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CSEA RETIREES - CHAPTER 17 - SAN DIEGO District G

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PERS Headquarters
Lincoln Plaza
400 "Q" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

PERS-CARE
800 444-2595
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916 326-3970
800 237-3345

PERS Retired Members
800 352-2238

PERS Beneficiary
916 326-3848
800 352-2238

Social Security
800 772-1213

Internal Revenue Service
800 829-4477

Medicare
800 633-4227

THANK YOUs ARE IN ORDER

Joe Aguelino – Joe has been a member of CSEA so long I couldn't get records. He retired from EDD after years of service and has been an active member of Retirees serving as President of Chapter 17 for over 25 years as well as Vice President from 2009 to 2010 and Delegate to General Council for numerous councils. Joe has dedicated his time and energy to active employees and retirees alike, being involved in political action and believing in the labor movement and rights of all state workers. Joe has been a "union" member of various unions for over 70 years.

Jennie Wolk – Jennie worked at DMV for 31 years retiring in 1989 as a supervisor. She became an active member of Chapter 17 serving as Treasurer from 1996 to 2010 and sitting on the Fiscal Committee since 1999. Jennie has also served as delegate to numerous General Councils currently holding that position. Jennie has been dedicated to the members and chapter working diligently as Treasurer, active in political action and organizing the chapters Holiday Party.

We look forward to seeing both of these dedicated members at our meetings and events.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES NEEDED

Chapter 17 is in need of Alternate Delegate to attend the Delegate Assembly in August. Nomination forms will be available at our meeting in April for those interested. Please come to the meeting, complete the form and submit it to the President. We will have election of delegates at the next meeting in June 2011.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CSEA Retirees Inc. Board of Directors Meetings – 2011 – open to all CSEA Retiree members. Come see your board in action.

May 12 – 13, 2011

August 18 – 19, 2011 - DELEGATE ASSEMBLY -

November 3 – 4, 2011

**Sacramento - Hilton Hotel
Newport Beach, CA -
San Diego – Hotel TBD**

DONNA SNODGRASS, VICE PRESIDENT of CSEA, RUNNING FOR CalPERS SEAT

The Election ballots for the vacated CalPERS will be mailed on April 21, 2011 and must be postmarked or at CalPERS office by May 19th 2011. **CSEA Retirees, Inc. has endorsed DONNA SNODGRASS. It is imperative that ALL CalPERS members vote.** Please make calls to those you know and ask them to support DONNA for this seat.

Donna has made efforts to form partnerships with other public entities not already a part of CSEA. These partnerships are providing those groups with access to CSEA benefits as special members. Donna's goal has been to generate enough income from those partnerships to avoid future dues increases to current members. She has been successful in this endeavor by signing up an estimated 17,000 new members.

Donna is also on the board for the CSEA Foundation which provides scholarships to dependents of CSEA members. ALL affiliate members **ARE** CSEA members and dependents include children and grandchildren. Scholarship applications are available now. Download from CSEA web site or call Gae VanWagoner to have a package mailed. They are due no later than April 29th for this coming fall semester. Donations are always welcome to fund these scholarships. Please check www.calcsea.org – look under Foundation for information.

MEETING MINUTES

The following meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by: Diane Whorton, Interim Secretary. They will be voted on at the chapter meeting on April 27, 2011.

Minutes February 23, 2011

- Call to Order* *President Pearl Pacheco called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm. Nellie Sayer lead the pledge of Allegiance.*
- Roll Call of Officers* *Officers present: President Pearl Pacheco, Vice President vacant, Secretary Excused
Absence and Treasurer vacant Jr. Past President Joe Aquelino.*
- First order of business was to fill vacant positions.*
- Vice President:*** *Joe Aquelino resigned. President Pearl Pacheco has recommended the appointment of Ken Bealo. Jr to the seat. Executive Board has approved the recommendation. Motion made by Nellie Sayer, 2nd by Sharon Hatch to make this appointment. Information regarding Ken was given by Pearl and Diane. Motion passed.*
- Treasurer:*** *Jeannie Wolk resigned. President Pearl Pacheco recommended Mark Flahan to the seat. Executive Board approved the recommendation. Motion made by Nellie Sayer, 2nd by Sharon Hatch to make this appointment. Mark gave a brief description of his qualifications. Motion passed.*
- Interim Secretary:*** *Marva Roddy is temporarily unavailable to do this job. President Pearl Pacheco has recommended that Diane Whorton be Interim secretary until Marva is able to return. Executive Board has approved the recommendation. Motion by Mark Flahan with 2nd by Nellie Sayer to make this appointment. Motion passed.*
- Treasurer and Interim Secretary were sworn in by Gene Waggoner. Vice President will be sworn in at next meeting. Joe Aquelino will sit on the board as Jr Past President.*
- Delegates* *Pearl Pacheco, Joseph Aquelino, Diane Whorton, Nellie Sayer, Audrey Garner, Sharon Hatch, Ron Tyler.*
- Guests* *Phillip Sherwood, CESA Retirees, Inc Administrator; Danny Morales, Retirees, Inc. Finance Committee member; and Gene Waggoner, District G Representative.*
- Approval of Minutes* *Motion by Nellie Sayer with 2nd by Sharon Hatch approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2010 and December 16, 2010 meetings. Minutes were approved as written.*
- Treasurer Report* *Finance Report: Danny Morales, member of the State Finance committee gave the 2010 year end finance report. All quarterly reports have been submitted to headquarters, all quarterly dues checks are being received by the chapter. HQ will use this information to do the yearend audit. End of 4th quarterly bank balance is \$3,019.79. A copy of the financial documentation was passed out to members. THANK YOU DANNY*
- Mark reported that January and February deposits were \$5600.00. Balance \$8119.85. Approximately \$1000.00 outstanding expenses. He will give a report at all future meetings.*
- A motion was made by Sharon Hatch and 2nd by Delores Davis to accept treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion passed.*

Committee Reports

Membership: Diane Whorton reported that there had been Membership Training before the recent Affiliate board meeting. It was very good and with an emphasis placed on being volunteers and the need to recruit.

Speakers

Phil Sherwood, Administrator of CSEA Retirees gave a brief overview of his goals for the affiliate.

- *Membership – currently 32,000. Would like to have growth of 2400 per year. He stated “out of crisis comes opportunity.” It’s time to recruit using talking points of pension, health care and social security. We need to advocate for us. There is an assault of “PUBLIC” employees, pensions and more. We need to increase our membership to 60,000.*
- *Training: Membership training was done in February in conjunction with the Board Meeting. Additional training will be done on different topics as the goal is to prepare members to be officers and leaders in our affiliate.*
- *Recognition program for chapters: Chapters will be recognized for what they do. This has been adopted as a governing rule that each chapter have a service project each year. Lots of things can be done, volunteer in community – give back. Make sure we let the public know what we are doing. Change our image. Do good public relations.*
- *PAC (Political Action Committee): Important to members. We have issues and this gives us access to policy makers. Contribution can be from \$1.00 to \$15.00 per month – not to exceed \$200.00 per year per member. We want to grow by 10%, currently only 1200 people are signed up. \$.50 per member dues goes to PAC.*
- *Member Benefit Directory: CSEA has decided to drop the directory because members can access it from the internet. Retirees will now produce the directory for their members.*
- *RETIREE Newspaper: Talking about expanding the size – have now added a crossword puzzle.*
- *DELEGATE ASSEMBLY: Will be held in August 18th to 19th. There will be 20 seminars on one day. Members will pick 5 to attend. THEME: Hawaiian*

Gene Waggoner, District G Representative stated that the CalPERS elections are coming up. **DONNA SNODGRASS**, current Vice President of CSEA is running for the vacant seat. He had flyers available. Donna is a new retiree member of Chapter 6. CSEA Retirees, Inc HAS ENDORSED Donna for this position. **REMEMBER TO VOTE!**

Unfinished Business

Danny Morales, member of the Grants Committee announced that the grant request for computer equipment and software has been approved by the Grants committee and will be discussed at the special Board training/meeting being held in March. The grant request for the Newsletter and recruitment will need to be resubmitted.

New Business

Alternate Delegates: We will be taking nomination forms for alternate delegates at the April and June Meetings. We will be voting on those people our June 2011 meeting. We need to fill all vacant seats for Delegate Assembly in August.

Information Items

New Members: Judith Hammond – Corrections/Parole; Jan Stephenson – Corrections/Parole; Gloria Koch – Caltrans

Birthdays: Six members with birthdays in January and February introduced themselves

Christmas party: 98 people were in attendance

Meeting Adjourned 1:50 pm

MEMBER EMAIL MAILING LIST

If you are interested in receiving the Chapter Newsletter and further communications via email please send me an email with your information. An email database will be created to provide that service and save the chapter mailing costs. Dlw_union@yahoo.com

Thank you

California State Employees Association
Retirees – Chapter 17
c/o Diane Whorton
5444 Olive Street, #D
San Diego, CA 92105

Name and address here

CHAPTER 17 MEETINGS

Meetings are held 6 times a year – on the 4th Wednesday of the following months: February, April, June, August, October and December – Holiday gathering (this date is flexible to accommodate location). December meeting location and information will be announced separately.

PLACE: Sizzler Restaurant – 1030 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon

TIME: 11:30 am – lunch before meeting

MENU: Choice of chicken or steak with soup or salad or unlimited salad bar

COST: \$10.00 per person, chapter subsidizing the rest of the cost

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2011

11:30 AM

**Interstate 8 east to Johnson Ave
Left on Johnson to Fletcher Parkway
Left on Fletcher Parkway – about 1 block on right
Sizzler and Smart and Final in same parking lot
SEE YOU THERE**

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Please contact your fellow state retirees and ask them to join retirees.

Cut out the Membership application, sign them up and send it to me, I will forward to headquarters and keep a record here for follow-up. Be sure and put Chapter 17 and your name on the application as recruiter. Encourage them to attend chapter meetings with you to meet other retirees and get involved.

MAIL TO: DIANE WHORTON – 5444 Olive Street, #D San Diego, Ca 92105

Do you know a state retiree who isn't yet a member?

Application for Retired CSEA Membership and Beneficiary and Associate Membership

Recruiter's Name _____

(Print) Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Number & Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security No. _____

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Social Security No. _____ CSEA Chapter # (optional) _____

State _____ Zip _____ Retirement Date _____

Type of membership (check one)

RETIRED MEMBERSHIP
Available to state retirees only. See Dues Table. E-mail address _____

BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP (Decedent Social Security No. _____)
Available only to beneficiaries of deceased CSEA employed or retired members. Dues are \$1.00 per month.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
Available only to persons not eligible for Retired or Beneficiary membership. Dues are \$12.00 per year (payable annually).

I hereby apply for Retired/Beneficiary/Associate membership in the California State Employees Association and agree to abide by the Association's Constitution and Bylaws. If applicable, I also authorize the Public Employees' Retirement System to deduct CSEA dues from my PERS allowance. I further agree that the Association act as my agent in payroll deduction agreements and transactions between myself, my CSEA chapter and PERS.

() _____ Home Phone _____ Signature _____ Date _____

RET Form 1(09/08)

Send your completed application to: CSEA Retirees, Inc., 1108 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 • (888) 808-7197

DUES TABLE
FOR RETIREE'S INC. MEMBERS
Monthly Basic PERS Monthly Allowance (check one) Dues

<input type="radio"/> \$ 0 - \$ 399	\$1.00
<input type="radio"/> \$ 400 - \$ 799	\$2.25
<input type="radio"/> \$ 800 - \$ 1,199	\$3.25
<input type="radio"/> \$ 1,200 - \$ 1,599	\$5.00
<input type="radio"/> \$ 1,600 - \$ 1,899	\$6.50
<input type="radio"/> \$ 1,900 - \$ 2,299	\$8.00
<input type="radio"/> \$ 2,300 - \$ 2,699	\$8.50
<input type="radio"/> \$ 2,700 - \$ 3,099	\$9.00
<input type="radio"/> \$ 3,100 - \$ 3,499	\$9.50
<input type="radio"/> \$ 3,500+	\$10.00

Do you know a state retiree who isn't yet a member?

Application for Retired CSEA Membership and Beneficiary and Associate Membership

Recruiter's Name _____

(Print) Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Number & Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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