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CSR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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BOARD AGENDA

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

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

Jerilyn Johnson, Board of Directors Meeting Secretary
Headquarters Staff – Phil Sherwood, Trinda Lundholm, Terrence Conklin, Laura Strang, Renee Texeira and Stephanie Fowler

- 4. Introductions, Agenda Changes/Corrections and Unscheduled Items**
- 5. Approval of Minutes of the May 11, 2012 Meeting**
- 6. President's Report of Activities**
- 7. Board Member Reports**
- 8. Report on August 17, 2012 Executive Board Workshop – Susan Sears**
- 9. Chief Financial Officer Report – Harold Rose**
- 10. Headquarters Report – Phil Sherwood**
- 11. CSEA President's Report – Information – Marilyn F. Hamilton**
- 12. CalPERS Board of Administration Update – Henry Jones**
- 13. Committee Reports**
 - A. Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee – Marilyn F. Hamilton
 - B. Finance Committee – Harold Rose
 - C. Grant Committee – Eleanor Poole
 - D. Health Benefits Committee – Stephanie Hueg
 - E. Membership Committee – Carol Bowen
- 14. What's on Your Mind?**
- 15. Unfinished Business**
- 16. New Business**
 - A. Motions from Presidents' Forum August meeting – Caryl Cole
 - (1) Presidents' Forum November Tentative Agenda
 - B. Proposed Amendments to Governing Rules – Action – Marilyn F. Hamilton
 - C. Proposed Resolutions for Submission to Delegate Assembly – Action – Marilyn F. Hamilton/Harold Rose
 - D. Update on California State Retirees PAC – Information – Dick Mesa
 - E. Guest Speaker – Caremark – Lauri Hunter and Cacy Rossi
 - F. Membership Report and Drawing – Information – Terrence Conklin
 - G. Report on CARA Convention – Harold Rose
 - H. Report on CSEA Board of Directors Meeting – Susan Sears
 - I. CSEA President's Report – Marilyn F. Hamilton
 - J. CSEA Board Committee Reports
 - (1) Bylaws, Policies and Procedures – Marilyn F. Hamilton
 - (2) Member Benefits – Caryl Cole
 - (3) CSEA Women's Conference – Beverly Waller Wharton
 - K. Federal Activities (CalPERS Federal Lobbyist's Written Report)
 - L. Unscheduled Items
- 17. CSR Board of Directors Meeting Dates - 2013**

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 4

Title: Introductions, Agenda Changes/Corrections and Unscheduled Items

Information

Presented by: Susan Sears

Background: Any Introductions, Agenda Changes/Corrections and Unscheduled Items will be listed here.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 5

Title: Approval of Minutes of the May 11, 2012 California State Retirees Board Meeting

Action

Presented by: Susan Sears

Recommended Action: That the California State Retirees Board approve the minutes of the May 11, 2012 California State Retirees Board Meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES (CSR)

Hilton Sacramento Arden West, Sacramento
May 11, 2012

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Susan Sears.

2. Salute to flag

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

3. Roll Call

Members present were:

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

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

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

President Marxen introduced CSEA Past President Yolanda Solari, CSEA Past President and PERS Board Member J. J. Jelincic, CSEA President Dave Hart and Vice President Donna Snodgrass. President Sears reported that the appointment of two board members as delegates will be done at the workshop in August. Item 16.L, Presentation of CSR Proposed Ombudsman Position, was pulled from the agenda and will be taken up in November. Item 16.O(1), Audit Report for 2011, was added to the agenda as an unscheduled item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the February 24, 2012 Meeting

CSR 19/12/2 MOTION: Waggoner, second by Behrens - that the minutes of the California State Retirees Board meeting of February 24, 2012 be approved as printed. CARRIED.

6. President's Report of Activities

President Sears' printed report was included in the agenda material.

7. Board Member Reports

The backup material contained printed activity reports from Jerry Evans, Donna Hernandez, Gus Lease, Fritz Walgenbach, Gene Waggoner and Roger Marxen. Copies of Tim Behrens' report were available on the information table.

8. Report on March 10, 2012 Executive Board Workshop

President Sears noted that her activity report covered the March 10, 2012 Executive Board Workshop, adding that the board also discussed its position on the governor's proposed 12-point pension plan and agreed write to the governor -- that was reported in the *State Retiree*. Chapter officer training has been scheduled for July 12-13 at the Crowne Plaza in San Jose and July 19-20 at the Ontario Hilton. The sessions are set up to allow members to travel in the morning, have an afternoon session, stay overnight, and have the remaining session the next morning.

9. Chief Financial Officer Report

Harold Rose reported that the Finance Committee has had two meetings, one north and one south, and delegates will have one more chance to review the proposed three-year budget, at Delegate Assembly. The budget will be sent out with the delegate package in July. Before the vote at Delegate Assembly, there will be another Finance Committee meeting and all are welcome to attend. Chapters are also being asked to make three-year budgets.

The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed CSEA budget for 2013-14-15. SEIU Local 1000 has agreed to contribute \$3 million each of those three years, \$1 million in 2016, and then nothing, with the remaining three affiliates supporting Central Support. CSR's cost for Central Support usage will more than double, from \$204,000 to \$410,000 for fewer services (from 2.3% to 5.4%), plus direct costs.

Mr. Rose asked that when members have problems regarding their travel claims, they not call CSEA Accounting directly, but contact him, their district director, or our CSR office, and he will deal with Accounting. Because CSR is billed for the employee's time for each phone call, e-mail or drop in, we want to make sure we limit how many times we call Central Support. He explained that his headquarters mail goes to Renee Texeira, who has permission to open all his mail; she then e-mails him. He urged members to get their travel claims in soon -- this week of meetings will cost around \$60,000 and the CSR PAC will pay for Tuesday's Lobby Day. For those chapters using headquarters to administer their books, he explained that it is not working as it should and asked that they not send their books to Accounting until several issues have been resolved.

On the issue of auditing CSR's books, he reported that CSR currently uses Hood and Strong in San Francisco at a cost of \$16,000. A few members have expressed concern regarding the audit, and anyone concerned is welcome to bring their audit firm to

Sacramento at their expense. Regarding concern that CSR investments are at the same places as his, he noted that the district directors have lists of where all the money is and members can be assured that no funds are comingled.

The Finance Committee also looks at getting an exact count of membership. The monthly check from PERS shows how many members had dues deducted; including PERS deductions and annual pay members, the actual count this month is 32,183. There are other figures from IT/Membership/Accounting, but when there are no dollars they are not members. For example, Wendy in Membership found 410 people who are considered CSR members that had not paid dues, and also a list of courtesy members - we don't have those any more but they are still on the books. PERS has a tendency to make deductions, then make refunds but don't tell us about it. This results in people receiving refunds from both PERS and CSR.

The four affiliates meet next week and will finalize the three-year budget. The costs for General Council will be divided as follows: ACSS with 69 delegates will pay 7%, CSUEU with 95 delegates will pay 9%, CSR with 311 delegates will pay 30%, and SEIU with 557 delegates will pay 53% of the total billing.

10. Headquarters Report

Copies of the printed headquarters report were on the information table. Phil Sherwood added that PAC training, Lobby Day, and the Leadership Development Institute would not have happened without staff's fine efforts. There are many things happening, including the fiasco at PERS concerning deduction of dues -- their consolidation of different computer systems into one has not worked well. Regarding the member survey included with the *State Retiree*, there are just a few questions and it is really easy to fill out. He urged members to complete the survey so we can learn what's on their mind. Results of the survey will be shared in the *State Retiree* and at the November meeting.

11. CSEA President's Report

Dave Hart noted that he has given his presentation on B&P 1/12, proposed Article XIX, to a number of chapters, so would address members' questions. One question that arose concerns the idea of our political strength. Thinking about what has really changed, there is more political activity now than ever before, and a lot more activity in general at the State Capitol, with all four affiliates having lobby days. We are all working for the same things, such as concerning the governor's 12-point pension plan, which doesn't affect current retirees but could affect the PERS Fund. The proposed Article XIX has been posted on CSEA's website since February, and material going out to delegates will include frequently asked questions and answers. To a question concerning how much money is in all four affiliate PACS, he noted that CSEA has about \$100,000. ACSS stopped contributing in February, and it is essentially a CSUEU PAC. CMAC is essentially not a functioning PAC that the board has anything to do with. Harold Rose reported that the CSR PAC currently has about \$470,000.

Concerning the status of the 1108 "O" Street building if B&P 1 passes, CSEA is a 50% shareholder in the State Employees Building Corporation which owns the building.

Golden One, which is now a multibillion corporation, has the other 50%. SEBC is set up a little like the CSEA Foundation – it has six members, and they elect a chair, who is now Ben Smith. We've been trying to get a change in the SEBC bylaws to work out an agreement with Golden One concerning possible building changes. The feeling is that the building is basically a teardown; it would cost too much to fix.

Regarding a rumor that he promised that SEIU could separate, he explained that when he was elected as CSEA President he became president of the whole organization with all four affiliates.

Concerning the controversy over B&P 1/12, proposed Article XIX is the main item on the General Council agenda. Article XIX is a culmination of where the CSEA Board is, with CSEA a minimal structure for business operations, not programs. It is an overarching bylaw change that would completely change the way CSEA is structured and allow the four affiliates to cooperate on equal footing. Statewide officers would be eliminated, with the CSEA Board electing its own officers. Concerning the consequence of a negative vote, he doesn't think members will see any difference. There would be a lot of forks in the road. At a bare minimum, someone would have to be elected President, and that person would be critical to keep guiding the organization. There would have to be another General Council in 2015. On the question of staff layoffs if B&P 1/12 passes, staff had been told there was going to be a restructuring and we are not filling any positions that are vacated. Concerning bargaining and Local 1000 wanting to be its own employer, SEIU offered employment to all 190 employees. All employees but two took the offer – those two came back to CSEA and were reassigned. UAW did not like Local 1000 declaring itself a separate employer as they represent all CSEA employees – there has been a mediator to talk about the issue. In the meantime, CSEA is honoring every aspect of the contract, except it will not go to arbitration

12. CalPERS Board of Administration Update- J. J. Jelincic

J. J. Jelincic reported that he is now living back in the Bay Area, in Hayward. On the subject of PERS dues fiasco, he noted that computers are really dumb. There was a misdefinition of what the dues are based on, resulting in incorrect dues increases. There will be refunds in July, but because of timing, it will happen the following month too.

Concerning long-term care, when PERS set up the program, no one in the whole industry had figured out what the cost would be. The PERS Board recently approved a change in how the money for long-term care is invested, more like the insurance industry. If PERS Fund investments don't meet expectations, the Fund can get more money from employers. Investments for the long-term care program are made using a more conservative approach which produces less in returns but will be more stable. The board has not yet adopted a new premium structure. At the constituent meeting, it was clear that premiums would be going up, but the increases are competitive with the industry. PERS just renewed its contract with Univita, the third-party administrator, moving from three-year contracts to five-year contracts.

Concerning the PERS Fund, the board recently looked at the assumed long-term earnings, and reduced the rate from 7.75% to 7.5%, which raises costs for employers. Concerning a proposal that PERS adopt a reduced inflation assumption, it is also important to realize that PERS invests for the long term. PERS must consider a 60-year relationship – an employee starting today works for 30 years and then is retired for 30 years. Short-term returns are very volatile; returns have been 3.7% for the last four months and 1.1% for the last quarter in 2011. However, for the 12-month period ending in June, PERS had a 20.87% return. In June 2009, it was minus 23%.

PERS has reduced the number of committees, combining Program and Administration and Health Benefits Committees, and is now putting all those committee meetings and the board meeting on the internet, so members can watch the meetings. The board is also using a consent calendar for routine items -- any member of the board or audience can pull an item off the consent calendar and will have a chance to talk about it. On pension reform, state employees agreed to lower formulas and higher contributions, back to 2% at age 60 instead of 2% at age 55, with a full pension at age 63. PERS strongly believes that pensions of current retirees and employees are a vested right and can't be changed. The only plan out now is the governor's 12-point proposal, which is actually a concept paper with a lower defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. Such a plan already exists, where PERS runs the pension plan and DPA runs deferred compensation. They want new employees to work to age 67, age 57 for safety members, but if we are going to move to higher retirement ages, we must also look at the disability issue. PERS concluded that the governor's doesn't save a lot of money and ignores the costs of setting up new systems – 401K's are expensive to administer.

When the new computer system is fully built out, it will improve things – PERS had 49 different computer systems, and computer systems are continuing to be built that don't talk to each other. In the meantime, the first six minutes of every phone call is spent apologizing. PERS has added 14,000 retirees and updated 500,000 benefit payments. Retirement applications are taking 40 days; it used to be 30, but getting payroll records in from employers has improved.

PERS does need members' help – members' health benefits and pensions are under attack. It is really about politics, not economics. 401K plans were started for highly paid people to put money away tax free. PERS needs members to be involved. There is a lot of information on "CalPERS Responds" and the Ambassador program is designed to help get the message out. Letters to the editor are more effective if they come from constituents. Members can reach the Ambassadors program at (916) 795-9101.

There has been no discussion about any significant change in the benefit structure. There is legislation directing PERS to save \$800 million a year in health care costs, and SB 1234 would create a defined benefit plan for private workers. We are entering an era when people cannot afford to retire and cannot afford health care. We need to help bring defined benefit plans back, and we have to deal with that issue initially. To help members explain, he put a supply of "pension bucks" on the information table.

Legislative Guest

Dick Mesa introduced Assembly member Cathleen Galgiani, noting that he knew her parents and met her when she was in high school. He took her to see Pat Johnston, who was running for Assembly. She later worked for John Garamendi and others. She is being termed out of the Assembly and is now running for the Senate.

Assembly member Galgiani recounted wonderful times over the years with Yolanda Solari, noting that they attended President Clinton's inauguration together. Pension reform is on all of our minds. What we should have been doing all along was saving for a rainy day, now with the recession, people are looking for whom to blame. Defined benefit plans have been attacked, but the blame is misplaced -- the real problem is with Wall Street hedge funds. The general public doesn't realize that the average state pension is around \$24,000 a year, and she believes we must preserve the defined benefit plan.

She met with Governor Brown and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood on May 10 concerning high speed rail construction. She knows there are many challenges with the project -- she has worked on it the entire time she's been in the legislature. Construction is scheduled to start this summer in the Central Valley with a segment from Bakersfield to Merced at a cost of \$6.3 billion. She believes the economy is not going to recover until we start putting people back to work so they are paying taxes -- budget cuts are job cuts. Regarding her campaign for the Fifth Senate District, she pledged that she is up to the difficult race; she looks forward to continuing to work with retirees and is honored by their support.

13. California State Retirees (CSR) Committee Reports

13A. Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee

Copies of the notes from the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee meeting of April 11-12 were available on the information table. Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton noted that her report will be presented in agenda items 16 B and C.

13B. Building Committee

Roger Marxen reported that Building Committee met on March 19 in Sacramento and will meet again on May 25. Our real estate people arranged for a tour -- six committee members and Phil Sherwood toured the city in a van, visiting 15 sites. The committee came to no decisions, but did appraisals of what we need, including parking and disability access. The committee did not go to the south area or Rancho Cordova, and found four areas of the city that are preferable. The committee also noted that the fourth floor of the present headquarters building is in better shape than the other floors.

Fritz Walgenbach added that the committee looked in North Natomas, South Natomas and downtown, noting that North and South Natomas has access to the airport and hotels and restaurants. Many people like being close to the Capitol and PERS, but a building downtown would require major modifications. If B&P 1/12 passes, there will be six offices available on the fourth floor.

13C. Finance Committee

Harold Rose reported that he had already received 13 travel claims.

13D. Grant Committee

Gene Waggoner reported that the Grant Committee met on May 10 to consider chapter grant requests.

CSR 20/12/2 MOTION: Waggoner, second by Evans– that the CSR Board approve grants for Chapters 17, 21 and 35 in the amount of \$6,000 as follows:
Chapter 17 - \$2,500, Chapter 21 - \$2,000, Chapter 35 - \$1,500.
CARRIED.

13E. Health Benefits Committee

Stephanie Hueg reported that the Health Benefits committee had a very interactive meeting on May 10, where she reported out on some of the meetings she attended, including CalPERS constituent meetings. CVS/Caremark was at one constituent meeting and acknowledged some of the problems they are having and how they are dealing with customer services – CVS has improved its wait time on the phone to 18 seconds, but it takes 10 to 14 days for new prescriptions to be processed. She received some forms which members can give to their doctor to facilitate the approval process, sharing the forms with the committee and recommending that everyone pick up a form. In those counties without CVS pharmacies, Rite Aid and Walgreens will take prescriptions for a 30-day supply, but members must get a 90-day supply by mail to receive the discount price. She would like to invite Jeremy Gallus, from CVS-Caremark in Sacramento, to one of our meetings, noting that he was able to attend part of the board meeting.

She attended a workshop on the issue of long-term care which included a power point presentation explaining some of the proposals that come to the CalPERS committee. It appears that members who have the inflation protection benefit can keep what they have and pay a 84% increase or take a reduced benefit and pay a lesser increase. CalPERS has seen some positive effects from the federal Affordable Health Care Act. She also attended a town hall meeting with Assemblyperson Bill Monning regarding health care, where his guest was Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones. Mr. Jones noted that he can review rates for many types of insurance except health insurance, and he would like to have the ability to review rate increase proposals to determine if they are valid and legal increases.

The committee also discussed some upcoming meetings and the CalPERS website. She highly recommended that members visit the PERS website and look at the press release section, which is very informative

CSR 21/12/2 MOTION: Behrens, second by Evans – that the CSR Board provide the chairperson of the Health Benefits Committee per diem to attend all CalPERS Health Care meetings and meetings of the CSEA Benefits Committee. CARRIED.

13F. Membership Committee

There are two co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Carol Bowen and Mary McDonnell. Carol Bowen introduced the committee and explained that her philosophy is that political action and membership are very important, urging each member present to work to get one new member. Mary McDonnell reported that Terrence Conklin made a presentation to the committee about the CSR Ambassador Program. There was one motion at the Committee's May 10 meeting asking for website training in each district by qualified staff to teach chapter web masters how to use website software. President Sears noted that there is a budget for training and she will include that training to be done in November. Terrence Conklin noted that the previous website training had overwhelmed the WiFi in the room and there was discussion about bringing a couple of districts together for training.

14. What's on Your Mind

Donna Hernandez recognized Max Turchen and chapter presidents Viv Fitzgerald and Ethel Watson, both of whom are stepping down. Viv Fitzgerald reported that she has CDs of an interview with Max Turchen.

Ben Harvey, Chapter 35, reported that there are five CVS pharmacies in Porterville, but he had lots of problems with CVS. He went to another CVS pharmacist and worked out the problems with him.

Stephanie Huel, Chapter 36, asked whether there was some way members could have internet access available at the CSR board meetings. Harold Rose noted that such access is provided free in some hotels, and in some it is negotiable. For a room like the meeting today, it would be \$150 an hour. Dr. Sherwood reported that internet access is on our negotiation list with hotels.

Allen Lee, Chapter 36, reported that this board meeting will be the last for Chapter 36 President Otis Hollibaugh, who is retiring as president after many years; and Vice President Mary Dennis was injured in a fall. Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton will take over as Chapter 36 President and he will be Vice President.

15. Unfinished Business

15A. Review of 2012 Meeting Locations

Dates and locations for the remaining CSR Board meetings for 2012 were listed in the agenda material, including Delegate Assembly on August 31 at General Council, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles, and November 7-9 at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley. Chapter officer orientation sessions are scheduled for July 12-13 at the Crowne Plaza in San Jose and August 19-20 at the Ontario Hilton.

16. New Business

16A.Motions from Presidents' Forum February Meeting

Caryl Cole reported that the Presidents' Forum had a very long meeting on May 10, receiving reports from Sherrie Golden, Harold Rose, Fritz Walgenbach and Ben Smith. The Forum will hold its election of officers in November and will need a new secretary, as Bev Waller-Wharton is stepping down. She thanked Bev Waller-Wharton for her 16 years of service and thanked Viv Fitzgerald for acting as secretary on May 10. There were no motions at the meeting, but one other thing came up -- a member met someone who is in CCPOA and is interested in joining CSR. She gave out forms for chapters to use to get names changed on their bank accounts and is also working on sub-permits for bulk mailing -- bulk mailing costs chapter 11 cents instead of 45 cents to mail their newsletters.

16B(1) Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly Bylaws Article IX Delegate Assembly Section 3.A. – Membership Roll

Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton noted that the proposed resolution would change the way we decide who will be delegates to Delegate Assembly. Fritz Walgenbach explained the proposal, which would set the maximum number of delegates at 160. Each chapter would have two delegates at large, plus additional delegates based on the chapter's percentage of total active members -- each chapter would have at least three delegates. A fixed number of 160 delegates would expand the places available to hold Delegate Assembly and would help in budgeting, giving CSR a fixed budgetary amount. Six chapters would gain delegates; 14 chapters would lose; Chapter 2 would go from 30 to 23 delegates and Chapter 165 from 17 to 14.

CSR 22/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner - that the CSR Board submit the Following resolution to the next Delegate Assembly:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article IX
Delegate Assembly

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

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

B. Members of the Board of Directors;

C. Past state presidents who are members of CSR.

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

CARRIED.

16B(2) Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly to Adjust current Membership Dues

It was noted that the board had asked the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee to write language to add a new tier to the dues level.

CSR 23/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner – that the CSR Board submit the Following resolution to the next Delegate Assembly:

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

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

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

RESOLVED (a) That a new tier be established for retirement income of \$4,000 plus and the current top level be changed to \$3,500 to \$3,999; and be it further

RESOLVED (b) That the new tier amount be set at \$12.00.

Estimated cost: None

CARRIED.

16B(3) Proposed Resolution to Delegate Assembly Bylaws Article X: Finance, Section 5: Investment of Corporate Funds

CSR 24/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Hernandez –that the CSR Board submit the following resolution to the next Delegate Assembly:

WHEREAS (1) There needs to be some flexibility in investment of corporate funds, and

WHEREAS (2) The Board should be able to have a say in how the funds are invested, now 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 or~~ invested by rules established by the Board at a duly noticed meeting.

Estimated cost: None

CARRIED.

16C(1) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 14.02 Grant Request Form

CSR 25/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Walgenbach –that the CSR Board approve the following amendments to Section14.02 Grant Request Form:

14.02 Grant Request Form

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

When requesting a grant, the authorized "Chapter Grant Request Form" is to be obtained from the Corporate office online or by mail (send request- Attention: Grant Committee/Staff Assigned). Once the grant is awarded, a

quarterly report shall be submitted for review to identify how the grant is being utilized. Documentation of a successful grant can be beneficial for future use by others.

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

CARRIED.

16C(2) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 14.04 Approval of Grant

CSR 26/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Lease – that the CSR Board approve the Following amendments to Section 14.04 Approval of Grant:

14.04 Approval of Grant

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

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

CARRIED.

16C(3) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 16.07(e) Chapter Activities

A motion to amend Governing Rule Section 16.07(e) was superseded by a motion to refer, noting that the concept was acceptable but the language needed work.

CSR 27/12/2 MOTION: Walgenbach, second by Marxen—that the proposed amendments to Governing Rule Section 16.07(e) be referred back to the Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee. CARRIED.

16C(4) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 19.01(g) General (19.00 Travel and Expense Claims)

Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton noted that the proposed language was taken from the CSEA Policy File providing for care giver expenses.

CSR 28/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Hernandez –that the CSR Board approve the following amendments to Governing Rule Section 19.01:

19.00 Travel and Expense Claims

19.01 General

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

CARRIED.

16C(5) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 4.07 Board Member

CSR 29/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Lease – that the CSR Board approve the following amendment to Governing Rule Section 4.07, adding (l) which provides for training of delegates prior to the Delegate Assembly:

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

CARRIED.

It was suggested that a video could be made for future Delegate Assemblies.

16C(6) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 4.07 Board Member – adding stipends for the Corporate President and CFO/Secretary

CSR 30/12/2 MOTION: Behrens, second by Walgenbach –that the CSR Board approve the following amendment adding section (m) to Section 4.07 of the Governing Rules:

4.07 Board Member

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

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

CARRIED. (Sears and Rose abstained; Lease voted no.)

16C(7) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 3.02 Board of Directors (3.00 Corporate Organization)

CSR 31/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner –that the CSR Board approve the following amendment to Governing Rule Section 3.02 Board of Directors:

3.00 CORPORATION ORGANIZATION

3.02 Board of Directors

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

CARRIED. (Hernandez voted no.)

16C(8) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 5.02 Absences (5.00 Board Vacancies/Absences)

CSR 32/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner –that the CSR Board approve the following amendments to Governing Rule Section 5.02 Absences, amending Section (d) and adding Section (e):

5.02 Absences

(d) ~~District Board Members~~ Directors

A District ~~Board member~~ Director may shall recommend a chapter president from his/her District to sit on the Board during his/her

absence. The President shall appoint that chapter president with full authority to act on behalf of the absent Board member.

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

CARRIED.

16C(9) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 17.19 Duties of Chapter Alternate Delegates (17.00 Chapter Elections)

CSR 33/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Waggoner –that the CSR Board approve the following amendments to Section 17.19 Duties of Chapter Alternate Delegates:

17.19. Duties of Chapter Alternate Delegates

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

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

CARRIED.

16C(10) Proposed Amendment to Governing Rule Section 8.02 Guidelines for Corporation Meetings

CSR 34/12/2 MOTION: Sears, second by Lease –that the CSR Board adopt the Following amendments to Section 8.02 Guidelines for Corporation Meetings:

8.02 Guidelines for Corporation Meetings

Meetings of the Corporation Board of Directors may ~~shall~~ be scheduled at least three times each year and the sessions be held to no more than two days in length.

- (a) Meeting Locations

Meetings shall be scheduled in one of the following locations:

1. Sacramento Area
2. Bay Area (~~San Francisco, Oakland or San Jose~~)
3. Greater Los Angeles Area (~~Los Angeles, Ontario, Burbank or Long Beach~~)

4. San Diego Area

CARRIED.

Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton thanked members of the committee and members who attended committee meetings. The committee will meet again in October.

16D(1) Motion to the CSR Board to Establish a Delegate Assembly/GC Ad Hoc Committee

16D(2) Appointments to Delegate Assembly / GC Ad Hoc Committee

CSR 35/12/2 MOTION: Walgenbach, second by Behrens –that the following members be approved for appointment to (1) the Delegate Assembly / GC Ad Hoc Committee: Fritz Walgenbach, Chair, Tim Behrens, Harold Rose, Jim McRitchie, Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton, George Linn, Ben Harvey and Varon Smith; (2) the Delegate Assembly / GC Rules Committee: Bob Wilson, Carol Bowen and Roger Marxen; (3) the Delegate Assembly / GC Credentials Committee: Varon Smith, Jenny Hayden and Louis Espinoza; (4) the Delegate Assembly / GC Sergeants at Arms Committee: Bobbi Estrada, Chair. CARRIED.

Bobbie Estrada announced the 16 Sergeants at Arms: Chuck Hueg and Allen Lee, Chapter 36; Tod Santos, Denise Padres and Betty Faultner, Chapter 23; Jack Vander Bruggen and Lloyd Duronslet, Chapter 34; Kip Ramirez, Chapter 32; Barbara Driscoll and Raylene Laverentz, Chapter 31; Sherry Yamazumi and Cheryl Zazzi, Chapter 2; Geanie Hixon and Sharon Hewitt, Chapter 165; and Raymond Cole, Chapter 20.

16D(3) Appointments to CSR Committees

CSR 36/12/2 MOTION: Waggoner, second by Evans – that the following members be approved for appointment to CSR committees:

Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee: Addie Jackson and Mary McDonnell

Grant Committee: Marta Zaragoza and Gene Waggoner, Board Liaison

Finance Committee: Caryl Cole

Health Benefits Committee: Bobbi Estrada and Connie Lira

Membership Committee: Carol Bowen and Doris Lithgow

CARRIED.

16E. Consideration of Chapter Grant Requests

Grants were considered under agenda item 13D.

16F. Report on 2012 General Council/Delegate Assembly

Fritz Walgenbach serves on the General Council Planning Committee and is being appointed to the CSR Delegate Assembly / GC Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Walgenbach reported that the committee has been meeting by e-mail primarily, working to streamline operations and make Delegate Assembly and General Council more efficient. There are four committees that need to meet at General Council, requiring committee meeting rooms and caucus rooms. Jim McRitchie and George Linn have been trying to coordinate Delegate Assembly and GC activities, and have reported to the Presidents' Forum. There will be a very short window for registering delegates and we must make sure CSR delegates are where they need to be. The Grant Committee will meet at 7:30 a.m. so we can start Delegate Assembly at 9 a.m. George Linn asked that anyone who wants a caucus room e-mail him (GMLinn@aol.com) by May 18, identifying how many people are expected. There are a limited number of meeting rooms available, and with four rooms needed for committee meetings on August 30, caucus rooms will have to be after 6 p.m.

16G. Update on California State Retirees PAC

Dick Mesa noted that his report would be brief since most members present were also at the PAC meeting and Lobby Day. He has had good feedback about Lobby Day and appreciates the board funding members to attend. Logistically, when CSR meets in Sacramento is a good time to have Lobby Day and a PAC meeting. The actual Lobby Day training was put together by Phil Sherwood and staff – it took Laura Strang, Terrence Conklin, Renee Texeira, Trinda Lundholm and temps to make it all work. Sherrie Golden made all the appointments with legislators. He thanked chapters for participating, noting that one intent was to have chapter presidents and PAC chairs establish a real relationship with their legislators. He had 62 people on his list coming for Lobby Day -- 11 of them thought they were PAC members and found they weren't, so signed up. We strengthened the PAC organizational structure and got new activists. At its meeting the PAC discussed endorsements and adopted motions recommending endorsements for Senate and Assembly races.

CSR 37/12/2 MOTION: Behrens, second by Evans – that the CSR Board endorse the following candidates for State Senate: Lois Wolk, District 3; Cathleen Galgiani, District 5; Mark DeSaunier, District 7; Loni Hancock, District 9; Mark Leno, District 11; Bill Monning, District 17; Carol Liu, District 25; Fran Pavley, District 27; Ricardo Lara, District 33; Rod Wright, District 35 and Marty Block, District 39; and the following candidates for State Assembly: Wes Chesbro, District 2; Mariko Yamada, District 4; Roger Dickinson, District 7; Richard Pan, District 9; Michael Allen, District 10; Susan Bonilla, District 14; Nancy Skinner, District 15; Joan Buchanan, District 16; Tom Ammiano, District 17; Rich Gordon, District 24; Bob Wieckowshi, District 25; Nora Campos, District 27; Paul Fong, District 28; Luis Alejo, District 30; Henry Perea, District 31; Katcho Achakjian, District 35; Das Williams, District 37; Mike Morrell, District 40; Mike Gatto, District 43; Robert Blumenfield, District 45; Roger Hernandez, District 48; Betsy Butler, District 50; Norma Torres, District 52; John Perez, District 53; Holly Mitchell, District 54; Manny Perez, District 56; Steven Bradford,

District 62; Isadore Hall, District 64; Bonnie Lowenthal, District 70, Toni Atkins, District 78 and Ben Huseo, District 80. CARRIED.

There was a question whether consideration had been given to making some dual endorsements since the top two vote getters in the primary will go to the general election. Mr. Mesa reported that it had been discussed and consensus was to do nothing in those races.

CSR 38/12/2 MOTION: Behrens, second by Rose –that the CSR Board approve \$15,800 in contributions to the following candidates: \$2,000 to Cathleen Galgiani, SD 5; \$2,000 to Marty Block, SD 39; \$2,000 to Richard Pan, AD 9; \$3,900 to Michael Allen, AD 10; \$2,000 to Joan Buchanan, AD 16; and \$3,900 to Betsy Butler, AD 50. CARRIED.

CSR 39/12/2 MOTION: Behrens, second by Waggoner – that the CSR Board endorse Proposition 28 regarding change in term limits. CARRIED.

Steve Smith explained that the change in term limits would allow stronger leadership in each house, and would not apply to current legislators.

CSR 40/12/2 MOTION: Behrens, second by Hernandez – that the CSR Board stay neutral on Proposition 29. CARRIED.

Mr. Mesa suggested that members who met with a legislator on Lobby Day write a thank you letter; those who met with a legislative aide, may wish to write also.

16H. Update on Initiatives, Legislation and State Budget

Sherrie Golden noted that she gave her report at the Presidents Forum meeting on May 10. The May budget revise will come out on May 14 and we will see the final figures on the deficit. She will keep everyone informed, and it will be covered in the *State Retiree*. She thanked members for their participation in the first CSR Lobby Day and thanked staff and Dick Mesa for all his work. She urged members to keep making visits to legislators' offices and to go back to see if they have had time to think about your issues. Letters will be sent to all the candidates who have been endorsed.

16I. Presentation of CSR Proposed Ambassador Program

Terrence Conklin gave a presentation on the proposed Ambassador Program and copies of the proposal were distributed. The goal of the program is to establish and maintain a grassroots approach to recruit members, with chapter presidents and district directors recommending members to be ambassadors. New brochures will be created for them to distribute, and each brochure will have an ambassador's number on it -- Ambassadors will receive \$5 for each member they sign up. Ambassadors will distribute copies of the *State Retiree* to local offices and will also attend health and benefit fairs across the state. If the CSR board agrees to start the program, staff can have material out in eight weeks.

CSR 41/12/2 MOTION: Behrens, second by Hernandez – that the CSR Board approve and implement the Ambassador Program. CARRIED.
(Recorded no votes: Lease, Rose, Marxen and Hernandez.)

Harold Rose noted that costs for the program had not been computed, and President Sears reported that the item will be referred to the Finance Committee.

16J. Membership Report and Drawing

CSR membership was reported earlier in the meeting, currently at 32,183. Winners of \$50 awards in the recruiters drawing were Marianna Bauske, Katharine Timmerman, Patti Falk, Arlene Reeder and Mark L. Fischer.

16K. CSEA Board Committee Reports

16K(1) Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Committee

Marilyn Ferrasci Hamilton reported that the CSEA B&P Committee had not met.

16K(2) Member Benefits Committee

Caryl Cole reported that the Member Benefits program is making money, ticket sales are up from last year, and there was a motion to recommend acceptance of Road America as a new program.

16K(3) CSEA Women's Committee/Women's Conference

Marianna Bauske reported that the last Women's Conference turned out very well and she hopes CSEA will continue to hold the conference. The CSR affiliate will have a Retirees' Woman of the Year.

16L. Presentation of CSR Proposed Ombudsman Position

This item was pulled from the agenda, to be considered in November.

16M. 2012 CalPERS Retirement Planning Fairs

Mary Reed reported that CalPERS has brought back its retirement fairs after not having any last year. Dates for the fairs in Orange County and the Bay Area are not yet set, and she will let PERS know not to set fairs for the dates of General Council.

16N. Federal Activities (CalPERS Federal Lobbyist's Written Report)

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

16O. Unscheduled Items

16O (1) Audit Report for 2011

Audits were discussed earlier in the meeting.

16P. Travel Expense Claim Forms (5) and Instructions

Travel expense claim forms are now part of the agenda backup. Each backup will have the instructions and five forms.

Donna Snodgrass reported that \$2,390 was raised for the CSEA Foundation during the meeting: \$1,000 from Chapter 2, \$1,000 from Chapter 20, \$275 from sale of items made by Ciel Andersen and \$115 from candy sales and donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 4p.m.

Susan Sears
President

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CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 6

Title: President's Report of Activities

Information

Presented by: Susan Sears, District D

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from May, 2012 through November, 2012.

Attachment

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May–November 2012

Reviewing the goals I set out to accomplish last February, I am pleased to report that all of them have been completed. Several new goals have also been set; some of these are already completed and some are still in the future at this writing.

Chapter Visits: On August 29, I visited the 25th and last chapter, on the same day we departed for Delegate Assembly and General Council. Getting the chance to see every CSR chapter has given me a much better understanding of how you all work, what you need, what you do really well (I have "borrowed" many of your great ideas and shared them with other chapters), and where you need help. Every chapter meeting had one thing in common: you all shared a meal together. Beyond that, the differences are truly amazing. Knowing this has led to my philosophy that "no one size fits all." When we are thinking about making decisions about procedures, I am now urging the utmost caution so that we do not create rules that would not work for everyone, since each chapter has its own unique personality and culture.

Member Survey: This seven-question survey was included with the May issue of the *Retiree*. Over 2,500 responses were received at our headquarters office, and they are still coming in. What I learned from these is that, although our members may not agree on all things political or social, we all agree on the need to protect our vested rights. I personally tabulated the responses and read every comment, and feel that I now have a much better understanding of the problems you face, and how you are getting along in retirement. I passed along the comments received about CalPERS' service directly to the folks at CalPERS, and the comments about CSR to our Headquarters staff.

Rosenberg's Rules: This alternative form of parliamentary procedure, which has recently become popular among some California cities and counties, was reviewed as a possible alternative to *Robert's Rules*, which is what CSR has always used. The By-Laws & Governing Rules Committee carefully considered this, and it was determined that *Robert's* is still a better fit for CSR's governance structure, so it will continue to be used throughout our organization.

Other Goals: I have written a President's Message for each of the *Retiree* papers since March. Additionally, I have prepared "Talking Points" for the District Directors to use in visiting their chapters. Both of these are to ensure the same information is reaching everyone in CSR at roughly the same point in time. In addition to visiting all 21 chapters outside my home District (D), I have continued to visit the four chapters that are within my own district.

Chapter Officer Training: New officers were elected in all of our chapters this year, including eleven new chapter presidents. Our Governing Rules call for officer training to be conducted within eight weeks of the certification of the election results. With no Board Meeting scheduled for August, this meant we had to find a time to accomplish this during the

summer. Two separate sessions were held in July, one in Northern California and one in Southern California. We decided to include returning as well as new officers and, instead of having a professional trainer conduct these sessions, we recruited twenty volunteers among our members to do the actual hands-on training. Comments received afterward indicate that most members felt they learned very well from one another. My thanks to all of you who agreed to participate.

Lobby Day: Lobby Day 2012 was conducted earlier in the week of our May board meeting, which created a lot of hard work for everyone. We decided to ensure that future meetings would not be so tightly packed together, which is why you see a slightly different format for some of our meetings the rest of this year. The Lobby Day itself was a huge success, with over 60 members, all clad in blue CSR shirts, descending upon the State Capitol to carry our message to the legislators. This event was preceded by a training day, which offered great information and even some fun, as our CSR Vice President, Tim Behrens, graciously consented to play the part of "Senator Foghorn Leghorn" to allow members to practice speaking with a legislator. This event was such a huge success that we have already set the date for Lobby Day 2013 - it will be held on April 9, preceded by a training session on the afternoon of April 8 and a banquet, hopefully with a legislator as our guest speaker.

Delegate Assembly and General Council: CSR sent over 300 delegates to Los Angeles for these events on August 31 and September 1 of this year. Our Delegate Assembly went very smoothly, thanks mostly to the hard work of the two committees, By-Laws & Governing Rules, and Finance, which held lengthy meetings the evening before Delegate Assembly. Delegates could ask questions and get answers beforehand; changes could be made as appropriate. When the 20 resolutions reached the assembly floor on Friday, August 31, most delegates seemed to understand what was in the resolutions, and the voting went off without a hitch. General Council, with over 850 delegates, was much more complicated and, at times, confusing. We will be absorbing all these events over the next several months, changing our budgets and procedures where necessary to accommodate all the changes that were voted on by the delegates.

Goals & Objectives Committee: At this writing, this is still in the future, but it will be completed by the time of the November 2012 Board meeting, where you will be reading this message. This committee is mentioned in Section 12.02 of our Governing Rules but has not been convened in many years. The committee consists of the entire Board of Directors, but input is being sought from all members. There will be a meeting of the G&O Committee on October 16-17 in Sacramento, and it will be led by a facilitator, so that board members and everyone else can participate as equals. The intent here is to discuss our available options, ideas, and future plans, and develop a Strategic Plan in order for us to give clearer direction to our staff and, on an ongoing basis, assess our progress toward meeting our stated goals. In my opinion, it would be a good idea to convene this committee every year, in November (for a shorter length of time), to evaluate our ongoing progress toward reaching our goals and recommend needed changes.

Special Board Meetings: The Board of Directors held a workshop in Sacramento on August 17-18 to discuss these issues:

Update on Building at 11080 Street, by Lee King, CSEA Gen. Mgr.

Update on PAC activities

Lobby Day 2013

Building Search Committee report

May 2013 Board Meeting location

Formation of New Bakersfield Chapter

The CSR Board also held two meetings via teleconference, on September 13 and September 18, to approve the recommendations of the PAC Committee. The minutes of all these meetings were distributed to chapter officers.

Committees: I appointed several new members to CSR's standing committees. Although I am officially a member of only the By-Laws & Governing Rules Committee, I also participated in meetings of the Finance Committee, the Building Search Committee, and the PAC, including Lobby Day; I also participated in Chapter Officer Training in both locations.

Other Activities: When problems arose with CalPERS, including some incorrect deductions from our members' monthly warrants, I interacted with CalPERS and CSEA staff to get these resolved as quickly as possible. I have continued lobbying CalPERS for a better solution to the Long Term Care fiasco that affects so many of our members. I helped to coordinate CSR's support of the DISCLOSE Act. I serve as a member of the CSEA Board of Directors. I also work with the other three affiliate presidents on various issues, including continued support of the Women's Committee and the defeat of Proposition 32 this November.

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Date: November 9, 2012
Agenda Item: 7
Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Donna Hernandez, District A

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from May 7, 2012 through November 6, 2012.

May 7-12	Lobby Day, LDI Training, Presidents Forum & Board Meeting – Sacramento, CA
May 16	Chapter 9 Meeting - La Mirada, CA
May 18	CARA Lobby Day visit – Norwalk, CA
May 21	CARA CAT Meeting – Cerritos, CA
May 25	Building Committee Meeting to view buildings – Sacramento, CA
Jun 5	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office – Orange, CA
Jun 13	Chapter 9 Meeting - La Mirada, CA
Jun 18	CARA CAT Meeting – Cerritos, CA
Jun 20	Chapter 20 Meeting - Van Nuys, CA
Jun 20	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office – Glendale, CA
Jun 21	Chapter 4 Meeting- Los Angeles, CA
Jul 6	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office – Orange, CA
Jul 9	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office - Glendale, CA

Jul 11	Chapter 9 Meeting - La Mirada, CA
Jul 31	RPEA Meeting - Long Beach
Aug 3	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office – Orange, CA
Aug 7	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office – Glendale, CA
Aug 16	Chapter 4 Meeting - Los Angeles, CA
Aug 20	CARA CAT Meeting – Cerritos, CA
Aug 22	District A and G Delegates MOCK GC – La Mirada, CA
Aug 30-31	CSR Delegate Assembly - Los Angeles, CA
Sep 1-2	CSEA General Council - Los Angeles, CA
Sep 12	Chapter 9 Meeting - La Mirada, CA
Sep 17	CARA CAT Meeting – Cerritos, CA
Sep 19	Chapter 20 Meeting - Van Nuys, CA
Sep 28	RPEA CalPERS Ambassador Training - Long Beach, CA
Oct 4	CARA Convention - Huntington Beach, CA
Oct 10-11	Finance Committee Meeting – Sacramento, CA
Oct 11-12	Bylaws & Governing Rules Committee Meeting-Sacramento, CA
Oct 15	CARA CAT Meeting – Cerritos, CA
Oct 16-17	Goals and Objectives Committee Meeting – Sacramento, CA
Oct 18	Chapter 4 Meeting - Los Angeles, CA
Oct 18	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office – Glendale, CA
Oct 22	CSR Newspaper Delivery to CalPERS Office – Orange, CA
Nov 6	VOTE!

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Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Jerry G. Evans, District B

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from July 7, 2012 through Oct 27, 2012.

Jul 12-13	Chapter Officers Training - Sacramento
Jul 18	Chapter 36 Meeting - Salinas
Jul 19-20	Chapter Officers Training – Los Angeles
Jul 26	Chapter 10 B-B-Q/Meeting
Aug 8	Mock GC/DA Buellton, Ca
Aug 29	CSEA Board Meeting L.A. Bonaventure Hotel
Aug 30-Sep 2	GC/DA L.A. Bonaventure Hotel
Sep 13	Chapter 31 Meeting Oxnard
Oct 10-11	ByLaws Meeting Sacto
Oct 16-17	Goals and Objectives Meeting Sacto
Oct 25	Chapter 10 Meeting SLO
Oct 26-27	CSEA Board Meeting Sacto

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Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Gus C. Lease, District C

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from May 12, 2012 through November 9, 2012.

Jun 13	Chapter 23 – San Jose
Jun 14	Chapter 3 – San Francisco
Jun 21	Chapter 1 – Oakland
Jul 12/13	Officers Training – Sacramento
Jul 17	Chapter 21 – Santa Rosa
Jul 18	Chapter 36 – Salinas
Jul 19-20	Officers Training – Ontario
Aug 2	District C Mock DA/GC – San Francisco
Aug 17-18	CSR Off-site Board Meeting – Sacramento
Aug 25	Assembly Member Jim Beall Interview – San Jose
Aug 30 - Sept 3	CSR Delegate Assembly/General Council – Los Angeles
Sept 7	Interview Jerry Hill for Senate – Redwood City
Sept 10	Chapter 23 Executive Meeting – San Jose
Sept 12	Chapter 36 – Salinas

Sept 13	Chapter 3 – San Francisco
Sept.14	Senior Scam – San Jose
Sept 20	Chapter 1 – Oakland
Sept 27	District C President/Vice-Presidents Meeting – San Francisco
Sept 27	Jim Beall Barbecue – San Jose
Oct 9	Chapter 23 – San Jose
Oct 10-12	CSR By-laws and Finance – Sacramento
Oct 16-17	CSR Goals and Objectives – Sacramento
Nov 6-9	CSR Training/Presidents/Board Meeting – San Diego

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Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 7

Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Fritz Walgenbach, District E

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from May 4, 2012 through October 23, 2012.

May 4	Delegate Assembly Meeting – Sacramento, CA
May 7	PAC Training – Sacramento, CA
May 8	Lobby Day – Sacramento, CA
May 9	LDI Training - Sacramento, CA
May 10	Presidents Forum & Committee Meeting - Sacramento, CA
May 11	CSR Board Meeting - Sacramento, CA
May 14	SCORE Meeting - Sacramento, CA
May 15	Chapter 15 Meeting – Rocklin, CA
May 22	Senior Coalition - Sacramento, CA
May 25	Building Search - Sacramento, CA
Jun 4	Chapter 2 Meeting - Sacramento, CA
Jun 19	Chapter 15 Meeting – Rocklin, CA
Jul 2	Chapter 2 Meeting - Sacramento, CA
Jul 12-13	Officer Training - Sacramento, CA
Jul 19-20	Officer Training – Ontario, CA

Jul 23	Leg Fund Raiser – Rocklin, CA
Aug 1	Chapter 2 Executive Meeting - Sacramento, CA
Aug 2	Mock GC Chapter 3 – San Francisco, CA
Aug 3	Delegate Assembly Meeting & PAC Training – Oakland, CA
Aug 6	Chapter 2 Meeting - Sacramento, CA
Aug 11	CalPERS Fair - Sacramento, CA
Aug 17-18	CSR Board Meeting - Sacramento, CA
Aug 20	Mock GC Chapter 2 - Sacramento, CA
Aug 30-Sep 2	Delegate Assembly & General Council – Los Angeles, CA
Sep 17	Chapter 2 Recognition - Sacramento, CA
Sep 18	Chapter 15 Meeting – Rocklin, CA
Sep 22	Garemindy BBQ – Jackson, CA
Oct 1	Chapter 2 Meeting - Sacramento, CA
Oct 10	CSR Bylaws Committee Meeting - Sacramento, CA
Oct 11-12	CSR Fiscal Committee Meeting - Sacramento, CA
Oct 16-17	Goals and Objectives - Sacramento, CA
Oct 23	Chapter 15 Meeting – Rocklin, CA

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Date: November 9, 2012

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Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Tim Behrens, District F

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from August 2, 2012 through October 27, 2012.

Aug 2-4 Mock GC - San Francisco, CA & PAC Meeting – Oakland, CA

Aug 9 Mock GC Chapter 35 – Porterville, CA

Aug 14 Mock GC Chapters 5 & 16 – Manteca, CA

Aug 16 Mock GC Fresno Chapter 11

Aug 17-18 Board Workshop Sacramento

Aug 29-Sept 1 CSR Delegate assembly & CSEA GC – Los Angeles, CA

Sep 11-13 Chapter 5 sub – Sonora, Merced & Modesto, CA

Sep 17-18 Chapter 5 sub – Jackson, CA

Sep 21-22 Congressman Garamendi BBQ - Angels Camp, CA

Oct 9-10 CSR Fiscal Committee – Sacramento, CA

Oct 10-11 CSR Bylaws and Rules Committee – Sacramento, CA

Oct 16-17 CSR Goals and Objectives Meeting – Sacramento, CA

Oct 21-23 CalPERS Training - Palm Springs, CA

Oct 26- 27 CSEA Board Meeting – Sacramento, CA

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Date: November 9, 2012

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Title: Board Member Report

Information

Presented by: Gene W. Waggoner II, District G

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from May 16, 2012 through November 4, 2012.

May 16	Southern California CARA Meeting – Orange, CA
May 21	Disclose Act Conference call
May 22	Board Meeting, CARA – Sacramento, CA
May 28	Disclose Act Conference Call
Jun 6	Disclose Act Conference Call
Jun 13	Chapter 34 Meeting – Orange, CA
Jun 20	Chapter 12 Meeting – Victorville, CA
Jun 21	Chapter 6 Meeting – Riverside, CA
Jun 27	Chapter 17 Meeting – El Cajon, CA
Jul 11	Chapter 34 Meeting – Victorville, CA
Jul 18	CARA Meeting – Orange, CA
Jul 19-20	Officer Training – Ontario, CA
Aug 3-4	Political Action Committee Meeting – Oakland, CA
Aug 8	Chapter 34 Meeting – Orange, CA
Aug 15	Chapter 12 Meeting – Lancaster, CA

Aug 16	Chapter 6 Meeting – Fontana, CA
Aug 17-18	Board Meeting – Sacramento, CA
Aug 22	Chapter 17 Meeting – San Diego, CA
Aug 24	Healthcare Meeting – Wrightwood, CA
Aug 29	Disclose Act Conference Call
Aug 30–Sep 2	General Council – Los Angeles, CA
Sep 12	Chapter 34 Meeting – Orange, CA
Oct 4	CARA Convention – Huntington Beach, CA
Oct 11-12	Finance Committee Meeting – Sacramento, CA
Oct 18	Chapter 6 Meeting – Hemet, CA
Oct 24	Chapter 17 Meeting – El Cajon, CA
Oct 25	Chapter 12 Meeting – Tehachapi, CA
Nov 4	CARA Board Meeting – Huntington Beach, CA

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Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 8

Title: Report on August 17, 2012 Executive Board Workshop

Information

Presented by: Susan Sears

Background: Minutes for the Executive Board Workshop held on August 17, 2012 in Sacramento are attached for your review.

Attachment

CSR BOARD WORKSHOP
August 17-18, 2012
Hilton Garden Inn, Natomas
Sacramento, CA

Update on Building at 1108 O Street: CSEA General Manager Lee King spoke to us about the history of the building and a possible buy/sell agreement that could be reached, which could open up more options for us. The building is owned 50/50 by CSEA and The Golden 1 Credit Union. Golden 1 uses floors 1 and 2; CSEA occupies floors 3-5.

When the building was constructed in 1961, no cash reserves were set aside for repairs. As a result, nearly everything in the building is 51 years old, with the exception of the HVAC system and one elevator, which was recently replaced, plus a portion of the roof which was repaired this past winter. The bathrooms on the 4th floor have been remodeled; the remainder are not ADA-compliant. The entire building does not meet current earthquake-resistant building codes.

Local 1000 is planning to move out. Golden 1 wants to stay, no matter what any of the CSEA affiliates decide to do. The affiliates incurred a debt of \$650K for the new HVAC system two and a half years ago, but it still doesn't always function properly; CSR had to send all its staff home on August 13 and 14 (this week) when the a/c malfunctioned. The remainder of the HVAC loan, approximately \$200K, comes due in 2017.

This is a "Class C" building and, as such, is not rentable to other tenants. The CSR board will consider setting aside some reserves for repairs (and to apply towards retiring the HVAC debt), and will encourage the other affiliates to do the same.

Update on PAC Activities: Dick Mesa told the board that interviews are being set up with a few more candidates, to be completed by September 7. The board will be conducting a roll-call vote, via telephone, on Tuesday, August 21, to consider the endorsements and donations recommended by the PAC at its meeting in Oakland on August 3. There is an additional CSR board meeting scheduled for September 1 at 5:00, at The Bonaventure, to consider any additional recommendations; there may need to be one more quick board meeting after all interviews have been completed. All interviewers will use a standard set of questions, including our four talking points from our Lobby Day in May.

Lobby Day 2013: The dates for next year's Lobby Day activities will be April 8-9 or 15-16; we'll narrow it down soon. There will be one afternoon of training on the Tuesday afternoon, a banquet (hopefully with a legislator as guest speaker) on Tuesday evening, then lobbying all day on Wednesday, with two overnight stays for out-of-town participants. We will appoint an *ad hoc* Lobby Day Committee to prepare for this event. This committee will be charged

with, among other things: determining the optimum number of participants; more information about issues (for the training); talking points; transportation logistics, etc.

Building Search Committee: Fritz reported on the second day-long tour of potential CSR HQ buildings, and noted that this time around there were more good choices for us to consider. Four options will be presented at the November board meeting:

- (1) Purchase
- (2) Lease with option to purchase
- (3) Lease
- (4) Move to larger quarters on the 4th floor at 1108 O Street

What Services Do We Want to Offer to Our Members: The board began to develop a list, including such things as new HQ facilities, an ombudsman, more money for chapter members' travel. This discussion was deferred to the Goals & Objectives Committee, below.

Investment Committee: If this is approved at our Delegate Assembly, who should be asked to serve? Harold said that our Edward Jones representative, Bob Duffield, would be willing to make a presentation to assist the committee. Several names of potential committee members were suggested. No further action will be taken until after Delegate Assembly.

Finance Committee Meeting Date: This will be October 11, 2012, in Sacramento. Phil will make the arrangements for meeting and overnight accommodations for attendees.

May 2013 Board Meeting: As most of our members already know, we had been unable to contract with the Hilton Arden West (Sacramento) due to the ongoing labor dispute between hotel management and the union to which its workers belong. After a lengthy search (including casinos in California and Nevada), we still had not found a suitable alternative location.

This item was placed on this workshop agenda so the board could discuss available options. During the workshop, I received an email stating the union and hotel had reached an agreement and signed a contract. We immediately directed Phil to sign a contract with the Hilton Arden West for our May 2013 board meeting.

Formation of New Bakersfield Chapter: Tim reported that both groups (Chapter 35, Porterville, and its Bakersfield subchapter) were in agreement. Harold pointed out it would cost approximately \$20,000 to support the new chapter in its first year of operation. He also stated the original chapter would have to agree to divide its chapter assets based on membership numbers.

Goals & Objectives Committee: Section 12.02(d) of our Governing Rules suggests this committee, so I asked if the board members would like to convene it this year. Tim pointed out that we should have a three-year Strategic Plan, and revisit it yearly. Gus stated that this already exists, and produced a copy of it. After discussion, it was agreed as follows:

(1) The CSR Board will serve as the Goals & Objectives Committee.

(2) The committee will meet in Sacramento on October 16-17. This meeting will be open to members; chapter presidents will be encouraged to attend and participate.

(3) The meeting will have a facilitator.

It is this board's intention to discuss our available options, ideas and future plans, and develop a Strategic Plan in order for us to give clearer direction to our staff an, on an ongoing basis, assess our progress toward meeting our stated goals.

LDI Training Sessions: One more LDI is scheduled for the Wednesday of our November board meeting week in San Diego (November 7). After that, this board agreed it will decide whether to continue the LDI program. It is assumed that options for all types of training will be discussed at the Goals & Objectives Committee meeting.

Two New Resolutions for General Council: Two 20-delegate resolutions submitted by Donna Snodgrass were given to those in attendance – information only.

TTY for Delegate Assembly: We considered providing a closed-captioning service for our hearing-impaired members. The idea was to provide written transcription of testimony given at floor mikes during debate on resolutions. It was determined that the cost (approx. \$20 per member in attendance) could not be justified since we have not had the opportunity to actually try it out. We agreed to do further research on this as a future option. In the meantime, we will improve the sound quality of the main microphone on the dais, and the assembly presider (me) will attempt to clearly re-state questions and answers given from the floor.

Closed Session: A brief closed session was conducted on personnel matters and a bargaining update.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Sears
CSR President

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 9

Title: Chief Financial Officer Report

Information

Presented by: Harold Rose

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

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 10

Title: California State Retirees Headquarters Report

Information

Presented by: Dr. Phil Sherwood

Background: The California State Retirees Headquarters Report will be available on the back table in the Board Meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 11

Title: CSEA President's Report

Information

Presented by: CSEA President Marilyn F. Hamilton

Background: President Marilyn F. Hamilton will give CSR an update on CSEA activities.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 12

Title: CalPERS Board of Administration Update

Information

Presented by: Henry Jones

Background: Henry Jones will give an update on CalPERS activities.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 13A

Title: Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee Report

Information

Presented by: Marilyn F. Hamilton

Background: The Bylaws and Governing Rules Committee met on October 10-11, 2012 in Sacramento. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the back table.

Chair Marilyn F. Hamilton will give an oral report of the meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 13B

Title: Finance Committee Report

Information

Presented by: Harold Rose

Background: The Finance Committee met on October 11-12, 2012 in Sacramento. Minutes of the meeting will be available on the back table.

Chair Harold Rose will give an oral report of the meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 13C

Title: Grant Committee Report

Information

Presented by: Eleanor Poole

Background: The Grant Committee met on November 8, 2012 in San Diego. Chair Eleanor Poole will give an oral report of the meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 13D

Title: Health Benefits Committee Report

Information

Presented by: Stephanie Hweg

Background: The Health Benefits Committee met on November 8, 2012 in San Diego. Chair Stephanie Hweg will give an oral report of the meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 13E

Title: Membership Committee Report

Information

Presented by: Carol Bowen

Background: The Membership Committee met on May 10, 2012 in Sacramento. A copy of the November 8, 2012 agenda is attached.

Co-Chair Carol Bowen will give an oral report of the meeting.

Attachment

AGENDA

California State Retirees

Membership Committee

Hilton Hotel-San Diego Mission Valley

November 8, 2012

9 a.m. – 10.00 AM

1. Call to order by Carol Bowen, Co-chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - Carol Bowen, Co-Chair
 - Mary McDonnell, Co-Chair
 - Jan Christiansen
 - Jack Vander Bruggen
 - Doris Lithgow
 - Donna Hernandez, Board Liaison
 - Terrence Conklin, Staff Assigned
4. Old Business
 - A. Ambassador Program
5. New Business
 - A. Create a presence with State Employees
 - B. Meet the Job Stewards

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 14

Title: What's On Your Mind?

Information

Presented by: Susan Sears

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

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 15

Title: Unfinished Business

Information

Presented by: Susan Sears

Background: Currently there is no unfinished business.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16A

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

Information

Presented by: Caryl Cole

Background: The Presidents' Forum is scheduled to meet on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. Attached is the tentative agenda. Copies of the August minutes will be available on the back table.

Attachment

AGENDA

**PRESIDENTS' FORUM
CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES, INC
November 8th, 2012
1:00 pm**

**Hilton-San Diego Mission Valley
901 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 767-5528**

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

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

001 Shirley Borden	002 Barbara Wilson	003 Mary McDonnell
004 Marta Zaragoza	005 Barbara Powers	006 Dee Stoddard
008 James Moranda	009 Jan Christiansen	010 Victor Martinez
011 Christy Christensen	012 Caryl Cole	013 Ed Huey
014 Doris Lithgow	015 Cynthia Garey	016 Jean Laosantos
017 Diane Whorton	019 Richard (Skip) Hulet	020 Ceil Andersen
021 Donald Lehnhoff	023 Bobbie Estrada	031 Raylene Laverentz
034 Jenny Hayden	035 Loyd Winner	036 Allen Lee
165 Beverley Greening		

3. Election of Officers - to assume office at close of this meeting;
4. Approval of Minutes for February 23, 2012
5. Remarks of the Chair – Big Thank You to Jerilyn Johnson for providing minutes Presentation
6. Approval of Agenda (addition of unscheduled items)
7. CFO Harold Rose's Report

8. Chapter Presidents' Reports – please limit to 3 minutes each
All Chapter Financial Reports & Audits were current per Harold's Report
9. Unfinished Business
Have you completed the name change to CSR on your bank account?
Show of hands - A handout of the info needed by Banks for this change is available or can be sent to you by email.
10. New Business
 - A. CSR's presence and/or Representation at all PERS Board and Committee meetings
 - B. Report on - Suggestions for questions to be asked of the Board Officer candidates at the February President's Forum – Mary McDonald
11. Adjourn

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16B

Title: Proposed Amendments to Governing Rules

Action

Presented by: Marilyn F. Hamilton

Recommended Action: Proposed Amendments to Governing Rules will be available on the back table.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16C

Title: Proposed Resolutions for Submission to Delegate Assembly

Action

Presented by: Marilyn F. Hamilton/Harold Rose

Recommended Action: Proposed Amendments for submission to Delegate Assembly will be available on the back table.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16D

Title: Update on California State Retirees PAC

Information

Presented by: Dick Mesa

Background: PAC Committee chair Dick Mesa will give an update on the PAC.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16E

Title: Guest Speaker - Caremark

Information

Presented by: Lauri Hunter and Cacy Rossi

Background: Lauri Hunter will give an oral report regarding Medicare Part D.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16F

Title: Membership Report and Drawing

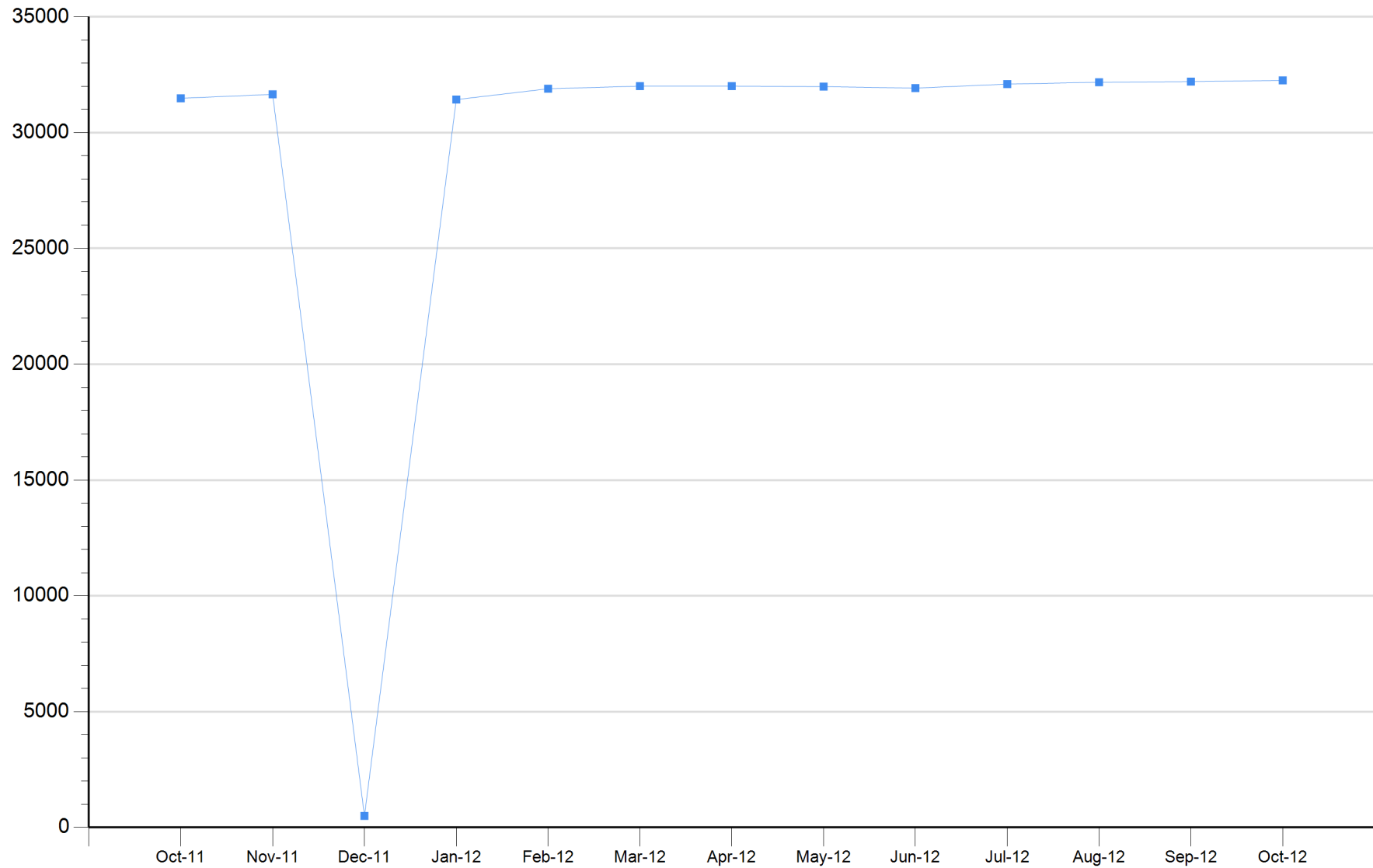
Information

Presented by: Terrence Conklin

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

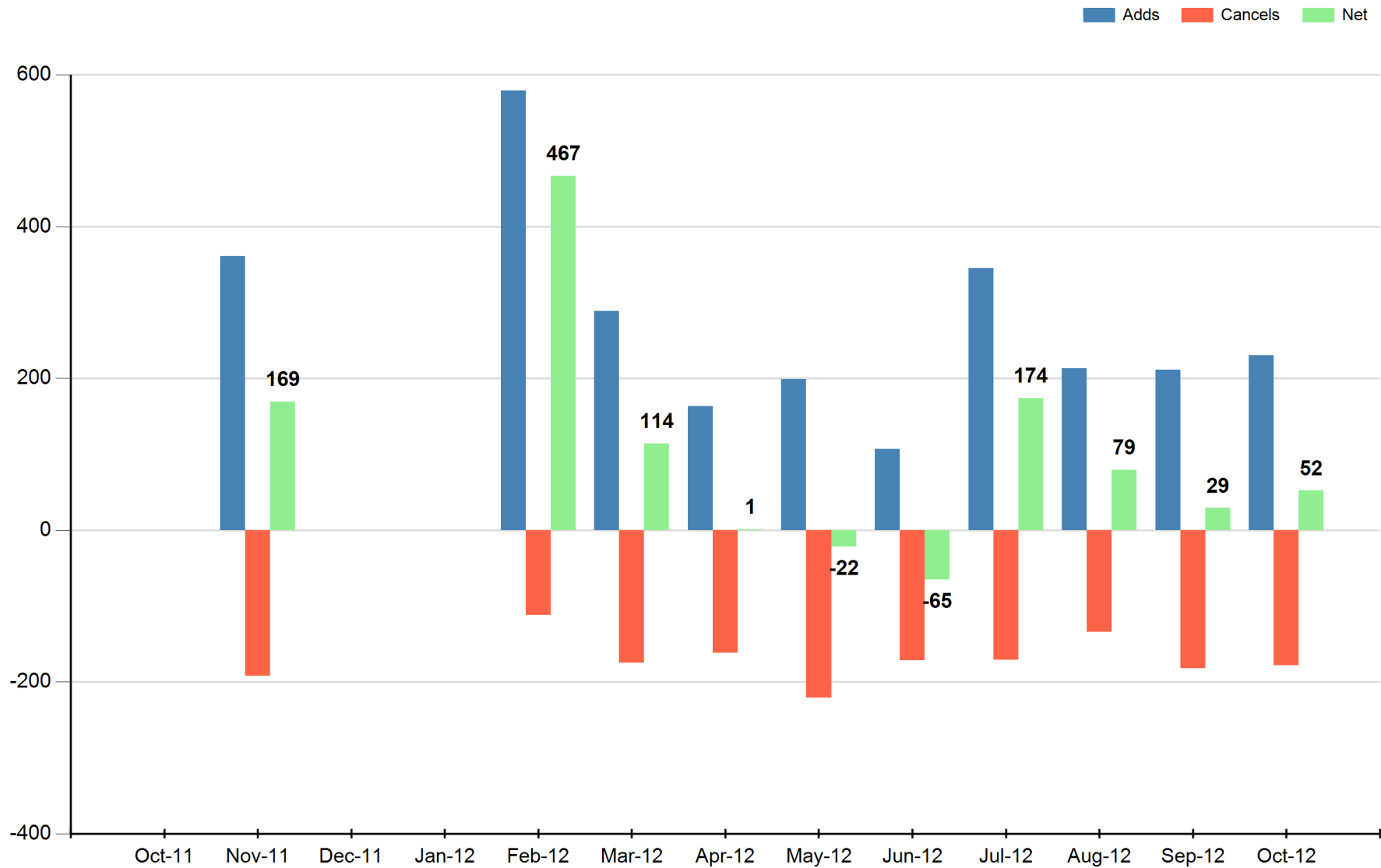
RETIREE Membership Counts

October 2011 - October 2012



RETIREE Member Adds, Cancels, and Net Counts

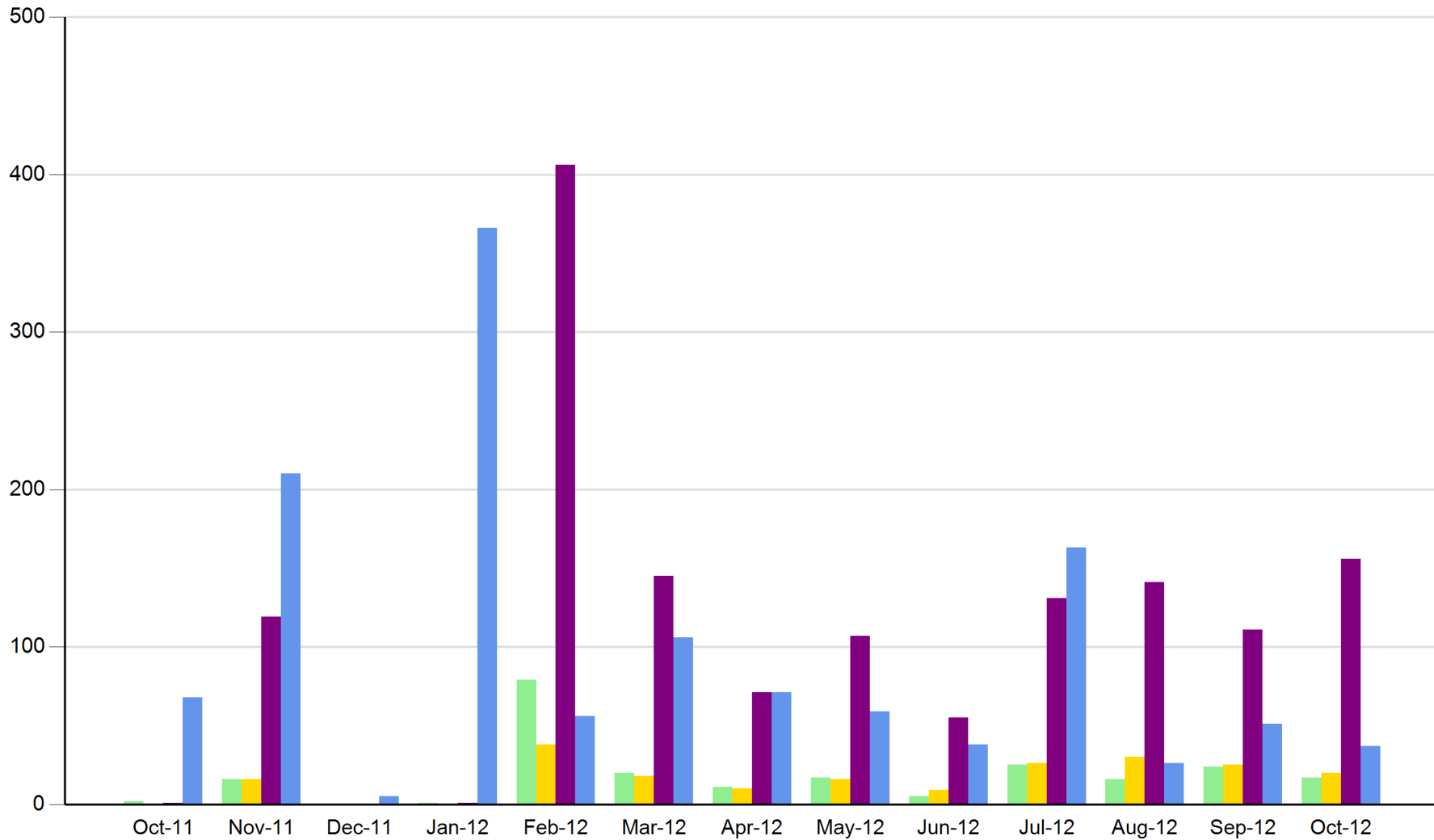
October 2011 - October 2012



RETIREE New Membership Source

October 2011 - October 2012

ACSS CSUEU SEIU New Members



CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16G

Title: Report on CARA Convention

Information

Presented by: Harold Rose

Background: Harold Rose will give a presentation on the CARA Convention.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16H

Title: Report on CSEA Board of Directors Meeting

Information

Presented by: Susan Sears

Background: Susan Sears will give a presentation on the CSEA Board of Directors Meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16I

Title: CSEA President's Report

Information

Presented by: Marilyn F. Hamilton

Background: Marilyn F. Hamilton will give a presentation regarding CSEA.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16J

Title: CSEA Board Committee Reports

Information

Presented by: Bylaws, Policies and Procedures - Marilyn F. Hamilton
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 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16K

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

Information

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

Attachment



THE MONTH IN WASHINGTON

A Federal Report Provided by **LGV&A**

AUGUST 2012

With Congress in recess for most of the month and much of the rest of official Washington vacationing to escape the city's heat and humidity, August is traditionally the slowest month in the nation's capital. This year was little different, though the presidential campaign kept things occasionally interesting, with Republican candidate Mitt Romney pledging that, if elected, he would undo the two signature legislative achievements of President Obama – health care reform and financial regulations reform.

ISSUES AND EVENTS

Public Pension Assets Surpass 2007 Levels

Public pension assets have recovered the losses they suffered in the market downturn of 2008-09 and now total \$2.5 trillion, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The 14.6 percent increase in public pension assets in 2011 pushed the funds to a level 2.1 percent higher than they reached in 2007. Funds were hit hard after that point, losing \$511.5 billion in 2009 alone.

Obligations also grew, however, and the 3.7 percent increase last year pushed public retirement system liabilities to \$3.4 trillion.

Though a \$900 billion difference remains between assets and liabilities, the former grew at a faster pace than the latter in 2011, a welcome change in a public pension community that has been assailed by critics over finances.

“To close the pension gap, the rate of growth in assets needs to exceed the rate of growth in liabilities,” said Keith Brainard, research director for the National Association of State Retirement Administrators. “And, really, for the last 11 years, due to crummy investment markets, the liabilities, or the obligations, have been growing faster than assets.”

Brainard also noted that retirement system funding has been limited by the recent decrease in public payrolls and the slow wage growth for public employees.

Total 2011 revenues increased 32.8 percent to \$516.5 billion, with 80 percent of that amount – \$410.6 billion – coming from investment earnings. Among the largest investment categories, international securities showed the largest increase, rising 24.1 percent to \$446 billion, while domestic stocks grew 13.8 percent to \$873.2 billion. Federal government securities returned 7.4 percent and now total \$206.6 billion, but corporate bonds dipped 2.1 percent to \$349.7 billion. Some smaller investment classes experienced substantial gains, with cash and short-term investments growing 36.4 percent to \$107.3 billion, and real property increasing 28.6 percent to \$107.1 billion.

Total payments grew 8.5 percent to \$189 billion, with benefit payments to 7.3 million people accounting for \$176.8 billion of that total.

California had the largest pension fund at \$433.3 billion. The state earned \$82.4 billion on investments and had \$19.1 billion in contributions in 2011, while paying out \$27.9 billion, including \$26.2 billion in benefits. New York and Texas had the second and third-largest portfolios at \$235.4 billion and \$165.5 billion, respectively.

Pension Obligation Bond Issuance at Lowest Level Since 2001

The sales of pension obligation bonds (POBs) are at their lowest level since 2001, according to Thomson Reuters.

From January through July of 2012, states and localities issued \$604 million in POBs, compared to \$4 billion in 2011.

Such bonds can carry a fair amount of risk since sales proceeds are typically invested with the intention of getting a return that exceeds the debt service on the bonds. The use of bonds can result in reduced flexibility and financial losses – Wilshire Associates reported this month that public pension investments have returned just 1.15 percent in the past year – and can be seen by analysts and investors as a sign of financial distress.

“In the past, there was a perception that market returns would make the issuance of pension bonds worthwhile over time,” Doug Offerman, an analyst at Fitch, said. “Going forward, it seems less likely that pension investments can provide steady, strong growth.”

Nonetheless, Reuters noted that some California cities are considering using such bonds to pay off debts known as side funds to CalPERS.

Jean-Pierre Aubry, assistant director of state and local research at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, said that, unless equity valuations drop significantly, “I would not expect to see a flurry of new POB issuance.”

“If the economy continues to be steady, pension funds will do better and government revenues will stabilize,” Aubry said. “So, there will be less need for many new pension obligation bonds.”

Large Public Pensions Increase Alternative Investments

Public pensions with at least \$1 billion in assets have a record-high average of 15 percent of their investments in alternative classes such as venture capital and private equity, according to the Wilshire Trust Universe Comparison Service.

The average is up more than 50 percent from the 9.2 percent that was measured a year ago.

Alternative investments provide returns that are unrelated to the performance of the stock market, something that has likely grown more appealing since the market downturn of 2008-09.

CalPERS was found to have 14 percent of its \$237 billion portfolio in alternative investments.

"There is a premium that goes with investing in alternative investments because they typically are a little bit riskier, but higher return," CalPERS spokesman Brad Pacheco said.

GASB Posts New Public Pension Accounting Rules Online

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has made available on its website the new public pension accounting guidelines it announced in June.

The new rules, for the first time, will require governments that provide defined benefit pensions to employees to report pension promises as liabilities. The rules will allow funds that are financially healthy to continue to use a discount rate that reflects "the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments" in calculating their "net pension liability." Critics of public pensions have pushed to require funds to use a "risk-free" rate of return – as would be expected from Treasury bonds – for the discount rate, which would be about half of the 8 percent return that is now commonly projected.

Funds may continue with the current discount rate method, however, only "as long as the plan net position is projected under specific conditions to be sufficient to pay pensions of current employees and retirees and the pension plan assets are expected to be invested using a strategy to achieve that return." Pensions in poorer fiscal condition must use a discount rate that is more like the riskless rate that critics support, specifically, "a yield or index rate on tax-exempt 20-year, AA-or-higher rated municipal bonds."

GASB Chairman Robert Attmore said in June that the board had considered requiring a risk-free rate to be used in all long-term funding calculations, but the board "decided that it was not appropriate in the government environment."

Volcker Rule Expected by End of Year

Regulators are reportedly expected to release a final draft of the Volcker rule by the end of the year.

The Volcker rule would prohibit proprietary trading by banks – that is, trading done for the bank's own purposes, not at the direction of a client – and is one of the most controversial parts of the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial regulations reform law.

The Federal Reserve, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency have been working together to write the rule. They released a 300-page draft in October and have been reviewing 18,000 comments on the proposal that were submitted by the public since then. They've already missed the July 21 deadline for implementation of the rule.

Published reports in late August quoted an unnamed Treasury Department official as saying that "something will get done this year" in order to eliminate the uncertainty that now hangs over financial institutions.

One challenge that regulators have encountered is writing a regulation that bans proprietary trading while allowing legitimate market-making. In addition, Dodd-Frank allows banks to trade for hedging purposes, but it must be determined if the hedging has to be tied to a specific position or can be for an entire portfolio. The latter option would likely result in a fairly weak rule.

Supporters of a tough Volcker rule, primarily Democrats, argue that it is needed to discourage the type of excessive risk-taking that contributed to the market downturn and recession of 2008-09, while critics, mostly Republicans, caution that tight investment restrictions could hamper economic growth.

House Financial Services Committee Chairman Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., who has been one of the sharpest critics of the Volcker Rule and Dodd-Frank, announced on Aug. 7 that his panel will accept "ideas and suggestions on how to formulate a less burdensome legislative alternative" through Sept. 7.

"If regulators implement the Volcker Rule in its current form, the repercussions will be devastating to our economy," Bachus said. It will undermine our nation's ability to compete and make it harder for Main Street businesses to raise capital so they can grow and create jobs. Therefore, we must consider legislative alternatives that will not stifle economic growth and job creation."

Banks will have until July 21, 2014, to comply with the rule.

Dodd-Frank to Cost Banks up to \$34 Billion Annually: S&P

The financial regulations in the 2010 Dodd-Frank law will cost the nation's eight largest banks a total of as much as \$34 billion annually, according to Standard & Poor's.

Standard & Poor's had previously estimated that Dodd-Frank would reduce pre-tax earnings for Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, PNC Financial Services, U.S. Bancorp and Wells Fargo by \$19.5-26 billion, but its latest estimate puts the range at \$22-34 billion. The increase largely results from an expectation that regulators will implement a stricter version of the Volcker Rule, which will prohibit banks from engaging in proprietary trading, than had been thought.

The agency noted that, despite the decreased earnings, "we don't believe the financial impact of regulatory reform will, in itself, affect our ratings on the eight large U.S. banks."

Projections Vary Regarding Reform Law's Impact on Employer-Provided Coverage

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) found a wide variation in projections regarding how the health care reform law will affect employer-provided coverage.

The reform law includes several provisions that are expected to have an impact on whether employers provide coverage for their workers, including the individual mandate, the creation of health care exchanges, federal subsidies and penalties assessed on larger employers whose employees receive subsidized coverage.

The GAO reviewed five micro-simulation studies that showed results ranging from a 2.5 percent net decrease to a 2.7 percent net increase in the number of Americans with employer-provided coverage in the next two years. Among 19 surveys of employers reviewed by the GAO, though, 16 projected decreases in coverage ranging from 2 to 20 percent.

Employer-sponsored plans are the most prevalent type in the U.S. health care system, with 59 percent of Americans receiving their health coverage through the workplace. Many Republican critics of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act have argued that, notwithstanding the provisions regarding penalties for certain employers who do not cover their workers, the law, on net, will provide economic incentives for companies to drop coverage. The GAO conducted the study at the request of Sen. Michael Enzi of Wyoming, the ranking Republican on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and one of the most vehement critics of the law.

Generic Drugs Saved Americans More than \$1 Trillion over 10 Years: Study

Generic medicines saved Americans a total of \$1.07 trillion during the past 10 years, according to a study released in August by the Generic Pharmaceuticals Association (GPhA).

The study, which was conducted by IMS Research, put the 2011 savings at \$193 billion, 22 percent more than in 2010, marking the highest annual increase in more than a decade. About 80 percent of the 4 billion prescriptions written in 2011 were for generic drugs, and total spending on pharmaceuticals last year – both generic and brand-name – totaled \$320 billion.

“The remarkable findings demonstrated in this report are a testament not only to the generic industry’s tremendous accomplishments over the past decade, but to the even greater achievements that are still to come,” GPhA President and CEO Ralph Neas said. “The sustainability of the health care system and the national economy depend in significant measure on the availability of affordable medicines.”

The study asserted that the success of generics has not diminished drug innovation, a concern that has been raised by critics. It noted that, “although generic utilization has reached new levels, more new medicines were launched in 2011 than in any other year of the past decade.”

“By creating a fair balance between innovation of new medicines and accessibility to lower cost generic medicines,” the report concluded, “federal law has established a win-win for providers and American consumers.”

California Awarded Third Grant for Insurance Exchange

California and seven other states received grants last week to support the creation of health insurance exchanges, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced in late August.

Under the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, insurance exchanges are to be created at the state level to provide a place for individuals and small businesses to shop for and enroll in a policy, in some cases while receiving federal subsidies.

“We continue to support states as they move forward building an exchange that works for them,” HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said. “Thanks to the health care law, Americans will have more health insurance choices and the ability to compare insurance plans.”

California, Hawaii, Iowa, and New York were awarded Level One Exchange Establishment grants, which provide one year of funding to states that have begun the process of building their exchange. Connecticut, Maryland, Nevada and Vermont were awarded Level Two Establishment grants, which are provided to states that are further along in building their exchange and offer funding over multiple years.

California, according to HHS, is to use its grant to:

- Coordinate with state agencies in health coverage programs as well as consumer assistance and insurance oversight.
- Design policies for enrollment and eligibility.

- Refine and begin implementing a public education and outreach program.
- Begin selecting and certifying qualified health plans for participation in the exchanges.
- Submit an exchange blueprint to secure federal certification.
- Develop and execute a plan to evaluate exchange programs.
- Enhance financial management and business operations in the exchange.

California has now received three exchange-related grants totaling \$237 million.

Thirty-four states and the District of Columbia have received grants to start building their exchanges, while 15 states have received planning money. Alaska has not applied for a grant. Applications may be submitted through the end of 2014.

RELATED NATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

Public Sector Groups Note Concerns with Proposed Federal Normal Retirement Age Regulations

A coalition of 13 public sector organizations wrote to the IRS on July 30 to provide comments on proposed regulations regarding the normal retirement age in government retirement plans.

The IRS and the Treasury Department are considering issuing guidance related to the applicability of federal normal retirement age rules to governmental plans.

Noting that “following the issuance of federal normal retirement age regulations in 2007, which were aimed at private sector plans, there has been significant confusion surrounding their application to state and local government retirement plans,” the group requested that the IRS and the Treasury Department:

- Issue proposed regulations before finalizing the application of any normal retirement age rules to governmental plans to allow time for public comment.
- Make clear that federal restrictions on governmental plan normal retirement ages pertain to in-service distributions only.
- Treat qualification for an unreduced benefit in a governmental plan to be an acceptable normal retirement age for the purposes of the 2007 regulations.

The groups noted that the unique structures of state and local retirement plans would produce challenges for applying a one-size-fits-all federal standard.

“Many state and/or local statutes may not have a specific normal retirement age, but instead require the satisfaction of one or more age and/or service combinations in order to qualify for an unreduced retirement benefit,” they stated in the letter. “In addition, governmental pension plans often provide multiple benefit structures and cover multiple employee groups, which further complicate applying a standardized federal definition in the diverse public sector setting. However, this does not mean that public employees do

not have protection for their accrued benefits. State constitutions, state and/or local statutes, and/or case law define when a plan participant is vested in his/or her [sic] benefit and whether future benefits can be modified.”

CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION NEWS

CalPERS Urges Congress to Reject Additional Sarbanes-Oxley Exemptions

CalPERS at the end of July urged lawmakers to reject a proposal that would provide additional exemptions from the auditing and internal controls requirements that are at the heart of the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Congress passed Sarbanes-Oxley in the wake of high-profile accounting scandals and bankruptcies at Enron, WorldCom and other companies. CalPERS had a significant role in the drafting of the law, which reformed certain accounting and corporate governance rules for publicly-traded companies.

The law’s Section 404 requires an outside auditor to sign off on a company’s internal controls. It has long been the most controversial aspect of the law, with Republicans and business groups arguing that it is overly burdensome and impedes job creation. The 2010 Dodd-Frank financial regulations reform law and this year’s Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act provided Section 404 exemptions for smaller and “emerging growth” companies, respectively.

Now, Congress is considering a bill from Rep. Michael Fitzpatrick, R-Penn., which would exempt companies with no more than \$250 million in publicly-traded shares – the current threshold is \$75 million – or with no more than \$100 million in annual revenue. CalPERS Senior Portfolio Manager Anne Simpson wrote in a July 30 letter to the chairman and ranking member of the House Financial Services Committee’s Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises Subcommittee that the proposal is “misguided.”

“CalPERS and other investors benefit from the assurances provided by independent auditors about issuers’ internal controls,” Simpson wrote. “Allowing companies to avoid an external audit of their control will undermine investor confidence, and thereby potentially affect companies’ ability to attract the long term capital they need for growth.”

The Capital Markets Subcommittee, however, voted 18-15 to advance the bill, with all Democrats, including the two from California – Reps. Brad Sherman and Maxine Waters, the panel’s ranking member – opposing the measure, and all but one Republican – California’s Rep. John Campbell – supporting it. Two other California GOP representatives – Reps. Ed Royce and Kevin McCarthy – backed the legislation.

The subcommittee examined the proposal at a July 26 hearing at which supporters said it would encourage economic growth, while critics expressed concern that it would undermine the accountability goals of Sarbanes-Oxley.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: 16L

Title: Unscheduled Items

Information/Action

Background: Any unscheduled items will be listed here.

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012
Agenda Item: 17
Title: 2013 CSR Board of Directors Meeting Dates

Information

Background: 2013 CSR Board of Directors Meeting Dates listed below.

November 7-9, 2012 – Hilton San Diego Mission Valley
901 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 543-9000

February 20-22, 2013 – Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport
250 Gateway Blvd
South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 589-3400

May 8-10, 2013 – Hilton Arden West
2200 Harvard Street
Sacramento, CA 95815
(916) 922-4700

August 21-23, 2013 – Hilton Ontario Airport
700 North Haven Avenue
Ontario, CA 91764
(909) 980-0400

November 6-8, 2013 – Doubletree San Diego Mission Valley
7450 Hazard Center Drive
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 297-5466

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

Date: November 9, 2012

Agenda Item: N/A

Title: Travel Expense Claim (TEC) Forms

Information

Background: Travel Expense Claim forms and instructions are attached. Members can still obtain the form on CSR's Website.

Attachments



Member Expense Claim Instructions

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

Date: Indicate each date on which expenses were incurred.

Location: Show the location at which expenses were incurred.

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

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

Activity: Describe the purpose of the expenditures.

- Lodging:**
- 1) The regular allowance is based on the negotiated rate. Lodging other than General Council lodging shall not be allowed if residence is within 40 miles/40 minutes from meeting location. Only actual expense within the above limits is reimbursed, and original receipts are required.
 - 2) A maximum of the following amounts may be claimed for incidental expenses incurred during any 24-hour period involving a lodging claim.

CSEA Board	\$10.00
SEIU Local 1000	\$10.00
CSUEU	\$10.00
ACSS	\$10.00
California State Retirees.....	\$12.00

Meals:

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

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
CSEA Board	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$19.00
SEIU Local 1000	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$19.00
CSUEU	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$19.00
ACSS	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$19.00
California State Retirees	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$20.00

- 2) Breakfast may not be claimed if departure is after or return is prior to 8:00 a.m.
Lunch may not be claimed if departure is after or return is prior to 12:00 noon.
Dinner may not be claimed if departure is after or return is prior to 7:00 p.m.
- 3) When meals are purchased for other persons authorized to claim meal expense, such persons must be listed on the expense claim with receipt attached.

Travel:

- 1) Indicate the mode of transportation and cost. Common carrier (plane, bus, etc.) is the authorized method of transportation but private automobiles or privately owned or rented aircraft may be authorized if a common carrier is not available, is more costly, or would be unreasonably inconvenient.
- 2) If private automobile is authorized and used, indicate the number of miles traveled (in the comment space at bottom of claim) and use the CSEA allowance of 55.5 cents per mile for CSEA, CSUEU and SEIU Local 1000 and 55.5 cents per mile for ACSS and California State Retirees **(These rates are subject to change. Please contact your affiliate for the most current rate.)** If private automobile is NOT authorized, but used, claim the common carrier fare. If travel is made in another claimant's automobile, travel expense will be allowed only to one claimant.
- 3) Transportation receipts, when applicable, must be submitted with claim.

Misc.:

- 1) Taxi fares are authorized only when no other transportation is practical or available, or when the fare for several riders is not more than the common carrier fee.
- 2) Long distance telephone charges must identify the date, place and party called. If the call is in excess of \$1.00, receipts are required.
- 3) Parking expenses are reimbursed, but receipts are required for amounts in excess of \$3.00 per day for ACSS, CSUEU and California State Retirees and \$5.00 per day for CSEA and SEIU Local 1000.
- 4) Bridge tolls are reimbursed, and no receipts are required.
- 5) Other actual and necessary expenses of an unusual nature, upon approval of the Secretary-Treasurer/Division Financial Officer, may be reimbursed when appropriately recorded and adequately explained.



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