next year it will be 3%.

Steve Aunan, CSEA web master, has been redirected to work on the Member Benefits website, and Terrence Conklin is working with him to make the CSEA Retirees website more user friendly, as well as working with three different chapters on their own websites.

The *California State Retiree* will expand to 16 pages to give members more information and more chapter news -- right now we are holding back information because there is not enough room, and it is good for all to hear what is happening in other chapters. Printing of the *State Retiree* is being moved to Commerce from our previous printer in Galt, which will also help Trinda Lundholm attend press checks – one was at 10:30 p.m.

Steve Grimes, Vice President of Sales for Commerce Printing, gave a brief presentation, offering Commerce Printing services to chapters. Copies of brochures about the company and his business card were on the information table. He noted that other clients include the Department of Aging and CalPERS and he is looking forward to continuing services for chapters, such as chapter newsletters. In response to questions, he reported that Commerce does not currently have an 800 number but will set one up. For now they can be reached at (916) 442-8100. The front office is not union, but the trades are under the Printing Alliance; the *State Retiree* printed by Commerce will have a union bug. Harold Rose explained that all chapter files that were at the CSEA print shop are now with Commerce Printing as part of the assets bought from the print shop. Commerce has hired one staff member from the print shop and would like to hire others – it is up to them.

Danny Beagle, from CSEA's Communications Division, gave a progress report on the history of CSEA project. The project started out with about fifty boxes of unknown materials -- years' worth of photos and documents which were deteriorating. They got together a program and are in the process of scanning photos and documents to have available on-line, on the website where members can access them for themselves and identify who is in the photos. The story of the CSEA organization is also the story of state employment and collective bargaining -- whoever gets to tell the story makes a big difference. They are working their way through the collection of material at CSEA, including 15 boxes from CSEA Retirees. They are talking to State Archives, CSU and UC to find a home for the material where interested people can look at it. CSEA's Board of Directors is funding the project and SEIU made a contribution. They also want to do an oral history – training people to go out and conduct interviews regarding how it was to work for the state, about what they did as a state worker and as a member of CSEA, including collective bargaining. The project will be asking CSEA Retirees to send them someone who can work with them to move this project forward. Knowing that many members have a garage full of material that they've acquired over the years, the project will be happy to take it. The project is not quite ready to get members' material or do interviews, but will be shortly.

11. CSEA President's Report

CSEA President Dave Hart was on vacation.

12. Endorsement of Henry Jones for CalPERS Retired Member Board Election

President Marxen reported that the CSEA Retirees board is endorsing incumbent Henry Jones for reelection to the retired member seat on the CalPERS Board, and petitions for Henry have been signed over the last few days. We don't know yet if there is anyone else running.

13. CalPERS Board of Administration Update - Henry Jones

Henry Jones presented an update on CalPERS Board actions and challenges facing PERS. Commenting on an open letter in the *State Retiree* from CalPERS CEO Anne Stausboll on the special review findings concerning placement agents, he noted that the PERS Board initiated that special review 18 months ago and the findings were

presented to the board in public meetings. The board has taken action on a number of recommendations and will continue to monitor and pursue additional items. The misconduct mentioned in the report identified former senior staff and board members who were engaged in illegal activities, and the board is obligated to take strong action to make sure it does not happen again. Discussing how placement agents function, he explained that CalPERS Board members make decisions on investment proposals that come before the board. A company representative tries to have a friend who gets him in to see a board member, a middle man who gets him to see board members. That middle man is the “placement agent” trying to get business for a company and earn a commission. Trying to get business is not illegal in itself -- what happened in New York is that they also paid the board member. The board review identified \$300 million paid out in commissions and PERS is getting all of that money back. There was legislation requiring all placement agents to register as lobbyists. There is also a period of time required before someone who worked for PERS can go to work for a vendor.

There were also reforms on gifts to board members and staff. The limit for board members had been \$420 a year; PERS sponsored legislation to drop the amount to \$50. The review found that a former staff member was given a trip around the world -- staff is now prohibited from receiving any gifts. Travel reimbursements will also be on the website. If he were asked to go to New York to give a presentation to investors, he would have to report the cost of a meal.

One other issue in the special review concerns Medco, whose contract is up at the end of this year. Of three bids received for the next contract, Medco was number one. But as staff was in negotiations, it was discovered that the CEO of Medco and others were negotiating out of public view. PERS is now in the process of looking at numbers two and three to see if those vendors will be able to provide service.

Regarding pension reform, critics are accusing public employees of a lot of things that we know are not true, and we must get accurate information out. At the last meeting he reported there were 75 cities, counties and other agencies under PERS implementing some type of reform such as increased retirement age and increased contributions. That number is now up to 175 who are making changes. There are also 40 states that have already implemented some type of pension reform. He feels that the issue will be settled at the ballot box in the form of referendums. It is important for us to be engaged because the public is getting bad information. He uses the example of a person coming out of the grocery store several years ago with a bottle of wine, being asked to sign a petition. Shift forward to now – the same person coming out of the store, having had to cut back on groceries and having heard all of the inaccurate information, will have a different response when asked to sign petitions. To help combat bad information, CalPERS is establishing the Ambassador Program and would like all members who can to participate. PERS wants retirees to tell their personal stories and will provide facts and language for them to use to educate the public. The Ambassador Program’s first meeting is May 26 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1170 at CalPERS headquarters.

Another issue concerns the study on pension reform commissioned by Marcia Fitz. The model used is not based on actual statistics and some of the recommendations are outlandish – it almost says they don’t want anyone to have any retirement benefits. One recommendation is eliminating health care for retirees’ spouses; they also want all

retirees to be in one risk pool and all actives in a separate risk pool. It was noted during the question and answer session that Marcia Fritz, is a CPA from Citrus Heights who really took over from Dr. Richman. The study was paid for by an anonymous donor from out of state (Grover Norquist) and one of the people involved was Mike Genest, Arnold Schwarzenegger's Finance Director. However, in showing the shortage, he omitted the employee's contribution. Both J. J. Jelincic and Anne Stausboll responded, and information on the Fitz report is on the PERS website.

Mr. Jones noted that 74% of state retirees receive less than \$36,000 a year; for school employees, the average monthly allowance is \$1,100. Generally, whatever information hits first is what people remember, but 64 cents out of each dollar paid in retirement comes from investments, 15 cents from employees and 21 cents from employers – retirees are not bankrupting the state, cities or counties. For 20 years, investments paid 70 cents of each dollar. PERS puts out a fact sheet on what percentage of benefits is paid by the employer – a dollar bill showing distribution of retirement, the "CalPERS buck," which members can distribute. There is good news on the investment front. CalPERS lost 24% at the bottom of the market, but returns are up 18.6% on top of last fiscal year when returns were up 13.3%. March 2009 was the low point, when the Fund was down to \$160 billion from \$260 billion; it is now at \$235 billion and coming back.

In response to a question on why he voted to raise health insurance co-pays, Mr. Jones explained that his primary goal is to keep health care costs down overall -- he must look at everything when he makes his decision and sometimes increasing co-pays keeps premiums down.

14. CSEA Retirees, Inc. Committee Reports

14A. Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee

Minutes of the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee meeting of April 1, 2011 were included in the backup material. The committee's recommendations were presented in agenda items 17 F and G.

14B. Finance Committee

Harold Rose noted that he is a member of the CSEA Fiscal Committee and his backup is Leonard Culotta, who participated in a conference call while he was gone. The Finance Committee met on May 2 in Ontario, with good membership attendance. The committee reviewed the CSEA Retirees 2011 budget as well as the investments status report, and he sent information out to district representatives showing all investment with details. Included in that report is where CSEA Retirees has money, such as in postage meters and at the attorney's office. The committee also reviewed the 2011 Central Support budget, which is running right on budget, and started to review Grant Committee policy. There is \$25,000 in the budget for chapter grants, assuming \$1,000 each for the 25 chapters.

There was an overview of chapter treasurers and the committee discussed offering chapters a financial compensation to bring their accounting in-house. The committee

also discussed safeguards for chapters so that what happened to Chapter 11 will not happen again – for a few chapters there is a limit on how much money they can have, such as \$3,000 for operating expenses. Mr. Rose reported that he will be dealing with all chapter treasurers and will make sure that they see the quarterly reports.

The committee went over the aging report from 2009 General Council on retiree delegates. The aging report shows delegates who still owe money from their travel advances, and it was clarified that members not in good standing are not eligible to attend Delegate Assembly as delegates. Mr. Rose explained he had staff photocopy the travel claims to show what the travel advance was, what the expense claim was, and what the delegate owes. The 2012 General Council will be at the Bonaventure again; it will be barebones, with no extra days.

The committee discussed corporation investments and amending the governing rules to ensure their protection. In a report on the print shop, it was noted that Commerce Printing bought the equipment; as part of the bid we will receive cash back on our printing jobs and those from the print shop's client base for a set time. The building was put up for sale and bought through a broker with an agreement that buyer doesn't care about having a type 2 soil test done. CSEA Retirees' \$160,020 loan for the printing press will be paid off, but earnings on that investment will be going from 4% to probably 1.5%. CSEA is now out of the print shop business and doesn't have that property any more, but CSEA still has a half interest in the headquarters building at 1108 "O" Street and the parking lot at 11th and Q Streets. With the print shop gone, all CSEA Retirees' mail now goes to 1108 "O" Street -- be sure to include Suite 300 on the envelope and address it to someone's attention. For outgoing mail, CSEA Retirees is using a postage meter that weighs envelopes then stamps them.

On the subject of chapter allowances, last year chapters had a \$300 credit for printing; this year it is \$700. Chapters can use the \$700 allowance wherever they have printing done -- save receipts and submit them when you have \$700 and you will be paid. Also keep receipts regarding the \$2,000 allowance to send extra people to meetings.

14C. Grant Committee

Susan Sears reported that Grant Committee, which was formed several years ago, met once and hammered out its initial framework; after that, the committee met by teleconference. In February, the committee had an emergency meeting before the board meeting in Burlingame, and it worked so well to have people present for consideration and discussion that the committee will now have regular meetings. Without regular meetings, recordkeeping suffered, and she thanked Eleanor Poole, who kept records of every meeting, including who applied for grants, who received grants and how much they received. Every year the Grant Committee has \$25,000 and the *State Retiree* will show how much has been granted and how much remains. There were approximately fifty people at the committee's meeting on May 12, where the committee considered two grant requests.

RETBD 18/11/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Behrens – that the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board approve a grant of \$1,500 to Chapter 3 for membership recruitment. CARRIED.

RETBD 19/11/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Behrens – that the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board approve a grant of \$1,499.85 to Chapter 31 for membership recruitment. CARRIED.

14D. Membership Committee

Caryl Cole reported that the Membership Committee had its first meeting the morning of May 12, after the Grant Committee. There wasn't much publicity about the meeting but they got people to stay from the Grant Committee meeting. The committee reviewed what the rules say the Membership Committee is supposed to be doing, and a letter will go out to each chapter to find out who the chapter membership chairs are and what each chapter is doing. The committee will get samples of new member letters being sent out by chapters and will get information on contacting state workers in non-CSEA units. They are also working on roll-overs. The committee will meet on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 10 a.m., and future meetings will be posted.

15. What's on Your Mind

Doris Lithgow, Chapter 14, thanked the board for funding a room with tables for the Presidents' Forum, which makes the meeting much more enjoyable.

Bill Fawx, Chapter 15, agreed that providing tables for the Presidents' Forum is a great step forward. He said he would appreciate future editions of the *State Retiree* including information on the status of the print shop operation, and Trinda Lundholm reported that Commerce Printing is putting an ad in the *State Retiree*. He urged that in future training sessions, delegates receive training on how to handle themselves at General Council. At the critique session after the last General Council, it was suggested that delegates without General Council exposure need training on how to read resolutions. He urged members in rural areas to get involved with the political action program and suggested that a legislative tracking chart would be of great assistance when they talk with their legislators, legislative staff, or members of their community.

Ben Harvey, Chapter 35, noted that although PERS is suing Care Mark, he heard they are in contention to be a provider, and his members do not want Care Mark back. We had Care Mark before Medco, three years ago, and they changed medication without doctor approval.

Ceil Anderson, President of Chapter 20, reported that Chapter 20 voted a donation of \$2,000 to the CSEA Foundation, which she gave to Donna Snodgrass and challenged chapters to match that contribution.

Steve Kawai, Chapter 15 acting president, presented Bill Fawx with a certificate of appreciation from CSEA Retirees, signed by Roger Marxen, in recognition of the years of service Bill has offered to CSEA Retirees and civil service as well. Mr. Kawai noted that he has been acting president of Chapter 15 for four months and appreciates the opportunity to serve Chapter 15 members. He also noted that the two bounced checks for \$12 which Harold Rose reported shows that probably two beneficiary members are having difficulty since their checks bounced.

Donna Snodgrass reported that Chapter 2 just donated \$1,000 to the Foundation.

16. Unfinished Business

16A. Review of 2011 Retirees, Inc. Board Meeting Dates and Locations

Dates and locations for the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board meetings for 2011, including Delegate Assembly on August 18-19, were included in the agenda material. It was noted that the November 3-4 meeting will be in Newport Beach or San Diego, with the hotel to be decided – please remember to set aside November 2 for training.

17. New Business

17A. Motions from Presidents' Forum August Meeting

Caryl Cole reported that at the May 12 Presidents' Forum, Marilyn Ferrasci presented clues on how to write a proper resolution. Past President J. J. Jelinsic asked for a few minutes at the Forum and presented Chapter 4 President Ethel Watson with a gavel that belonged to Chapter 4 in 1931. A motion passed unanimously, recommending to the board that it take a proactive approach in media to refute attacks on state employees, and it was found that board is already doing that. President Marxen noted that the latest effort is CalPERS' Ambassador Program, the "Pension Truth Squad," and we have written a lot of letters to the editor.

17B. Update on CSEA Retirees, Inc. PAC. Legislation and State Budget

President Marxen reported that we will start outlining bills in the *State Retiree* and get more involved in analysis. Dick Mesa provided brief highlights of where we are with the PAC. At the last meeting he talked about the number of people contributing, and the *State Retiree* included a PAC application. Some chapters have done things individually -- Chapter 2 sent out a letter. A newsletter that he sent out had tear-offs to come back to him, and he received three checks in the mail for \$180 -- two were from out-of-state members willing to pay the maximum because they are concerned about our pensions. Names of potential PAC Committee members will be submitted to President Marxen by June. He urged members to submit their names if they are interested in participating with the PAC – they don't have to be on the committee; they can participate on the chapter level. As of April the PAC had 1,022 members out of 31,000 -- About 3% of our members have contributed \$5,061 to our PAC. These contributions, along with 40 cents per member, go into the PAC fund, but it is still not enough. He urged anyone not a member of the PAC to join; the minimum contribution is \$2 a month and anyone who receives a PERS check can join. Forty-two members are contributing the maximum of \$15.50; 325 are contributing \$5; it averages out to about \$5 per contributor. The number one district in terms of percentage of members is District E. He urged members who contribute to do a check-off from their PERS warrant so we know the contribution will be continuing.

Mr. Mesa reported that he had a CD disk for each chapter president, listing total chapter members, which legislative districts they are in, and whether they are contributing to the

PAC – these are people who might help out in campaigns. The disks do not show the amount people are contributing, but do show how much the chapter is giving. Releasing information requires a non-disclosure statement. The information is in Excel, 8½ x 11, and can be shuffled by legislative district or city. Target questions for members are: (1) are they registered to vote; (2) Democrat, Republican or decline to state; (3) did they vote in the last election.

Tim Behrens reminded members that Saturday, May 21, is the Garamendi barbeque at Angels Camp. He noted that Dick Mesa has been in charge of volunteers for many years and asked him to work on the food crew about 12 years ago. Help is needed delivering food – it is a two-hour job serving about 400-600 people. Please talk to Dick if you are interested in coming to that event and being a volunteer.

17C. Guest Speaker – CSEA Membership Lists – Peter Becerra

Peter Becerra, from the CSEA IT/Membership Department, runs the monthly membership lists which are e-mailed or mailed to chapter officers. Mr. Becerra noted that he gave a presentation in Burlingame, where he asked for feedback. He is working to make the process more efficient and asked for questions. Several chapters responded that they were pleased with the new chapter report. There was a request that the membership list include a separate column for e-mail addresses. To a question concerning chapter presidents who don't have e-mail, he said he funnels the membership lists to CSEA Membership to be mailed out. For chapter presidents who have e-mail but would like to receive a hard copy also, the list can be mailed as well as e-mailed.

Mr. Becerra explained that other affiliates call members who move for whatever reason a “rollover” even when it is a nonmember. Nonmembers who retire are called potential members. All new nonmembers or potential members are “rolled over” from somewhere. Rollover members will be shown on the chapter register as new members on the “new member movement report.” It was suggested that e-mails include definitions for the terms used in the reports and what they represent. It was also suggested that rollovers include the affiliate and department they came from – it would be helpful for chapter membership committees, when contacting new people, to know where they worked.

Concerning “bad addresses,” headquarters filters out bad addresses but chapters can request labels for them also just in case there is a forwarding address. A database for members' information is only as good as it is updated -- changes must get back into our system. He urged chapters, when they can, to get a new phone number or address and send it to membership. In response to a suggestion for a blurb in the *State Retiree*, “If you are moving, please contact...,” Trinda Lundholm agreed that can be done now that the paper has 16 pages.

Mr. Becerra urged members to call or e-mail him if they have new questions or suggestions.

17D. Guest Speaker – August 2011 Delegate Assembly – Sharon Camandona

Sharon Camandona, the planner working on Delegate Assembly, distributed Hawaiian leis and gave a brief presentation on some of the aspects members should expect to see. Two members of the Ohana Dance Group of Sacramento demonstrated hula moves and led members in the “hookilau,” to get in the mood for the Hawaiian event. The theme for Delegate Assembly is “Ensuring Aloha in Your Retirement.” Ms. Camandona went over the three days of Delegate Assembly. On the arrival date of August 17, registration starts at 1:30 p.m., followed by a choice of activities, including a bowling tournament, bingo, Hawaiian trivia and lei making. That evening, delegates dine around with their choice of restaurant, followed by a dessert reception. Day 2 is an educational day – Jeri Peterson and Phil Sherwood put together a choice of 20 seminars. There will be lunch with a guest speaker and a reception at 5:30 p.m. with pupus and drinks and treasure chest prizes. Day 3 is Delegate Assembly beginning at 8:30 or 9 a.m., with a box lunch. Late Friday afternoon we bid farewell. For those who want to extend their stay beyond Friday, there will be discounts for attractions. The Doubletree Hotel is adjacent to a shopping center, “The Block,” which has many choices for food.

17E. Guest Speaker – California Department of Aging – Sarah Lubeman

Sarah Lubeman began by recognizing and thanking Bev Greening, who helped her when she was new to state service at the Department of Youth Authority. Members of the Department of Aging appreciate the opportunity to address members and ask for their help. The Department of Aging is a very small department with 120 employees in Natomas. The Department runs programs from the Older Americans Act, including nutrition, transportation, speakers’ pool, California support services, health services and advocacy programs -- many things that can help us as we age. Programs have always run with many volunteers and today we need more volunteers than ever. One such program is “meals on wheels” -- sometimes the volunteer driver is the only person a retiree sees all day.

Joe Rodriguez, the department’s long term care ombudsman, talked about the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program established by the Older Americans Act. Other services covered by the department are those services people need to retain their independence -- to help keep older adults in their own homes. The Long-term Care Ombudsman Program is the only program that serves people living in nursing homes -- to identify, investigate and resolve complaints of people that directly affect health, safety, welfare and rights. He asked members, when he says “nursing home,” what do they think of? The first images that come to mind are not pleasant ones. When he was a child visiting someone in a nursing home, it was warehousing. Quality of care and quality of life have improved, but problems still exist. Last year the program responded to more than 40,000 complaints by or on behalf of residents, including theft, loss, violations of rights, not being treated with dignity or respect, complaints about nutrition and care and neglect and exploitation. In some places residents are physically abused, sexually abused, or financially abused. The ombudsman program acts as advocates for those residents, letting them and their families know that they can live free of retaliation. Many of the department’s programs have been hurt with the bad economy. The Ombudsman Program is one of the few programs in the department that had more

federal funds, and it lost \$3.8 million out of \$10 million in federal funds, losing 76 of 183 paid staff. To continue with the mandate to survey 290,000 people in board and care and assisted living facilities, the department must do it through volunteers. There are 970 volunteers who are trained advocates, going into nursing homes. Volunteers receive 36 hours of training from the department and 12 hours of continuing education a year. Ombudsmen are passionate about making sure people enjoy quality of life wherever they are living, with a sense of control and dignity. We need to get the word out to attract new volunteers and to family members who may not know about the program. Many residents are dependent on their caregivers for everything and are reluctant to speak out for fear of being treated differently; ombudsmen are their eyes and ears. Congress designed this program to make it a community program where community members go into these homes to make sure people are taken care of. Brochures available on the information table explain the program, which exists in every county of the state, and has a 24-hour toll-free phone. For members interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, there is a flyer with more information about how to become a volunteer. He urged members to please consider how they can help the department and help our residents.

Sarah Lubeman emphasized that volunteer ombudsmen make such a difference, and there are many volunteer opportunities working with the Department of Aging. Members can contact their local Area Office of Aging regarding health insurance advocacy and other programs, such as HICAP volunteers and counselors. HICAP is another vitally important program that unlocks the mystery of Medicare and is a free service to anyone who calls. Volunteers explain what insurance programs are and how they work for Medicare and health related services -- they desperately need volunteers to talk with people one-on-one or by phone and go over their confusion about Medicare and what plans are best for them. Volunteers must be detail-oriented people who can commit to two years because it is 40-hour training. After training, HICAP volunteers shadow a counselor to continue learning. There was information on the back table explaining programs and one that gives contact numbers by county. There is an 800 number which is a vital link to all things aging: 1-800-510-2020. Call that number with any questions about programs on aging

17F. Proposed Reconsiderations and Amendments to Governing Rules

17F(1) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 2.04 Membership Rights

Marilyn Ferrasci explained there were beneficiary members who wanted to be active members, and the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee found in discussion with attorneys that this was the only way we could do it. Beneficiary members can only be chapter secretaries, secretary-treasurers, or membership chairs. .

RETBD 20/11/2 MOTION: Marxen, second by Behrens – that the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board approve the proposed amendment adding (c) Active Beneficiary Members to Section 2.04 of the Governing Rules, as follows:

Beneficiary members may petition the Corporation to become an Active Beneficiary Member at any time. Active Beneficiary

Members cannot revert back to a Beneficiary Member. Dues for an Active Beneficiary Member shall be the same as an Active Member. Active Beneficiary Members cannot run or vote for an Officer or Delegate of a Chapter, the Corporation or the Association. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer or Chapter Secretary/Treasurer or Membership Chair, a Chapter President can appoint an Active Beneficiary Member to that office. If in error an Active Beneficiary Member votes for an Officer or Delegate that vote is null and void. Active Beneficiary Members can vote on approval of Chapter minutes, Treasurer's report and other Chapter business.

CARRIED (roll call vote was unanimously in favor: Marxen, Evans, Hernandez, Lease, Sears, Behrens, Waggoner and Rose).

17F(2) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 14.00 Chapter Grants

RETBD 21/11/2 MOTION: Marxen, second by Waggoner - that the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board approve the proposed amendments to Governing Rules Sections 14.01, 14.03, 14.04 and 14.07 under Section 14.00 Chapter Grants, as follows:

14.01 Chapter Grant Funds

The Corporate Chapter Grant Fund is established to assist chapters that require additional funding. The amount of a chapter grant will depend upon substantiated need and availability of funds. The amount awarded per chapter shall not exceed the amount established by the Board for each fiscal year.

14.03 Procedure for Requesting a Grant

(f) Applications shall be sent to corporate office no less than three weeks prior to a Board meeting. The application and accompanying documents shall be forwarded to the committee for review no less than two weeks prior to the Board meeting at which the grant is to be considered.

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 who will 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 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.

14.07 Scholarship Grants

(e) Chapters may offer scholarships not to exceed \$599 per scholarship per fiscal year.

CARRIED (roll call vote was unanimously in favor: Marxen, Evans, Hernandez, Lease, Sears, Behrens, Waggoner and Rose).

17F(3) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 17.17 (formerly 17.18) Filling of Vacancies--Chapter Officers, Delegate Assembly and General Council Delegates

Ms. Ferrasci explained that there is language elsewhere in the rules regarding how to fill a delegate vacancy.

RETBD 22/11/2 MOTION: Marxen, second by Lease - that the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board approve the proposed amendments to Governing Rules Section 17.17 (formerly 17.18) under Section 17.00 Chapter Elections, as follows:

17.17 Filling of Vacancies—Chapter Officers, Delegate Assembly and General Council Delegates

The chapter bylaws shall provide a method for filling vacancies in chapter offices and in its delegation to the Delegate Assembly and General Council. If a vacancy occurs in the office of chapter President, the Vice President shall become the President. The President shall appoint a chapter member to the office of Vice President subject to confirmation by the chapter members at the next scheduled meeting.

Should any other elected or appointed office become vacant, the President has the authority to appoint a chapter member to the vacant position subject to confirmation by the chapter members at the next scheduled meeting.

If more than one person is interested in filling the vacated office, the President may call for an election at the next scheduled meeting, providing information has been included in the meeting notice.

CARRIED (roll call vote was unanimously in favor: Marxen, Evans, Hernandez, Lease, Sears, Behrens, Waggoner and Rose).

17F(4) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 13.01 Finance Committee

Ms. Ferrasci reported that this section is all new language to give the Finance Committee needed flexibility in investing corporate funds. Harold Rose explained that investments in certificates of deposit are no longer viable, and the board will have to come up with a plan each year, moving past what we are currently allowed to do.

RETBD 23/11/2 MOTION: Marxen, second by Rose – the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board approve the proposed amendments to Governing Rules Section 13.01 Finance Committee, as follows:

(j) Prepare a corporate investment plan each year for adoption by the Board of Directors within the parameters of the corporate investment policy.

(k) Ensure that corporate investments will not be used to: (1) borrow for investment purposes (leverage); (2) invest in any instrument which is commonly considered a “derivative” investment (e.g. options, futures, swaps, caps, floors and collars); (3) contract to sell securities not acquired in order to purchase other securities for purposes of speculating on development or trends to the market; (4) invest in more than \$150,000 in commercial paper.

(l) Investments in securities shall be by rules established by the Board. Any approved investments shall be determined in executive session.

CARRIED (roll call vote was unanimously in favor: Marxen, Evans, Hernandez, Lease, Sears, Behrens, Waggoner and Rose).

17G. Proposed Reconsiderations and Amendments to Bylaws

17G(1) Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly -- Bylaws Article III, Section 2, Qualification for Membership

RETBD 24/11/2 MOTION: Marxen, second by Lease – that the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board submit the resolution entitled Bylaws Article III, Section 2, Qualification for Membership, to Delegate Assembly as printed.
CARRIED.

Donna Hernandez noted that there are some couples where both retired from state service, but one receives a warrant from PERS while the other took a lump-sum pension payout -- she would like to eliminate the requirement that active members receive a PERS warrant.

17G(2) Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly -- Bylaws Article IX, Section 2, Delegate Assembly

President Marxen noted that a previous resolution approved by the board in August 2010 would make the ratio one delegate for each 200 members. As there is a separate

resolution to make the ratio one delegate for each 250 members, the resolution passed in August 2010 does not need to be reconsidered.

RETBD 25/11/2 MOTION: Marxen, second by Waggoner – that the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board submit the resolution entitled Bylaws Article IX, Section 2, Delegate Assembly, to Delegate Assembly as printed in agenda item 17G(2) revised. CARRIED.

17G(3) Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly -- Bylaws Article XXI, Section 2, Parliamentary Authority

RETBD 26/11/2 MOTION: Marxen, second by Lease – that the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board submit the resolution entitled Bylaws Article XXI, Section 2, Parliamentary Authority, to Delegate Assembly as printed. CARRIED.

17G(4) Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly -- Bylaws Article X, Finance, Section 5, Investment of Corporate Funds

Ms. Ferrasci noted that the proposed resolution goes along with the changes made in the rules regarding investigating other investments.

RETBD 27/11/2 MOTION: Marxen, second by Lease – that the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board submit the resolution entitled Bylaws Article X, Finance, Section 5, Investment of Corporate Funds, to Delegate Assembly as printed. CARRIED.

17G(5) Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly – Bylaws Article I, Name and Principal Office, Section 1, Name

RETBD 28/11/2 MOTION: Marxen, second by Behrens – that CSEA Retirees, Inc. change its name legally to California State Retirees (CSR) and that the CSEA Retirees, Inc. Board submit the resolution entitled Bylaws Article I, Name and Principal Office, Section 1, Name, to Delegate Assembly as printed. CARRIED.

Ms. Ferrasci noted that language will probably be added at Delegate Assembly to provide “and that staff be instructed to change the name wherever it occurs.” Dr. Sherwood explained that we have reserved the name with the Secretary of State and the domain name in three different versions, and we understand that new Articles of Incorporation will have to be filed.

17G(6) Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly – Bylaws Article IX, Section 3, Delegate Assembly

A motion to submit a resolution to Delegate Assembly to change the delegate ratio from 1/100 to 1/250, with no chapter having less than three delegates, was defeated. It was the consensus that changing from 1/100 to 1/200 was bold enough, and there is already

a resolution to that effect which the board passed in August 2010.

17H. Membership Report and Drawing – Terrence Conklin

Terrance Conklin gave a presentation on the current membership count. Membership is currently 31,453 and has been staying even because for the past few months new members have equaled deceased members. We have approximately 2,000 members we have no contact information on, bad addresses and bad phone numbers – these members are not receiving the *State Retiree* or anything else. Winners of \$50 awards in the recruiters drawing were Bob Goldman, Chapter 10; Ceil Anderson, Chapter 20; Gloria Milling, Chapter 3; Olivia Leon, Chapter 10; Gene Waggoner, Chapter 6 and Velma Sims, Chapter 21.

17I. Removal of Chapter Delegates from 2011 Delegate Assembly

RETBD 29/11/2 MOTION: Evans, second by Sears – that agenda item 17I – Removal of Chapter Delegates from 2011 Delegate Assembly, be referred to the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee, along with the legal opinion from staff, to prepare proposed language.
CARRIED.

17J. Report on April 30, 2011 CSEA Board of Directors Meeting

President Marxen, Susan Sears and Jerry Evans attended the April 30, 2011 meeting of the CSEA Board of Directors; a copy of the agenda was included in the backup material.

Mr. Marxen noted that board meetings used to have a bigger audience – now there are only about ten people other than those concerned with specific items. Most business is being conducted by affiliates in their meetings. The big issue at the April 30 meeting was whether funding should continue for the Women's Committee and Human Resources Committee, and they did get funded. Harold Rose noted that one of the things that makes CSEA Board meetings go so fast is the consent calendar.

Susan Sears reported that the board also considered the history project, which has been discussed earlier. There will be workshop discussions on how to restructure CSEA itself, a series of five meetings over the summer with two representatives from each affiliate – there will be more information to share with members, probably at the November board meeting.

17K. CSEA Board Committee Reports

17K(1) Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Committee

As Marilyn Ferrasci had to leave the meeting, there was no report from the B&P Committee.

18K(2) Member Benefits Committee

Caryl Cole reported that Member Benefits Committee had two meetings, a regular meeting on March 19 and a special meeting on April 29 to approve the Anthem Life proposal, to avoid an insurance lapse in November. In the March 19 meeting there was a motion recommending to the CSEA Retirees Board that they confer with PERS staff to consider payroll deduction for the Purchasing Power Program, where members can buy things on time with payroll deductions. Active employees have the program through the State Controller's Office, but PERS does not allow such deductions. President Marxen suggested the board can consider it in future meetings.

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

Beverly Waller-Wharton reported that planning for the Women's Conference is coming along so well the committee was able to cancel a meeting scheduled for the day before Mother's Day. The conference theme is "Embracing our Past and Envisioning our Future." The art work, gift bags and posters have been approved. Event sponsors and vendors are being firmed up and workshop speakers are being confirmed. Sarah Granger will be the keynote speaker on women and the media, and Gus Lease will sing the national anthem. Affiliates are being asked to sponsor the conference at various levels. Costs for the conference, which will be held on October 7-8 in Manhattan Beach, are \$125 for the conference and \$109 for the hotel. Information should be coming out to members soon, and the committee also hopes to have the information online. The committee's next meeting is June 4, 2011.

17L. Federal Activities (CalPERS Federal Lobbyist's Written Report)

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

16L. Unscheduled Items

There were no unscheduled items.

Donna Snodgrass reported that during the meeting the CSEA Foundation raised \$210 on the drawing and received \$3,000 in chapter contributions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Roger Marxen
President

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CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 5

Title: Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2011 California State Retirees Board Meeting

Action

Presented by: Roger Marxen

Recommended Action: That the California State Retirees Board approve the minutes of the May 13, 2011 California State Retirees Board Meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 6

Title: President's Report of Activities

Information:

Presented by: Roger Marxen, President, District E

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from August 2011 through October 2011.

Aug 11	Attended SCORE Meeting - Sacramento
Aug 11-20	Attended various committee meetings, Workshops and Delegate Assembly - Orange
Aug 22	Attended a political rally for Governor Brown - Sacramento
Aug 24	Attended a meeting of the 4 Affiliate Presidents and a CSEA Board Workshop
Aug 25	Attended CSEA Board Meeting
Sept 6	Attended meeting with CSEA General Manager
Sept 12	Attended SCORE meeting
Sept 19	Attended Chapter 2 luncheon
Sept 21	Attended UAW Bargaining session
Sept 22	Attended CSEA Board Workshop
Sept 30	Press Conference held regarding our name change to California State Retirees. Accepted a joint Resolution signed by Senate pro Tem Darrell Steinberg and Assemblyman Roger Dickinson honoring the occasion.
Sept 23	Attended CSEA Board Meeting
Oct 1	Attended Chapter 2 meeting

Oct 6	Attended UAW Bargaining session
Oct 12-14	Attended various committee meetings and CSR Special Board meeting
Oct 17	Attended SCORE meeting
Oct 18	Attended Chapter 15 Meeting - Rocklin
Oct 26	Attended Chapter 165 Meeting - Sacramento

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 7

Title: Report on November 3, 2011 Executive Board Workshop

Information

Presented by: Roger Marxen

Background: The President will report on the Executive Board Workshop that will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 2 p.m.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 8

Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Donna Hernandez, District A

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from May 5, 2011 through October 20, 2011.

May 10-14 Retirees Board meeting – Sacramento

May 16 CARA CATs Meeting – Cerritos

June 1 CSEA Retirees, Chapter 20 Meeting - Van Nuys

June 8 CSEA Retirees, Chapter 9 Meeting - La Mirada

June 9 CSEA Retirees Newspaper delivery to CalPERS Office - Orange

June 16 CSEA Retirees Chapter 4 General Meeting - Los Angeles

June 16 CSEA Retirees Newspaper delivery to CalPERS Office - Glendale

June 20 CARA CATs Meeting - Cerritos

July 1 CSEA Retirees Board Meeting - Sacramento

July 7 CSEA Retirees Newspaper delivery to CalPERS Office - Orange

July 13 CSEA Retirees Chapter 9 Meeting - La Mirada

July 18 CARA CATs Meeting - Cerritos

July 20 Furutani Breakfast Conversation on Pension Reform - Torrance

July 22	CSEA Retirees Newspaper delivery to CalPERS Office - Glendale
July 25	California Clean Money Campaign-AB1148 California Disclose Act Meeting - Culver City
July 27	LA County Federation of Labor-March and Rally in support of Grocery Store Workers - L.A.
Aug 5	CSEA Retirees Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office - Orange
Aug 10	CSEA Chapter 9 Meeting - La Mirada
Aug 11	CSEA Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office - Glendale
Aug16-19	CSEA RETIREES, Delegate Assembly - Orange
Sept 3	Tony Mendoza Labor Day picnic - Cerritos
Sept 5	Labor Day Parade and Picnic, Banning Park - Wilmington
Sept 9	CSR newspaper delivery at CalPERS Office - Orange
Sept 14	CSR Retiree Chapter 9 Meeting - La Mirada
Sept 15	CSR Retiree Chapter 4 Meeting - Los Angeles
Sept 16	East Los Angeles EDD Service Center Reunion, (Guest Speaker) - Monterey Park
Sept 19	CARA CATs Meeting - Cerritos
Sept 21	CSR Retiree Chapter 20 Meeting - Van Nuys
Sept 21	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office - Glendale
Sept 27	Ambassador Program Training - Long Beach
Oct 6	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS - Orange
Oct 7- 8	CSEA Woman's Conference - Los Angeles
Oct 12	Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee Meeting - Sacramento

Oct 13	Finance Committee Meeting – Sacramento
Oct 14	CSR Board Meeting - Sacramento
Oct 18-19	CARA Convention - Long Beach
Oct 20	CSR Retiree Chapter 4 Meeting - Los Angeles
Oct 20	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS - Glendale

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 8

Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Jerry Evans, District B

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from September 24, 2011 through October 28, 2011.

Sept 24	CSEA Board of Directors - Sacramento
Sept 25	CSEA Board of Directors - Sacramento
Oct 1	Chapter 10 Board Meeting - San Luis Obispo
Oct 12	Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee Meeting - Sacramento
Oct 13	Finance Meeting - Sacramento
Oct 14	Retirees Special Board Meeting - Sacramento
Oct 27	Chapter 10 Meeting - San Luis Obispo
Oct 28	Chapter 10 Meeting - Paso Robles

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Date November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 8

Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Gus Lease, District C

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from May 16, 2011 through October 13, 2011.

- May 16-Oct 31 Participated in all chapter meetings from May Board meeting through October: Chapters 1, 3, 21, 23 and 36
- Aug 17-19 Attended and participated in the Delegate Assembly meeting held in Orange, CA.
- Aug 22 Represented the California State Retirees and participated in the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research regarding a "Stanford Community Meeting on Pensions"
- Sept 6 Attended and participated in the Association of California State Supervisors Chapter 507 meeting
- Sept 30 Attended the Change of Name Press Conference at the Robert F. Carlson CalPERS Auditorium – Sacramento
- Oct 7-9 Attended and sang for the CSEA Women's Conference at the Los Angeles Airport Westin Hotel
- Oct 13 Attended and participated at the Finance Committee Meeting – Sacramento

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Date November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 8

Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Susan Sears, Director, District D

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from April 18, 2011 through October 8, 2011.

April 18	Chapter 13 Meeting – Redding
April 18	CSEA Board Conference Call
April 27	Chapter 14 Meeting – Chico
April 29	CSEA Board Workshop – Sacramento
April 30	CSEA Board Meeting – Sacramento
May 1	Finance Committee Workshop – Ontario
May 2	Finance Committee Meeting – Ontario
May 10	Chapter 13 Subchapter Meeting – Yreka
May 11	Leadership Development Institute - Sacramento
May 12	Grant Committee, Board Workshop – Sacramento
May 13	Retirees Board Meeting - Sacramento
May 16	Chapter 13 Meeting – Redding
May 16	Travel for Chapter 8 Meetings – Arcata
May 17	Chapter 8 Subchapter Meeting – Crescent City
May 18	Chapter 8 Meeting – Eureka

May 24	Chapter 14 Meeting – Chico
May 31	House Speaker Perez’ Dinner – Sacramento
June 1	CSEA Board Planning Session #1 – Sacramento
June 7	Chapter 14 Subchapter Meeting – Susanville
June 11	Chapter 14 Picnic – Paradise
June 14	Chapter 19 Meeting – Ukiah
June 20	Chapter 13 Meeting – Redding
July 1	Board Workshop – Sacramento
July 2	Attended Memorial Service for Ch.19 President’s husband
July 10	Retirees Board Executive Committee Meeting - Sacramento
July 11	CSEA Board Planning Session #2 – Sacramento
July 12	Chapter 13 Subchapter Meeting – Yreka
July 18	Chapter 13 Meeting – Redding
Aug 2	Chapter 14 Subchapter Meeting – Susanville
Aug 3	CSEA Board Planning Session #3 Sacramento
Aug 8	Chapter 19 Subchapter Meeting – Clearlake
Aug 9	Chapter 19 Meeting – Ukiah
Aug 15	Chapter 13 Meeting – Redding
Aug 17-19	Delegate Assembly – Anaheim
Aug 23	Chapter 14 Meeting – Chico
Aug 24	CSEA Board Planning Session #4 - Sacramento
Aug 25	CSEA Board Planning Session #5 - Sacramento
Aug 30	Chapter 8 Barbecue – Fortuna

Sept. 8-22 On Vacation

Sept.23 CSEA Board Workshop – Sacramento

Sept.24 CSEA Board Meeting – Sacramento

Sept.26 Bargaining Team Meeting – Sacramento

Sept.27 Chapter 14 Meeting – Chico

Sept 30 Press Conference for Name Change – Sacramento

Oct. 4 Chapter 14 Subchapter Meeting – Susanville

Oct. 7-8 Women’s Conference - Los Angeles

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 8

Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Tim Behrens, District F

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from May 4, 2011 through October 14, 2011.

May 4	Chapter 11 Meeting - Fresno
May 10	Meeting with CSR Executive Director - Sacramento
May 11	Leadership Training - Sacramento
May 12	CSR Committee Meetings - Sacramento
May 13	CSR Board Meeting - Sacramento
May 17	Chapter 5 Meeting - Sonora
May 18	Chapter Meeting - Merced
May 19	Chapter Meeting - Modesto
May 20	Congressman Garamendi BBQ - Angels Camp
May 23	Chapter 5 meeting - Jackson
June 3	Chapter 16 Meeting - Stockton
June 9	Chapter 35 Meeting - Porterville
June 15	Chapter 11 Meeting - Fresno
June 30	CSR Board Meeting - Sacramento
July 12	CSR Health Benefits Committee - Sacramento

July 13	Chapter 11 Meeting - Fresno
July 15-17	ACSS Board Meeting - San Jose
Aug 11	Chapter 35 Meeting - Porterville
Aug 16	Fiscal Meeting - Orange County
Aug 17-20	Delegate Assembly - Anaheim
Aug 23	Chapter 5 Meeting - Sonora
Aug 24	Chapter Meeting - Modesto
Aug 25	Chapter Meeting - Merced
Sept 8	Chapter 35 Meeting - Porterville
Oct 5	Chapter 11 Meeting - Fresno
Oct 11-14	CSR Committee Meetings and Special Board Meeting - Sacramento

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 8

Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Gene Waggoner, District G

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from May 11, 2011 through Sept. 28, 2011.

May 11 Chapter 34 Meeting – Santa Ana

May 12-13 Board Meeting - Sacramento

May 17 CARA (CATs) Meeting - Orange

May 25 Chapter 6 Meeting - Fontana

June 4 Democratic Club - Victorville

June 8 Chapter 34 Meeting – Santa Ana

June 8 Conference Call – Calif. State Retirees

June 15 Chapter 12 Meeting - Victorville

June 22 Chapter 17 Meeting – El Cajon

July 1 Retiree Board Meeting – Sacramento

July 2 Democratic Club - Victorville

July 13 Chapter 34 Meeting – Santa Ana

July 16 Conference at USC Tutor Center - Los Angeles on California
Clean Money Campaign – The California Disclose Act AB
1148 and SB 810 The California Universal Health Care Act

July 21 RPEA Meeting - Victorville

July 25	Meeting to organize support for AB 1148 Disclose Act
July 27	Chapter 6 Meeting - Fontana
Aug. 6	RPEA Meeting - Victorville
Aug 10	Chapter 34 Meeting – Santa Ana
Aug 16	Pension Truth Squad – Palm Springs
Aug 17-19	Delegate Assembly – City of Orange
Aug 24	Chapter 17 Meeting – San Diego
Aug 26	Alliance Meeting – Wrightwood (Grass roots planning for June 2012 election)
Sept 11	Conference concerning AB 1148 and the future of the Clean Money Campaign – Santa Ana
Sept 14	Chapter 34 Meeting – Santa Ana
Sept 17	California Fair Election Campaign Conference from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Culver City
Sept 27	Ambassador Program by CalPERS – Long Beach
Sept 28	CARA Board Meeting – El Monte

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date November 4, 2011

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: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 10

Title: California State Retirees Headquarters Report

Information

Presented by: Dr. Phil Sherwood

Background: Headquarters Report will be distributed at the board meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 11

Title: CalPERS Board of Administration Update

Information

Presented by: Henry Jones

Background: Henry Jones, retiree representative on the CalPERS Board, has been invited to give an update on CalPERS activities.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 12 A

Title: Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee Report

Information

Presented by: Marilyn Ferrasci

Background: The Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee met on October 12, 2011 in Sacramento. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the back table.

Chair Ferrasci will give an oral report of the meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 12 B

Title: Finance Committee Report

Information

Presented by: Harold Rose, Chair

Background: The Finance Committee met on October 13, 2011 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: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 12 C

Title: Grant Committee Report

Information

Presented by: Susan Sears, Chair

Background: The Grant Committee is scheduled to meet on November 3, 2011 in San Diego.

Chair Sears will give an oral report of the meeting.

Minutes from the August 17, 2011 meeting will be available on the back table.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 12 D

Title: Membership Committee Report

Information

Presented by: Caryl Cole, Chair

Background: The Membership Committee is scheduled to meet on November 3, 2011 in San Diego.

Chair Cole will give an oral report of the meeting.

Minutes from the August 17, 2011 meeting will be available on the back table.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 13

Title: What's on Your Mind?

Information

Presented by: Roger Marxen

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: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 14 A

Title: 2012 California State Retirees Board Meeting Dates and Locations

Information

Presented by: Roger Marxen

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

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>
February 22 – 24, 2012	The Westin San Francisco Airport 1 Old Bayshore Highway Millbrae, CA 94030 (650) 692-3500
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 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: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 14 B

Title: Proposal to purchase a new Headquarters building

Action

Presented by: Roger Marxen

Background: Proposal to purchase the building located at 2512 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 14 C

Title: Proposal to amend 2011 and 2012 budgets.

Action

Presented by: Harold Rose

Background: Proposal to amend the 2011 and 2012 budgets.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 A

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

Information

Presented by: Caryl Cole, Chair

Background: The Presidents' Forum is scheduled to meet on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 1 p.m. in conjunction with the November California State Retirees' Board workshop. Attached are the tentative agenda and a copy of the May 12, 2011 minutes.

Attachment

AGENDA

PRESIDENTS' FORUM CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES November 3, 2011 1:00 pm

**Doubletree Mission Valley/San Diego
7450 Hazard Center Drive
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 297-5466**

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 substituting for a Chapter President or are a new Chapter President, please state your name, clearly for the Secretary.

Caryl Cole, Chair
Fritz Walgenbach, Vice Chair
Beverly Waller-Wharton, Secretary

001 Shirley Borden	002 Fritz Walgenbach	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 (interim)
014 Doris Lithgow	015 Cynthia Garey	016 Jean Laosantos
017 Pearl Pacheco	019 Jo Ann Harmon	020 Ceil Anderson
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 May 12, 2011
4. Remarks of the Chair
5. Approval of Agenda (addition of unscheduled items)
6. CFO Harold Rose Report

7. Chapter Presidents' Reports – please limit to 3 minutes each
 - Chapter Financial Reports current
 - Membership Reports
 - Membership/Recruitment
8. Old Business –
 - a. comments on Delegate Assembly last August
 - b. TEC's are being scanned and mailed back to us so no need to send 2 copies
 - c. safer method of payment for Board Meetings & General Council
 1. Don't use credit/debit card except for hotel bill
 2. Charge everything to your room to avoid using credit card
 3. Don't carry large amounts of cash
9. New Business
 - A. Parliamentary Procedures – Marilyn Ferrasci
 - B. Comments on Hotel and meal costs at hotels; possible Embassy Suites:
 - C. complimentary breakfast, managers reception in evening – vote/motion
 - D. Drawing for Laptop
10. Adjourn -

PRESIDENTS' FORUM

May 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cole who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call. Chapter Presidents/Designees: 1. Borden; 2. Espinoza*; 3. McDonnell; 4. Watson; 5. McCabe; 6. Stoddard; 8. Moranda*; 9. Fitzgerald; 10. Martinez; 11. Truesdale; 12. Cole; 13. Schlotter; 14. Lithgow; 15. Kawai*; 16. Laosantos; 17. Pacheco; 19. Harmon; 20. Anderson; 21. Lenhoff; 23. Waller-Wharton; 31. Laverentz; 34. Hayden*; 35. Harvey*; 36. Hollibaugh; 165. Greening.
*Designee

Minutes. Minutes were approved as printed.

Chair's Remarks. Chair Cole commented on problems with chapter reports from Headquarters and asked chapters if they had received the Board agenda by U.S. Mail and the email with the corrections. She reminded presidents that chapter reports must be submitted in a timely manner.

Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as printed. Chair Cole reminded chapter presidents to notify her of items for the agenda in advance as well as any changes of presidents.

CFO Rose Report. Because Harold Rose was in another meeting, there was no report.

Chapter Presidents' Reports. 1. Looking for 4 delegate replacements and a new secretary. Dr. Sherwood will speak at the June meeting. Still trying to get a subchapter going with a meeting held last fall and another planned after the Delegate Assembly and Sept. chapter meeting. 2. Will hold election in June to fill delegate vacancies. Twenty members are running for 10 vacancies. 3. Has a new Communications chair and issued an email blast urging members to vote for Donna Snodgrass for the PERS Board. They are working on developing a chapter website. Held a CARA training and demonstrated with CARA to save Social Security and passed out CSEA Retiree membership information. 4. JJ asked Pres. Watson to come forward and he presented her with a gavel used by Gaylord Cornwell, Chapter 4's first president, in 1931. Henry Jones will speak at next meeting. Donna Hernandez has been a big help and has made her feel happy to be president. The chapter's new treasurer and Max Turchen have known each other since 1955. 5. Pres. McCabe sat in for Behrens at the last Board meeting. Requests for delegates resulted in 9 candidates for the election in May. Three subchapter meetings: Modesto, lone, and first meeting for Los Banos on May 26 and now looking for new places to hold meetings in Modesto. VP Snodgrass was speaker at last Modesto meeting. Attended Mayor's meeting and had meeting with Cannella's new aide. 6. After no meeting for a long time in Palm Springs, 34 people came and Pres. Stoddard thanked those who set it up. Seven new people came to the chapter meeting with Dr. Sherwood and VP Snodgrass as speakers. Had hoped for a few more, however, the newsletter did not arrive until just two days before the meeting. An evening meeting on Long-Term Care with Henry Jones and Clarence Allan from CalPERS for all public employees and left flyers at every agency was set up but only 30 people attended. 8. Since the secretary's resignation, the chapter has been going through reorganization. A new subchapter VP is revitalizing the area. A phone tree has been set up and agendas for the remainder of the year are planned. 9. No volunteers have come forward to replace Donna Hernandez. One member requested to be put on the Membership Committee. They are looking forward

to the Delegate Assembly. One chapter officer was moved to another chapter and they want him back. **10.** All delegates have been elected and chapter received a grant to hold meetings in the north county. Five attended the first meeting, then 10, but will try again. Good information was given at the Membership meeting. **11.** Going through reorganization. Tim Behrens gave Board updates at the May 4th meeting. All delegates are in place and the chapter is setting goals. **13.** Moving along with new members and they have all their delegates plus one alternate. The Chapter Spotlight in the May *Retiree* features Chapter 13 and all its activities. **14.** They have visited every chapter in their district and all have similar problems with low attendance at their chapter meetings. Letters were sent to everyone on the membership list which resulted in some new people attending who are willing to be involved. A delegate election will be held in May. Rose and Sherwood spoke at their last meeting. **15.** All future meetings have been cancelled until a new president is elected and they are "beating the bushes" for delegates and officer candidates. Had 4 names each for officer and delegate vacancies, but two said they cannot run when called to verify their interest, so they are still looking for delegates. **17.** Members enjoyed hearing Dr. Sherwood. They participated in the CARA march. Three new members joined in Feb. and one in April. Will hold elections in Aug. for delegates (have 4 and need 2 alternates). Have a replacement for secretary. **19.** Marilyn Ferrasci addressed questions at the May meeting regarding the Delegate Assembly. The chapter is running smoothly and all chapter offices are filled. Two interest phone calls resulted from letters sent to two newspapers regarding public pensions and the fact that the general public does not understand that the wrong people are being blamed. (Chair Cole commented that a letter from her triggered a call from the John Birch Society.) **20.** Pres. Wilson has resigned due to health problems. VP position also vacant and Secretary is on vacation. Meetings have been changed to 3rd Wed of the month in Sept. Chapter voted to give a donation to the Foundation and \$500 to the Alzheimer's Assoc. JJ will speak at the June meeting and the Fel-Tones will provide entertainment. **21.** Had a speaker on Life-Long Learning. Dr. Sherwood will be June speaker. Need more delegates and have 4 who are interested. **23.** The Westmont Senior Living Center's manager spoke about options when the time comes to give up living in one's home and downsizing at Feb. meeting. April's speaker was VP Snodgrass. Pres. thanked Chapter VP Martinez for taking charge of the April meeting after Pres. totaled her car on the way to the meeting. Election for delegate replacements will take place at June meeting. The Director of Heart of the Valley, Services for Seniors, will be June meeting speaker. The chapter is considering more luncheon meeting to increase attendance. **31.** VPs Jerry Evans and Snodgrass were April meeting speakers. Dr. Sherwood will speak at the June meeting. **34.** Visited 3 legislators. Community projects are boxes to Afghanistan vets and high school scholarships. They have a successful newsletter, but many returned due to bad addresses. **35.** Chapter meeting was today with election for new delegates and alternates. Chapter continues food drive donations to 4 groups they support. Cost of lunch at meetings is \$2 plus a canned good for charity food donation. Attendance usually is 35. They are disappointed in their State Assembly representative who has turned against public employees. **36.** VP Snodgrass and 5 new members were at last meeting. Dr. Sherwood will speak in June. For Donna's election to the PERS Board, did a phone tree. Need no new delegates. With a Big SIR a Chapter 35 member, the chapter has picked up a number of new members through SIRS. The Chapter is looking at Meals on Wheels as its community project. **165.** Eleven new members attended the last two meetings. Chapter delegates will take a chartered bus to the

Assembly, leaving on 8/17 and returning on 8/20 and there is room for delegates from other chapters. JJ spoke at last meeting on PERS solvency and answered questions. Members are expressing concern that Retirees are not addressing attacks on retiree pensions and benefits. Chapter is giving out reusable grocery bags.

Membership Reports/Recruitment. An apology was made for the lack of information about the membership reports. A meeting of the Membership Committee was announced for the morning of the day delegates will arrive for the Assembly, Wednesday, August 17, at 10:00 am. Presidents were reminded to send in their financial reports in a timely manner.

Bill Fawx, Chapter 15, requested a personal privilege to speak about the forming of the Presidents' Forum which gave chapter presidents a means to have their concerns and anxieties heard. When first proposed, two members of the Retiree Board were hostile to the idea before it was formally approved and formed.

Delegate Assembly Resolutions. Marilyn Ferrasci, in her presentation, asked presidents to consider what they want to change in the Retiree Bylaws. Changes to the Governing Rules, she noted, can be made only by the Board. When writing a resolution, you must sell the idea through the "Whereas" clauses which explain why the change is necessary. Those clauses should also convince other delegates that it is a good idea. Section 7 of the Governing Rules is a sample of a format for a resolution. New language must be underlined and language to be eliminated must be crossed out. She outlined how to download the PDF file on the Governing Rules and Bylaws to a disk, convert it to Word, and print the Bylaws to make changes. Lobbying the Board is another step. Problems with regard to delegates from out-of-state and as well as local delegates who never attend meetings and are not well-informed were brought up. Marilyn noted that there is a provision in the Bylaws to remove delegates who do not attend meetings, but only the Board has the power to remove them. The Bylaws Committee will look at the Rules that are so broad that the language has no meaning and therefore does not work. She recommended writing languages to remove delegates and that maybe CSEA's Bylaws also need to be changed. If chapters can afford it, she recommended sending a second alternate delegate. She urged delegates to look carefully at the resolutions the Board will be sending, particularly the resolution to change the delegate count. Prior to the convening of the Assembly there will be discussions about the resolutions. A suggestion was made that a class on Parliamentary Procedures be given at the Delegate Assembly, but it was noted that the program has been set and is not changeable.

Pension/Benefit Attacks. Related to concerns expressed by President Greening in her chapter report, it was **M/S/C (Greening/Laverentz) unanimously** that the Presidents' Forum recommends to the CSEA Retiree Board that CSEA Retirees, Inc. take a proactive approach through appropriate media to rebut the attacks on state employees/retirees and their pensions and health benefits.
M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Waller-Wharton
Presidents' Forum Secretary

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 B (1)

Title: Proposed Changes to Governing Rules and Bylaws of the Corporate name

Action

Presented by: Marilyn Ferrasci

Recommended Action: That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of the motion that the President directs the Executive Director to have staff make the following changes to the Bylaws and Governing Rules—changing CSEA Retirees, Inc. to California State Retirees. (For a list of these changes, please refer to the minutes from the October 12, 2011 Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee-the minutes will be on the back table).

Background: Delegates to the August 19, 2011 Retirees Delegate Assembly approved the Corporation's name change from CSEA Retirees, Inc. to California State Retirees. CSEA Retirees, Inc. needs to be changed to California State Retirees wherever it appears in the Bylaws and Governing Rules.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 B (2)

Title: Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 4.07
Board Member

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 (l) to Section 4.07 of the Governing Rules.

Background: The Corporate President and Chief Financial Officer/Secretary work almost full time for the organization. The Governing Rules allow for stipends to be paid to Chapter officers but makes no allowance for Board members. Therefore the amendment to 4.07 allows the Corporation Board members to allocate a stipend to these two officers.

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:

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

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 B (3)

Title: Proposed Amendments to Governing Rule Sections 6.01 Officers to the CSEA Board and 6.03 Board Members.

Action

Presented by: Marilyn Ferrasci

Recommended Action: That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of the proposed amendment to Sections 6.01 (b) and 6.03 (e) of the Governing Rules

Background: Amending this section clarifies the policy that a Board member may self-nominate and a nomination from a Board member is not required in order for a Board member to run for President, Executive Vice President and Vice President. 6.03 (e) amends the Candidate Consent Form Statement to reflect this change.

6.00 ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

6.01 Officers to the CSEA Board

- (b) The nominations for President, Executive Vice President and Vice President shall be made ~~by Board members~~ upon submission of a consent to run form. One form may be submitted for all offices to which a person wishes to run. The nominations for the office of Chief Financial Officer/Secretary may be made by Board members or Chapter Presidents.

6.03(e)Candidate Consent Form Statement

The written statement of consent should be in substantially the following form and signed by the candidate:

CANDIDATE CONSENT STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

I _____, self-nominate and consent to be a candidate for the office(s) of _____.

Name: _____ Chapter No: Last 4 SS# or Member ID #

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No: _____ E-mail: _____

Candidates may submit a brief, factual, biographical statement of no more than 200 words regarding their qualifications. Such biographical statements must be received in Corporate Office by November 15 to be distributed with the ballot. Specifics on candidate statements will be provided to candidates upon nomination acceptance. The contents of these statements must be in accordance with approved guidelines.

If my eligibility is verified, I hereby affirm my willingness to be a candidate and to serve if elected-; and I affirm my willingness to serve by (1) Attending Chapter and Chapter Executive Board meetings unless excused by the chapter president, (2) Abiding by the Bylaws and Governing Rules of California State Retirees (CSR) as well as the CSEA Bylaws and Policies, (3) Attending sessions of the Delegate Assembly and General Council unless excused by the Corporate President. I understand failure to abide by these provisions will result in my removal from office.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 B (4)

Title: Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 7.00
Delegate Assembly

Action

Presented by: Marilyn Ferrasci

Recommended Action: That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board approval of the proposed amendments to Section 7.00 of the Governing Rules and the remaining sections to be renumbered.

Background: Amending this section aligns current practice with the Governing Rules.

7.00 Delegate Assembly

7.01 Delegate Assembly

The President with concurrence of the Board of Directors shall determine the date, time and place of a Delegate Assembly.

~~7.01~~ 7.02 Delegates

Delegates and alternates shall have their current dues paid prior to being seated as delegates to the Delegate Assembly. Delegates to the Delegate Assembly shall have the right to vote on all matters coming before the Delegate Assembly.

~~7.02~~ 7.03 Delegate Folder

The delegate folder shall include at least the following:

- (a) a current copy of the Bylaws and Governing Rules;
- (b) a section describing the action on all resolutions not rejected by the previous Delegate Assembly;
- (c) a section reporting on the status of significant legislation before the ~~current~~ legislature;

(d) a section containing the report of the Chief Financial Officer/Secretary; including a copy of the proposed budget in resolution formant and a current financial statement. This should be sent no later than 30 days prior to the opening session of the Delegate Assembly;

(e) a section containing a list of all members of the Delegate Assembly;

~~(f) a section containing Delegate Assembly committee reports;~~

(f) a section containing reports of the Board of Directors standing committee reports;

(g) a section containing resolutions before the ~~current~~ Delegate Assembly; and

(h) a section containing rules from the preceding Delegate Assembly; ~~and/or proposed amendments to the rules.;~~

(i) an agenda for the Delegate Assembly;

(j) a copy of the Delegate Oath of Office: As a delegate to the California State Retirees Delegate Assembly, I do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties as a Delegate Assembly delegate, the office of which I have been elected, the Rules of the Delegate Assembly and the Bylaws and Governing Rules of the California State Retirees, as well as the policies and bylaws of the California State Employees Association; and

(k) Reports of the officers.

~~7.03 Delegate Rights~~

~~Delegates to the Delegate Assembly shall have the right to vote on all matters coming before the Delegate Assembly.~~

~~7.04 Reports~~

Delete this section, no longer needed.

7.06 Committees of the Delegate Assembly

~~If deemed necessary or appropriate, t~~The President may establish augment any or all of the following committees—when they are hearing proposed resolutions prior to the opening session of the Delegate Assembly.

(a) Subject Committees

Bylaws
~~Fiscal~~ Finance
Benefits

Only those committees having resolutions shall meet one day prior to the opening of the Delegate Assembly for resolution hearings.

(b) Procedural Committees

Arrangements	Rules
Courtesy	Sergeant-at-arms
Credentials	
Resolutions Screening	

7.07 Order of Business

The first order of business for the Delegate Assembly shall be the business of the Corporation. Any activities not related to the business of the Corporation shall be held after the business meeting of the Delegate Assembly.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 C (1)

Title: Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly Bylaws
Article III, Section 2 Qualification for Membership.

Action

Presented by: Marilyn Ferrasci

Recommended Action: That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board that they submit the proposed resolution to the delegates at the next Delegate Assembly.

Background:

WHEREAS: (1) The definition of membership was changed to allow any retired state employee whether or not they were represented by CSEA, and

WHEREAS: (2) Bylaws Article III, Section 2 A is not in conflict with that action; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article III, Section 2 A, be amended as follows:

Section 2. Qualification for Membership. Any adult individual dedicated to the purpose of this Corporation and qualified for membership in one of the following classes may be admitted to membership in such class on compliance with the procedures set forth in this Article. The qualifications for the respective classes of membership shall be as follows:

- A. Active Members. Active members are persons who retired from state service under provisions of a public retirement system and who continue to be retired from state service and who are receiving a monthly warrant from PERS ~~(or from STRS if the retiree was considered a state employee, and was covered under one of CSEA's bargaining units, and was given a choice between taking a PERS or a STRS pension).~~

ESTIMATED COST: None

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 C (2)

Title: Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly Bylaws
Article IX, Delegate Assembly, Sections 1 and 2.

Action

Presented by: Marilyn Ferrasci

Recommended Action: That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board that they submit the proposed resolution to the delegates at the next Delegate Assembly.

Background: There is no definition of when a delegate assembly is called, how often they can meet and who has the authority to determine the date, time and place of the Delegate Assembly.

WHEREAS: (1) There is no definition of how a delegate assembly is determined, and

WHEREAS: (2) Should the need arise, the President should have authority to call a delegate assembly as needed, but no less than every three years, and

WHEREAS: (3) The President should have the authority to make the determination; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article IX Sections 1 and 2 be added as follows:

Article IX Delegate Assembly

Section 1. Delegate Assembly. The President shall call a meeting of the Delegate Assembly as needed, but no less than once every three years. The date, time and place of such meeting shall be determined by the President with concurrence by the Board.

Section 2. Business. A Delegate Assembly is held for the purpose of doing the business of the corporation. Any activities not related to the business of the Corporation shall be held after the business meeting of the Delegate Assembly.

And be it further;

RESOLVED: (b) That all remaining sections to be renumbered.

ESTIMATED COST: No additional costs unless a delegate assembly is called.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 C (3)

Title: Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly Bylaws Article IX, Delegate Assembly, Section 9 Resolutions, B. Prior Notice. (Section to be renumbered provided other resolutions pass).

Action

Presented by: Marilyn Ferrasci

Recommended Action: That the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee recommends to the Board that they submit the proposed resolution to the delegates at the next Delegate Assembly.

Background: It is more convenient for some delegates to send proposed resolutions to Headquarters by electronic means but the current language in the Bylaws does not permit such action. Resolutions are sent to Headquarters office and then referred to the Resolutions Review Committee rather than to the CFO. The language in the Bylaws needs to be changed to reflect these needs.

WHEREAS: (1) Bylaws Article Section 9 B does not reflect the current availability of electronic means for sending resolutions, and

WHEREAS: (2) The resolutions go to Headquarters and then are referred to the Resolutions Review Committee and are not usually reviewed by the CFO, now therefore be it;

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article IX, Section 9 B be amended as follows:

Article IX Delegate Assembly

Section 9. Resolutions.

B. Prior Notice. Proposals that require Delegate Assembly action resolutions must be submitted in writing, or by electronic means, to the Corporation ~~Chief Financial Officer/Secretary~~ at least 60 days before the time set for the meeting at which proposals are to be considered. The Board may determine, in its discretion, when and on what conditions to waive the advance notice requirement to permit consideration of matters deemed urgent.

ESTIMATED COST: None

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 C (4)

Title: Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly Bylaws
Article X, Finance, Section 2 The Budget, A. Adoption.

Action

Presented by: Harold Rose

Recommended Action: That the Finance Committee recommends to the Board that they submit the proposed resolution to the delegates at the next Delegate Assembly.

Background:

WHEREAS: (1) The budget, which shall be in the form of a resolution, should be presented to the Delegate Assembly for amendments and approval, and

WHEREAS: (2) A meeting should held at the same time as all other committees considering resolutions for the delegates to ask questions before the opening session and voting on the budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article X, Section 2 A be amended as follows:

Article X Finance

Section 2. The Budget.

A. Adoption. The Corporation's fiscal affairs shall be managed pursuant to the three-year budget approved by the Delegate Assembly. At least 30 days prior to ~~each triennial meeting of~~ consideration of the budget at the Delegate Assembly, the Board of Directors shall mail to each Delegate, in the form of a resolution, a budget for the next three fiscal years. The Delegate Assembly may make amendments to the proposed budget.

ESTIMATED COST: None

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 C (5)

Title: Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly Bylaws Article X, Finance, Section 5 Investment of Corporate Funds.

Action

Presented by: Harold Rose

Recommended Action: That the Finance Committee recommends to the Board that they submit the proposed resolution to the delegates at the next Delegate Assembly.

Background: The Corporation needs to expand our investment program for the benefit of all members of California State Retirees by increasing funds available for programs of the Corporation including political action. To enhance our programs a better investment policy needs to be used by the Corporation.

WHEREAS: (1) There is a need to be able to make investments for the corporation to increase our assets, and

WHEREAS: (2) There needs to be some flexibility in the investment of corporate funds, and

WHEREAS: (3) The Board should have a say as to how the funds are invested, and

WHEREAS: (4) There should be oversight by a committee of the members for oversight into the process; and therefore be it

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article X. Finance, Section 5 be amended to read as follows:

Article X Finance

Section 5. Investment of Corporate Funds.

Corporate funds in excess of those needed for current expenses shall be deposited in one or more accounts insured by the U.S. Government in depository institutions chartered by the U.S. Government or by the State of California, or

~~invested in securities issued by, and backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government or the State of California.~~ An Investment committee of three members consisting of the CFO and two members who are knowledgeable in investments shall be appointed by the President, with recommendations from the CFO/Secretary, to oversee the investment program. The committee shall make recommendations for investments to the Finance Committee who will make recommendations to the Board.

ESTIMATED COST: None

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 D

Title: Update on California State Retirees PAC

Information

Presented by: Dick Mesa

Background: California State Retirees PAC Committee Chair Dick Mesa will give an update on the PAC.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 E

Title: Legislative Speaker

Information

Background: Unconfirmed at printing. Senator Lou Correa (D-34), Senator Juan Vargas (D-40) and Assemblymember Toni Atkins (D-76) have been invited to be our legislative speakers.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 F

Title: Presentation on Alzheimer's

Information

Presented by: Alzheimer's Association - San Diego/Imperial Chapter

Background: The Alzheimer's Association San Diego/Imperial Chapter will be giving a presentation.

Attachment



UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE



alzheimer's  association
san diego /imperial chapter

WHAT IS DEMENTIA? ALZHEIMER'S?

- *Loss of cognitive abilities that is severe enough to interfere with everyday life*
- *Alzheimer's accounts for an estimated 60-80% of all cases of dementia*

WHAT IS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE?

- *A progressive, gradually degenerative disease of the brain that results in brain cell death*
- *Progression of the disease varies from person to person*

ALZHEIMER'S STATISTICS

- *Estimated 53,000 with AD in San Diego & Imperial Counties*
- *Approximately 100,000 family caregivers*

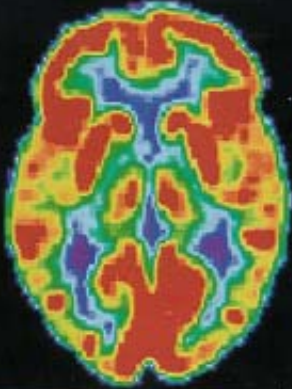


- *1 in 8 people 65+ have AD*
- *Almost 50% of those 85+ have AD*

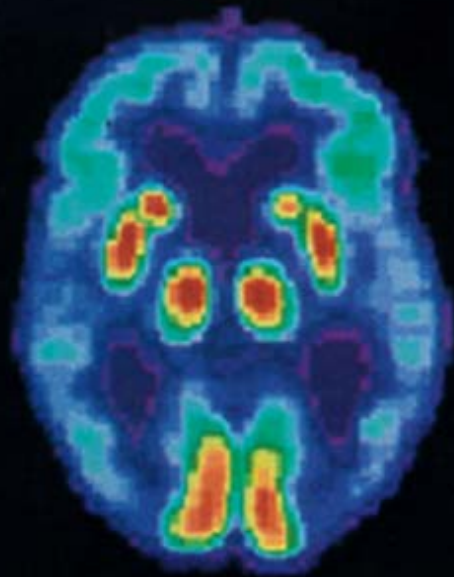
ALZHEIMER'S ON THE INCREASE

- *Alzheimer's disease is the 21st century's health epidemic*
- *1 in 8 baby boomers in America will develop Alzheimer's*
- *Every 69 seconds an American develops Alzheimer's*

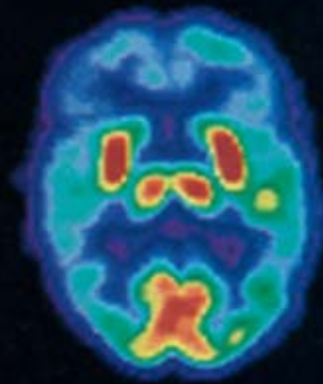
WHAT DOES ALZHEIMER'S LOOK LIKE?



Normal brain: Warm colors (red, orange, yellow) show active glucose metabolism



Late Alzheimer's brain: Prevalence of cool colors (blue, purple) shows a dramatic loss of function

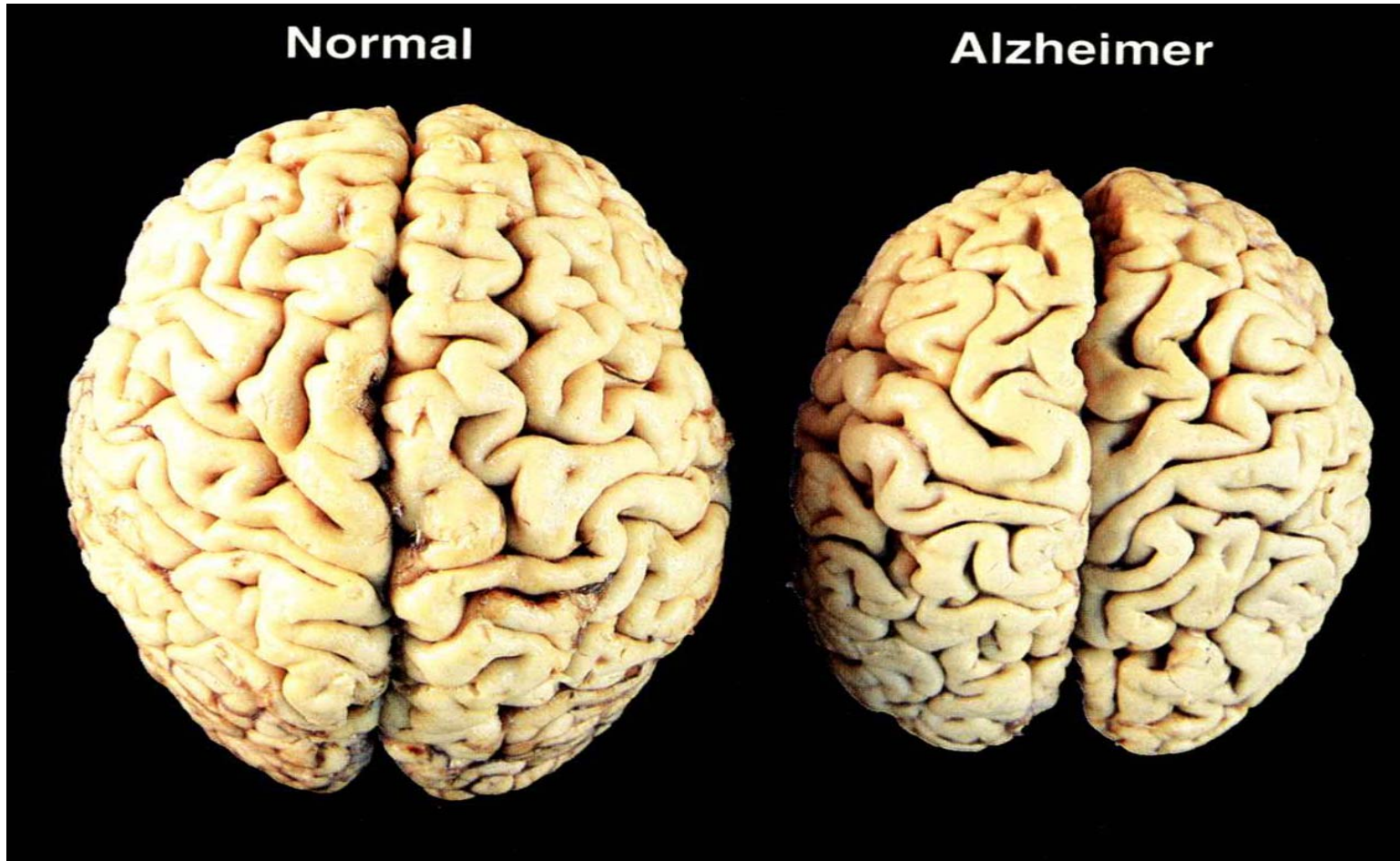


Normal infant's brain: The cool colors represent those portions that are not yet fully formed

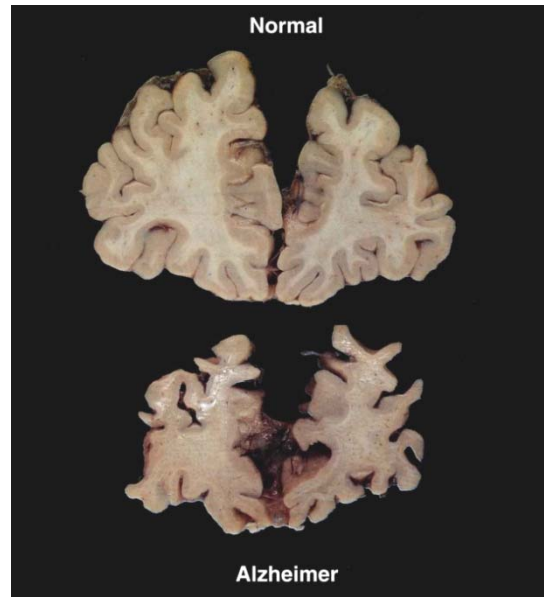
Normal
Brain

vs.

Alzheimer's
Brain



PROGRESSION OF ALZHEIMER'S



- *Progresses over a course of 3-20 years, with an average of 8*
- *Generally classified in 3 stages:*
 - Early
 - Middle
 - Late
- *Progress is unique to the individual*

10 WARNING SIGNS - IS IT ALZHEIMER'S?

1. *Memory changes that disrupt daily life*
2. *Challenges in planning or solving problems*
3. *Difficulty completing familiar tasks*
4. *Confusion with time and place*
5. *Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships*

10 WARNING SIGNS - IS IT ALZHEIMER'S?

6. *New problems with words in speaking and writing*
7. *Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps*
8. *Decreased or poor judgment*
9. *Withdrawal from work or social activities*
10. *Changes in mood and personality*

DEMENTIA-LIKE SYMPTOMS MAY BE CAUSED BY:

- *Multiple medications*
- *Depression*
- *Poor nutrition*
- *Brain tumor*
- *Hypothyroidism*
- *Hypoglycemia*
- *Dehydration*
- *Vitamin B12 deficiency*



COMMON DEMENTIAS

- *Alzheimer's Disease*
- *Vascular Dementia*
- *Dementia with Lewy Bodies*
- *Parkinson's Dementia*
- *Huntington's Disease*
- *Frontotemporal Dementia*

RISK FACTORS FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE



- *Age*
- *Family history and genes*
- *Diabetes*
- *High blood pressure*
- *Obesity*

OBTAINING A DIAGNOSIS

- *No single test*
- *Full assessment includes:*
 - Medical and psychiatric history
 - Mental status exam to evaluate thinking and memory
 - Caregiver interview
 - Lab tests and procedures to rule out other conditions
 - Neurological and physical exam

EARLY DETECTION MATTERS

- *Access to medications when most effective*
- *Participation in clinical trials*
- *Involvement in planning for the future*

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- *Learn about the effects of Alzheimer's*
- *Develop a plan of support with community resources*
- *Make plans for legal, financial, health care issues*



HOW DOES THE SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL CHAPTER HELP?

- *24 / 7 Helpline 800-272-3900*
- *Care Consultation*
- *Support Groups*
- *Education programs for families and professionals*
- *TrialMatch™*
- *MedicAlert®+Safe Return®*
- *Advocacy & Public Policy*
- *Lending Library*
- *Memories in the Making®*
- *www.sanalz.org*



- *501c3 not-for-profit organization*
- *Rely on support from individuals, service organizations and clubs, business community and foundations*
- *Provide programs and services throughout San Diego and Imperial counties*

PARTICIPATE!

- *Walk to End Alzheimer's*
- *Volunteer*
- *Become an Advocate*



Together We Can Make a Difference

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the compassion to care, the leadership to conquer

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CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 G

Title: Membership Report and Recruitment Drawing Winners

Information

Presented by: Terrence Conklin

Background: Terrence Conklin will give a presentation on the current membership count.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 H

Title: Report on California Alliance for Retired Americans'
(CARA) 8th Annual Convention

Information

Presented by: Harold Rose

Background: An oral report will be given by Harold Rose.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 I

Title: Report on September 24, 2011 CSEA Board of Directors Meeting

Information

Presented by: Roger Marxen

Background: Roger Marxen will give an oral report on the September 24, 2011 CSEA Board of Directors meeting that was held in Sacramento. Agenda is attached.

Attachment

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 J

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.



AGENDA

THIRD 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

California Museum
1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA

September 24, 2011

Call to order on September 24, 2011, at 9 a.m. by President Dave Hart

Roll Call – Secretary-Treasurer David Okumura

Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President Donna Snodgrass

Communications – Secretary-Treasurer David Okumura

Report of Executive Session – Secretary-Treasurer David Okumura

Reading and Approval of Second 2011 Board of Directors Minutes – Secretary-Treasurer David Okumura

Report of Agenda Committee – Secretary-Treasurer David Okumura

Report of President

Report of Vice President

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

Report of General Manager/Director of Organizational Development

Affiliate Reports

TIMES CERTAIN

Friday – September 23, 2011

Secretary of State building, multipurpose room, main floor – bring I.D.
(1500 11th Street, Sacramento)

9 – 9:30 a.m. Closed Session

9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Board Workshop – (closed)

Saturday – September 24, 2011

California Museum, 2nd floor (parking available across the Street from the CA Museum entrance
(1020 O Street, Sacramento)

8:45 – 9 a.m. Board Agenda Committee Meeting – (open)

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting – (open)

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CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 K

Title: CSEA 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: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 L

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.

Attachment



October 17, 2011

■ **House Committees Debates Derivatives Bills**

The derivatives section of last year's sweeping financial regulatory reform bill will be vastly amended by several bills debated by two House committees.

The House Agriculture Committee discussed seven bills or discussion drafts that would amend Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Consumer Protection and Wall Street Reform Act. The hearing included discussions of a bill that would place onerous cost-benefit requirements on the CFTC and a proposal that would exemption ERISA pension plans from the definition of special entity. The Capital Markets Subcommittee held a hearing on four bills that would, including one related to a requirement that banks in the US "push out" their swaps business and the ERISA pension plans exemption bill.

"Under proposed rules by the SEC, CFTC and the Department of Labor," said Rep. Quico Canseco (R-TX), sponsor of the ERISA exemption bill, "a swaps dealer that seeks to enter into a transaction with a pension plan could trigger a fiduciary obligation under ERISA, thereby precluding the dealer from engaging in such transaction."

Canseco explain that he believed the simplest solution to this problem would be to remove ERISA plans from the protected class of special entities.

Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA) argued that removing these protections may be unwise. He cited his experience as a trustee for a union ERISA plan and noted that many ERISA plans lost significant assets in speculative swaps such as credit default swaps and that but for the bailout of AIG, who was the counterparty for many of these swaps.

Lynch also noted that ERISA plan trustees may not have the wherewithal to appreciate the risks and rewards of complex financial instruments such as swaps and that the protections afforded by the special entity provision are much needed.

With regard to the cost-benefit bill, some commentators believe it to be the latest tool for critics of Dodd-Frank to slow down the regulatory process. Following the ruling by the DC Circuit Court of Appeals in *BRT v SEC*, regulators have become more cautious. The BRT Court found that the SEC had not properly assessed the costs and benefits of its proxy access rule. Enhancing the cost-benefit analysis for the CFTC is likely to cause the agency to be more deliberate with its rulemaking.

■ **Sebelius Closes CLASS**

On Friday, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius sent a letter to Congress acknowledging that the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) component to the President's landmark healthcare reform bill is not financially sustainable to the extent required for implementation and will be shelved.

CLASS was championed by the late Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) as a critical step forward in providing affordable long-term public health insurance. Opponents of the law who challenged CLASS insisted that its provision for letting anyone purchase long-term care insurance would not attract enough healthy people to provide the necessary pool required to offset its eventual costs. The Affordable Care Act's provisions required the HHS to provide documented evidence of its financial viability, and in recent weeks it became increasingly clear that evidence would not be forthcoming.

Sebelius wrote that HHS has worked for the past 19 months to analyze ways to make the program viable, but said, "The work has been groundbreaking in many ways and has taught us a great deal, much of which is captured in the attached report. But despite our best analytical efforts, I do not see a viable path forward for CLASS implementation at this time."

She made clear her belief that the costs of long-term care to taxpayers will not go away, and said HHS will continue to work with Congress, health care providers and advocates to find new solutions to the problem.

"The fact is that we still have a long-term care problem in this country, and despite the criticism received, the CLASS program was a creative attempt to address a difficult and growing challenge for American families," said a spokeswoman for Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA), chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee in an interview with Congressional Quarterly.

Ranking Member of the HELP Committee, Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY) posted a statement saying, "The CLASS Act was unsustainable and fiscally unsound from the start and Secretary Sebelius made the right decision not to implement this program." Enzi expressed frustration that the full impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is still unknown and has many costly unintended consequences.

Other Republicans went further, pressing for repeal of the entire health care reform law. House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) said the decision "reinforces the need for the Senate to take up the House-passed repeal of the whole law, so we can replace it with common-sense reforms that will actually lower costs."

According to the HHS report on CLASS approximately 70 percent of older Americans will need expensive long-term care, while only 2.8 percent currently have long-term care insurance to help cover the costs. The remainder of care will be paid for through Medicaid.

■ **Unemployed State Workers Waiting on Congress**

States hoping to put public employees back on the job are treading water while Congress demonstrates divisions about specific portions of the President's American Jobs Act proposal.

President Obama wants to implement the \$447 billion American Jobs Act to pay teachers, police and firefighters many of whom have been laid off in the wake of the recession. The unemployment rate is stuck at just over 9 percent, and public employees are the largest segment of American workers to lose their jobs – more than 400,000 of them since 2010. The jobs proposal also would provide funds for public infrastructure projects and would be paid for by increasing taxes on the wealthiest earners.

Despite a Congressional Budget Office report showing the President's proposal contains offsets sufficient to exceed its costs (over 10 years) by about \$3 billion, Republicans are standing firm against any kind of spending or increase in taxes. Even some Democrats have reservations about the package, which has been a source of tension between the White House and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV).

A measure of the dissatisfaction with the President's proposal even among the Senate's majority Democrats was reflected in last week's Senate action. Democrats amended the President's plan to apply 5.6 percent surtax on those earning more than \$250,000, raising that threshold to \$1 million. They hope Republicans will be more reluctant to be seen protecting "millionaires and billionaires" in any debate on increasing revenues. On Tuesday, the Senate voted 50-49 against limiting debate on the President's package, signaling their lack of confidence it could pass in its current form with the required 60 votes. Two Democrats, Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Jon Tester of Montana joined all Senate Republicans in defeating the request for cloture. It now appears the American Jobs Act will likely be presented and voted on in pieces.

Bipartisan support will be sought first on spending for schools and tax cuts. Sen. Reid told MSNBC, "Each of these pieces has broad support among the American people." He said Republicans have always supported payroll tax cuts and that preventing teacher layoffs polls well with voters.

Republicans, for their part, welcome the idea of breaking the bill down. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) agreed it was time "to find areas of commonality".

▪ **HELP Seeks Insight into HHS Strategy: Questions Costs & Controls of Chronic Disease Prevention Programs**

Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) issued a warning about the need to carefully allocate health care dollars in his opening statement at a Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee meeting on Tuesday saying, "We all know the statistics related to chronic disease...millions and billions of dollars are spent each year [on treatment]. If only wishing made it so, we would have prevented and cured many of these conditions years ago," he said. "Any funding – especially public health and prevention funding – must be carefully distributed and outcomes clearly identified in order to prioritize the funds available. That's unfortunate, but that's the way it is." He questioned whether HHS has the metrics to ensure dollars needed to save lives are being allocated appropriately.

HELP Committee members took testimony from an assistant secretary of the Health and Human Services Department, along with representatives of the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association and Hudson Institute.

Committee members focused on the implementation of HHS programs designed to prevent chronic diseases to determine whether there is sufficient accountability in how funds are spent.

HHS has begun implementing the Affordable Care Act with a strong emphasis on grants for community based health care delivery, primary care, preventive care, and improved care coordination at the most local levels. Prevention of chronic disease is a primary objective. HELP Chairman, Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) agreed that “we need evidence based intervention”, but expressed his support for the strategy. He spoke in favor of tackling chronic diseases saying that research shows, “seven out of 10 deaths among Americans are related to chronic illnesses. And the national’s fiscal health is also impacted by chronic disease with the more than two trillion dollars we spend,” on treatment, secondary health issues resulting from chronic care and loss of productivity.

The HHS spokesman told Senators that HHS has strong review controls to see how each community grant is distributed and how well it works. He also stressed the community approach by HHS is effective and addresses economic disparity in the availability of quality treatment, which he called “a major objective”, and said “We expect to see great payoffs.”

He listed as examples, the agency’s focus on vaccination, healthy eating to combat obesity, smoking cessation programs, and stopping rising rates of diabetes that also contribute to cancer and heart disease. In his testimony he wrote, “The economic argument for investing in prevention is compelling. The use of evidence based interventions can improve health and prevent unnecessary suffering, while at the same time, save money for both the government and the private sector. According to the CDC, for example, there is a \$10 return on investment for every dollar spent on childhood vaccinations.”

Senators on both sides of the aisle sent a message that quantifiable improvements in outcomes will be a priority in allocating health care dollars, and that HHS must demonstrate strong review processes and controls to justify future spending.

■ **Council of Institutional Investors Adds its Voice for Proxy Access**

Following a statement in September from CalPERS and others calling on the SEC to restart a rulemaking on proxy access, the Council of Institutional Investors on Tuesday sent a [letter](#) to the SEC requesting the “reissuance and implementation of Rule 14a-11 on proxy access and the implementation of the mandatory rulemaking provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank).”

Arguing in support of the meaningful ability to place candidates for boards of directors on management’s proxy card, the Council said proxy access should receive higher priority than a potential reopening of Section 13(d) reporting requirements regarding corporate ownership. The CII letter echoed the sentiments of a group of public pension funds in September.

The group of plans, representing about \$1.7 trillion in assets, expressed its support for the SEC’s work, but wrote to “strongly urge the SEC to issue new rules on full proxy access and continue its commitment to providing long-term shareowners with the right to have a say in who runs the companies they own. It’s a principle whose time has come and one that will further restore accountability, integrity, and order in our financial markets.

The Council recommended that if the SEC does decide to reopen consideration of Section 13(d), how corporate ownership is reported, they might consider “the efficacy of a two-tiered reporting system that differentiates between investors seeking to establish a small minority stake and those

seeking to achieve majority control, the latter group being the originally intended target of the Williams Act.”

The Council of Institutional Investors represents corporate, public and union pension funds with assets exceeding \$3 trillion.

■ **Kaiser Family Foundation Study Asks, “How Competitive Are State Insurance Markets?”**

The Kaiser Family Foundation has released a report analyzing the level of competition for health insurance companies on a state-by-state basis finding in many cases there is little or no competition for the individual insurers market, and only slightly more competition for individual and small business markets. The report measures competitiveness two ways: what percentage of the individual market is controlled by the largest insurance provider in the state; and how many insurance carriers provide plans in each state.

In California, 45-55 percent of the individual insurance market belongs to the largest insurer in the state, and there are four insurance carriers that each control more than 5 percent of the individual insurance market.

The report also ranked states using the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index to rate the level of competition in a state. A HHI value of below 1,000 generally indicates a highly competitive market; a value between 1,000 and 2,500 signifies a range of un-concentrated to moderately concentrated competition, while a value over 2,500 generally signifies a highly concentrated market. California had an HHI value of 3,025. The median HHI rating nationally was 3761.

The report outlines how competition in a state’s insurance market could impact whether and how the operate health insurance exchanges.

“For example,” the report says, “states establishing exchanges must decide whether their exchanges should be active purchasers (i.e., able to exclude plans that provide lower value to consumers) or be more passive, accepting all qualified plans. States will be faced with a variety of competing considerations.

“On the one hand,” the report continued, “states with fewer insurers and less competition may lean towards a more active purchaser approach, using the purchasing power of an exchange to counteract the market power of one or a few large insurers.”

■ **US and UK Share Goal of More Standardized Banking Procedures**

SEC Chairman Mary Shapiro met with the UK Financial Services Authority’s (FSA) chief executive Hector Sants last week to discuss regulatory approaches in international banking and investment.

On the table were topics including over-the-counter derivatives, technology-driven trading strategies, market surveillance, and short selling. The United States last year established the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) to develop and implement tighter controls and more standardized banking practices. The United Kingdom is a member of an equivalent body called the International Organization of Securities Commissions.

As Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner last week updated Congress on the work of FSOC. He indicated that the US is leading efforts to encourage similar standards of transparency, and rules for electronic transfer of trades and instruments among the world's leading banks and trading institutions. The US considers this a critical component of Dodd-Frank reforms; recognizing that unacceptable levels of risk previously borne by US banks may migrate to banks in Europe or Asia where regulations are less stringent, creating the potential for global recessions. Additionally, US banks fear they will be at a competitive disadvantage if required to adhere to regulations that do not apply to international banks.

■ **House Panel Changes Medicaid Eligibility, Repeals 3% Withholding Tax**

Arguing that the healthcare reform law could allow for middle-income early retirees to unfairly qualify for Medicaid benefits, the House Ways and Means Committee on Thursday voted to approve eligibility changes.

The Affordable Care Act counts only taxable income on Social Security benefits when calculating Medicaid eligibility and for federal health insurance subsidies for state run insurance exchanges set to begin operating in 2014. If left unchanged, the ACA could permit higher income retirees to qualify for benefits. The Committee voted 23-12 along party lines to replace the healthcare law's Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) with the standard, more restrictive eligibility standard for federal assistance programs. Rep. Ron Kind (D-Wis.) voted with Republicans.

The Ways and Means Committee also approved a measure that would repeal a 3 percent withholding tax on vendors doing business with government agencies. The bill was sponsored by California Republican Wally Herger and Oregon Democrat Earl Blumenauer.

Rep. Herger released the following statement, "Today we have taken an important step in doing what Americans have called upon Congress to do: work together in a bipartisan way to encourage job creation. The 3 percent withholding tax stands in the way of jobs because it threatens to constrict the cash flow of thousands of small businesses that provide goods and services to federal, state and local government agencies."

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 4, 2011

Agenda Item: 15 M

Title: Unscheduled Items

Information/Action

Background: Any unscheduled items will be listed here.