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## CORRECTION TO CHAPTER 17 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES ELECTION

**The Delegate election will be re-held at the June 22, 2011 chapter meeting with ballots prepared and votes cast correctly. At that meeting the election results will be announced.**

As stated in the April 2011 Chapter 17 newsletter *"the chapter is in need of one Delegate and Alternate Delegates to attend the Delegate Assembly in August. Nomination forms will be submitted at our meeting in April and we will have election of delegates at the next meeting in June 2011."*

Nomination forms were submitted by 4 members, Mark Flahan, Steve Haley, Gloria Koch and Patricia O'Neil. After much discussion regarding confusion of deadline for information in Sacramento, an election was held at the April meeting.

A protest was filed stating:

1. Lack of 30 day notice for the election.
2. Candidates were not provided the opportunity to submit a 100 word statement or make a verbal presentation before the membership, and
3. Ballots were not prepared properly
4. Votes were not registered correctly

The April newsletter stated the election would be held at the June 2011 chapter meeting – this was more than a 30 day notice. The election being done at the April meeting did not fall within the 30 day guideline (19 days from date newsletter was mailed) and instructions in the April newsletter.

Ballots were created by hand and members given erroneous instructions as to how to cast votes. Being that there is only one available delegate seat open each member should have cast 1 vote. They were instructed to cast votes in order of 1 thru 4 of how they wanted the candidates elected. This was confusing and possibly caused some invalid casting of ballots.

The protest has been accepted and a new election will be held at the June meeting.

## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Below are the candidate statements for Chapter 17 Delegate election. Please review and be prepared to vote on June 22, 2011.

**Mark Flahan –**

Not Submitted

**Steve Haley –**

Dear Retirees,

I am running for Assembly Delegate for the CSEA Retirees. As a state employee for almost 35 years, I believe my 34 years as a Stewart and Activist show my competence to serve in this position. I have been a delegate in 8 General Councils, held the offices of Vice President & President DLC 701, and Acting Labor Relations Representative. As a retired Educator I am very detail oriented. I take the positions I hold very seriously. I will vote, representing you, in the best interest of ALL members and the affiliate. Thank you for your support.

**Gloria Koch –**

I worked for the State of California more than 20 years at: Franchise Tax Board, Trade and Commerce Agency, and Department of Transportation from where I retired on June 30, 2010.

As a recent retiree, it disappoints me that the public holds state employees in such low esteem and are so angry at our retirement system. I am devoting my time to fight for our retirement system and change public perception of state employees. As a delegate I will support what is good for our members keeping members with a voice in the decisions made for retirees and our affiliate.

**Patricia O’Neil -**

Not Submitted

**CaIPERS ELECTION RESULTS –**

The results of the resent CalPERS Election are as follows:

<b>Michael Bilbrey</b>	<b>46,032</b>
<b>Richard Ross</b>	<b>26,522</b>
Donna Snodgrass	24,101
David Miller	23,627
Mischa Lorraine	20,874
Leslie Campbell	20,318
Tom Johnson	13,175
David Pollack	5,825

There will be a run off of the 1<sup>st</sup> two top vote getters; Michael Bilbrey and Richard Ross.

Thank you to those who supported Donna Snodgrass.

**Thank you to Donna for running to protect our benefits.**

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Leadership training was held in Sacramento on Wednesday prior to the Board of Directors meeting. Attendees were chapter officers Pearl Pacheco, Mark Flahan and Ken Bealo.

Report not submitted for newsletter

**MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT G REPRESENTATIVE – Gene Waggoner**

Hello My Fellow Retirees

Our journey as retired and active employees continues to be difficult. Career politicians and citizens that are anti public-sector workers, disparage public sector workers every chance they get. These same citizens, most likely are not aware of the annual salaries and benefits congress, county board of supervisors, and in some cases city council members receive.

Let me give you some examples: Congresses annual pay is \$165,000 a year. They get \$165.00 a day per diem, when congress is in secession, plus a car while in D.C., their health care is free and one the best in the world. California Legislators annual pay is \$174,000 a year, plus \$142.00 per day while in session. They also get a car and pay a low amount for health care and dental.

These individuals fail to say anything about the cost effective jobs, 98%, of public employees perform. Public sector workers are career workers. In most cases, they work from 20 to 30 years for the same department, so they are an experienced workers who are familiar with their job requirements, which is another cost saving factor.

Public sector employees and retirees must continually educate the public about the advantages of having a viable public work force. Public sector workers perform their duties in a high level, cost effective manner. We must, as public state retirees, dispel any false actuations. We must work together with all public sector employees, particularly our three other affiliates, pool our resources and start a campaign, prior to the 2012 primaries to spread the word all the different cost efficient jobs public employees perform. We must, my opinion, hire a Public Relation firm in order to use our resources to their fullest, both man/women power and finances.

Gene W Waggoner II, District G Board Member

### **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 provided that serve and save the chapter mailing costs. dlw\_union@yahoo.com Thank you

### **HOLIDAY MEETING PLANS IN FULL SWING**

Holiday Committee Chair, Nellie Sayer is working on the plans for the Holiday event this year. She and her committee consisting of Steve Haley and Diane Whorton have looked at several venues and lunch possibilities. Nellie will give a complete report at the June meeting. The committee will be asking for member involvement with the event so come and be pleasantly surprised. Let's make it a fun and enjoyable event. Get your party hats on!!!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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

<b>August 18 – 19, 2011</b>	<b>DELEGATE ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>Doubletree Hotel</b>	<b>Orange, CA</b>
<b>November 3 – 4, 2011</b>		<b>Hotel TBD</b>	<b>San Diego, CA</b>

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 10:00 AM**. THIS IS PRIOR TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CHAPTER MEETING.

**ALL CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DELEGATES NEED TO BE PRESENT.**

## MEETING MINUTES

The following meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by: Diane Whorton, Interim Secretary. They will be voted on at the chapter meeting on June 22, 2011.



**CSEA Retirees Inc**  
**CHAPTER 17 - SAN DIEGO**  
**Bi-monthly Meetings**  
**February, April, June, August, October, December**  
**Minutes**

DATE 4/27/2011

- Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by President, Pearl Pacheco who lead the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor deceased members
- Roll Call of Officers President Pearl Pacheco, Vice President Ken Bealo, Jr, Interim Secretary Diane Whorton and Treasurer Mark Flahan.
- Delegates: Pearl Pacheco, Jennie Wolk, Marva Roddy, Kenneth Bealo, Sr., Ronald Tyler, Diane Whorton, Luis Velasquez, Audrey Gardner (Nellie Sayer excused) Sharon Hatch and Joe Aquilleno, absent
- Guests Wayne Ihrig, CARA; Gene Waggoner, District G Representative
- Approval of Minutes Minutes of the February 26, 2011 meeting. Motion made by Steve Haley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gloria Koch. To Approve as written. Passed
- Treasurer Report Mark Flahan, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. Current balance in bank \$10,744.45. Motion by Mark Flahan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken to accept. Passed
- Committee Reports  
Membership - Diane Whorton presented a review of the Membership Training held in Burlingame in February. We are now able to get more accurate information from Headquarters which will help the chapter in a recruitment campaign.  
  
Christmas Party – Pearl briefly discussed last year’s Christmas party and she would be talking to Nellie Sayer , chair of Christmas committee regarding plans for this year.
- Speakers  
CARA representative, Wayne Ihrig  
CARA does not support candidates, only issues. All CSEA members are already members of CARA. All can sign up for mailing list and/or email list to get their information.  
  
Asking that all members sign and send postcards to Senator Dianne Feinstein to take Social Security off the chopping block. There is 2.7 trillion dollars in the Social Security Trust Fund – is very much solvent. They need to stop taking money out of it. Projected to pay all benefits through 2036 and scheduled benefits from 2037 and beyond. CARA not in favor of raising age limit – not fair. Think they should remove the cap of what can be put into the system.  
  
Everyone needs to help get out the word to Protect pensions, health care, and all issues affecting retirees. Paul Ryan proposal is to privatize medicare, destroy the current system.  
  
Jerry Brown is going to the people in neighborhoods – legislators are not doing it. Need to bring in more revenue to the state – CARA has ideas to do that without doing it on the backs of retirees. State wants to cut back on day care services for elderly and disabled.

CARA Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, 4594 Mission Gorge Place, San Diego. Passed out CARA newsletter, brochure and list of bills CARA is working on right now.

Unfinished Business

Grant for computer equipment and software was approved by the Affiliate Board of Directors in the amount of \$2000.00. Mark and Diane will look into purchase of equipment for officers beginning with Secretary.

New Business

Pearl reported that the members need to SELL RETIREES to the public by writing to the newspapers about our pensions and convince them not to hurt us. Our local paper is bias against us. State pension started in 1936 into investment. Current employees pay 10% out of their paycheck, state pays 90%. State did not pay 15% during furloughs. Money paid into system is then invested. CalPERS is very much solvent.

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY: August 18-19<sup>th</sup>, Doubletree Hotel in Orange, CA.

The chapter needs 11 delegates. We are short one position and alternates. Members in good standing and need come to all meetings. Delegates are expected to attend ALL days of the delegate assembly.

NOMINATIONS OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES: The chapter is in needs to fill one delegate and alternate positions. Members were noticed in the April chapter newsletter that nominations would be held at our April meeting and elections held at the June meeting.

Nominations were opened from the floor. Steve Haley, Patricia O'Neil, Mark Flahan and Gloria Koch all nominated themselves for Delegate.

After much discussion of election procedures it was decided to hold the election at this meeting even though it did not meet the 30 day notice criteria. Pearl explained that the deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup> for names of new delegates to be submitted to HQ had been changed to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

An election was held without giving the candidates the opportunity to give a brief statement of introduction to the members. Instructions to members were to list the names of candidates and mark 1, 2, 3, 4 in order that they wanted people elected.

Election Results: 1<sup>st</sup> – Mark Flahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Patricia O'Neil; 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Haley; 4<sup>th</sup> Gloria Koch

SIGNATURES FOR CHECKING ACCOUNT: President Pearl Pacheco announced that Vice President Kenneth Bealo, Sr will be added to the checking account. Members were in agreement. This will give three signatures for that account. Current signatures are Mark Flahan, Treasurer and Pearl Pacheco, President.

Information Items

New member in attendance: Patricia O'Neil, Dept of Corrections, Donovan

A reminder to members to vote for and support Donna Snodgrass for Cal PERS Board.

Meeting Adjourned

Adjourned 1:50 pm

Submitted By

  
Diane Whorton  
Interim Secretary

## **CHAPTER 17 MEETINGS**

**Meetings are held 6 times a year – on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, June 22, 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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