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PERS Beneficiary
916 326-3848
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800 772-1213

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800 829-4477

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800 633-4227

CSEA RETIREES, INC. GEAR UP FOR DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

CSEA Retirees will be holding Delegate Assembly at the Doubletree Hotel in Orange County beginning Wednesday August 17th with committee meetings and a dessert reception at 7:30 pm, Thursday August 18th workshops with a Hawaiian reception in the evening and Friday August 19th Delegate Assembly.

Resolutions being considered by the delegates are as follows:

BGR 1/11

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article I Section 1 Name be amended as follows: Section 1. Name
The name of this Corporation is (**CSEA Retirees, Inc.**) California State Retirees (CSR) (hereafter referred to as the "Corporation").

BGR 2/11

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article III Section 2B and C be amended as follows:

Section 2. Qualification for Membership

(B) C. Associate Members

Associate members are those persons who are dedicated to the purposes of the Corporation but not qualified for active membership, and who are either: (1) spouses, significant others or domestic partners of the active members; or (2) persons who have separated from state service, were members while in state service, and who are recommended by a chapter for membership.

(C.) B. Beneficiary Members

BGR 3/11

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article IX Section 2, be amended as follows: Section 2 Eligibility

Any active member in good standing of a Chapter who is eligible for membership in the Corporation may be nominated for, and elected as a Delegate or Alternate from the Chapter. A duly elected Delegate who takes office as a Director of the Corporation will continue to serve as a Chapter Delegate until new delegates are elected.

BGR 4/11

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article IX Section 3 be amended as follows: Section 3 Membership Roll

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**) 7 delegates. A chapter may designate that the person elected as President shall also be elected to the Delegate Assembly and the 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.

BGR 5/11

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article IX Section 2 & 3 be amended as follows: Section 2 Eligibility

Any active member in good standing of a Chapter who is eligible for membership in the Corporation may be nominated for, and elected as a Delegate or Alternate from the Chapter. A duly elected Delegate who takes office as a Director of the Corporation will continue to serve as a Chapter Delegate until new delegates are elected.

A Delegates and Alternates elected by chapters

Each chapter shall be entitled to elect one delegate for each **(100) 200** members then belonging to such chapter or major fraction thereof. A chapter may designate that the person elected as President shall also be elected to the Delegate Assembly and the 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. Notwithstanding the above, each chapter shall be entitled to a minimum of three delegates.

BGR 6/11

RESOLVED: (a) That Article XIII Meeting, Section 3 & 4 be amended as follows:

Section 3. Conference Call Meetings

(In a situation deemed to be an emergency by the President, t) The Board of Directors may meet by, telephone or similar communication equipment, as long as all board members participating in the meeting can hear one another. Action by telephonic meetings shall meet the requirements set forth in applicable law. Only items listed in the printed agenda shall be considered and voted upon. Actions taken by the Board shall be reported to the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 4. Executive Sessions

An executive session held for the purpose of personnel matters, dealing with th purchase or sale of real property, granting of contracts and determining contributions to political candidates, shall include members of the Board and such other **(constituent)** persons as may be designated by the President. Executive sessions, when held as a part of a regular meeting, should be held prior to the time and place of the scheduled meeting, at the close of routine business on the last day of the regular meeting or scheduled for an announced time certain.

BGR 7/11

RESOLVED: (a) That Bylaws Article XXI, Section 2 Parliamentary Authority be amended as follows:

Section 2 Parliamentary Authority

The Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Governing Rules and Roberts' Rules of Order, latest edition, in that order is the authority governing proceedings in the meetings and conferences of the Corporation **(Board of Directors)**, so far as they are not in conflict with corporate law, these Bylaws and the Governing Rules.

FIS 1/11

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

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 back by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government or the State of California)** or invested by rules established by the Board.

If as you read these resolutions if you have any concerns to be addressed please contact your delegates so they can bring those concerns to the floor for discussion.

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT G REPRESENTATIVE – Gene Waggoner

There will be a number of initiatives on the November 2012 ballot that could have an effect on our pension as we know it in California. Some of these measures, if passed by the voters, could have a detrimental effect on active and retired public service employees, regardless of from what venue they come, be it city, county, state of federal employees. These public employees are all facing similar anti-public employee rhetoric. We have too many benefits and we retire with large pensions.

In order to dispel much of this misinformation, all of us, active and retirees, must be Ambassadors for our retirement plan. The reason I use the term Ambassador, is that CalPERS has a training program called the Ambassador training program. **Training for this program will be held in Long Beach, CA on September 27th, at the Eldorado Park Senior Center, 7800 Studebaker Road, Long Beach, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.** You should make your own reservation by calling, (916) 795-9101. I'm asking as many retirees as possible to attend. You can coordinate your transportation with your President. This training will help all of us to communicate all the true facts about our retirement benefits. By having the facts we will be able to dispel all the false rhetoric that's being spread by the media.

After completing this course, you will be well versed in the benefits of having a viable retirement plan for public service employees, not only for the employees, but for the economy of the community they live in. Retired public servants contribute to their community and are not a burden on the system, because they have the financed, their average annual income is \$26,000, to provide for themselves.

As an Ambassador, which you'll be after completing this training, I want each one of you to speak with your relatives, neighbors, friends and any other opportunity you have to speak the facts about public retirement plans.

All of us must take part in this program of educating the public. By doing nothing we're taking a chance, allowing political hacks to interfere or alter our retirement system that has been in effect for over 70 years.

Call and sign up for the training and contact your chapter president to arrange for car pooling transportation. You can make a difference

Gene W. Waggoner II, District G Director
California State Retirees Board

MEMBER EMAIL MAILING LIST

To save chapter costs on mailing the newsletter and other chapter notices we are trying to gather as many email addresses as possible. These addresses will stay in the chapter unless you indicate to update your records with Headquarters. A Chapter database is being created. If you are interested in receiving the Chapter Newsletter and further communications electronically please send me an email with your information. dlw_union@yahoo.com

Thanks, Diane

HOLIDAY MEETING PLANS IN FULL SWING

Holiday Committee Chair, Nellie Sayer and her committee are working hard on the December Holiday Meeting event and planning something fun and different. Some changes:

1. **DATE:** Thursday, December 15, 2011
2. **LOCATION:** **Mission Valley Resort** 875 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108, (619) 819-1002 located on Interstate 8 at 163. The chapter has held events at this hotel in past. The flyer will be coming out soon and will include a map on the back.
3. **RESERVATIONS:** Important that reservations be sent in on time so proper arrangements can be made for food. There will be a reservation slip on the bottom of the flyer with the address where to mail it.
4. **COST:** Member and 1 guest (spouse, driver, etc) will be \$15.00 each (chapter subsidizes the balance). All other non-member guests will be \$30.00 each.
5. **DONATIONS:** This year we are asking that members bring a wrapped white elephant gift for donation to a raffle for the CSEA Foundation Scholarship Fund. We will be selling raffle tickets at the event for those gifts and some very special ones. All donations will go to the Scholarship Fund.
6. **ENTERTAINMENT:** The committee is planning a special entertainment surprise. Put your party hats on, come prepared to have some fun.

In Memory

We are sad to report the passing of Grace Meyers a long standing member of Chapter 17. Grace was considered a true backbone of the chapter and sat as Secretary and delegate for many years representing the members with pride and dignity. She was the chair of many committees heading up the beginning of Holiday get-togethers and active in political action. She was a proud Bowler – participating in leagues around the city up until the past several years. Grace will long be remembered for her spunk, bright hats, infectious laugh, good humor and smile. We'll miss you.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, August 24th AT 10:15 AM.** THIS IS PRIOR TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CHAPTER MEETING.

ALL CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DELEGATES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

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 member, chapter subsidizing the rest of the cost

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 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

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