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CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES CHAPTER 17 - SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL COUNTIES District G

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Diane Whorton, President

First an apology to members who prefer to have email correspondence. Because of problems with the member roster, from headquarters, we were unable to separate our emails from paper mail members thus had no choice but to mail to all. An email was also sent to those in our database. Unfortunately we have the same problem this month. **If you prefer email to paper copy please send an email (above) to us and include your name so we can verify and remove you from paper mailing.** No changes done without your name.

Nomination of Officers was held at our February meeting. There was one candidate for each office at our meeting and at the close of nominations period on February 28th those people were elected by acclamation.

INCOMING OFFICERS: President – Elaine Edwards Yahraus; **Vice President** - Steve Haley; **Secretary** - Gloria Koch and **Treasurer** – Diane Whorton.

- Candidates for Delegate need to submit a 100 word statement to HQ by March 26th. Send to: Corinne Celentano – ccelentano@calretirees.org. You should have received a letter from Corinne already.
- Ballots will be mailed out no later than April 20th and must be returned by May 21st at 5:00 pm. The chapter gets 8 delegates – one being the President. When ballots come out you will vote for 7 people ONLY. We will have alternates this year.
- Delegate Assembly – Committee meetings will be held on October 22nd; Assembly will be on October 23rd. Delegate Assembly will be held in Sacramento at the Hilton Arden West.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

1. **Meeting Dates: 1st THURSDAY of the following months: February 1st; April 5th; June 7th; August 2nd and October 4th.**
2. **Regular meeting Location:** Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA, (858) 278-6988. Off of I-15 – take AERO DR exit from North or South – go West to Signal -Turn Right. Entrance at back of building with a parking lot. Doors open at 10:30 am. Meeting - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. **OPEN TO ALL CHAPTER 17 MEMBERS**

2018 Schedule - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1. **APRIL 5, 2018** – Member Meeting – Sizzler Restaurant – DISCUSSION TOPIC: TBA
2. **JUNE 7, 2017** – Member Meeting – Sizzler Restaurant – **DISCUSSION TOPIC: Margaret Brown, CalPERS Board Member**
3. **June 26th thru 28th, 2018** – CSR Statewide Committees and Board of Directors Meeting – San Diego Hilton, Mission Valley
4. **AUGUST 2, 2018** – Member Meeting – Sizzler Restaurant – **DISCUSSION TOPIC: Open Enrollment**
5. **OCTOBER 4, 2018** – Member Meeting – Sizzler Restaurant: **DISCUSSION TOPIC: TBA**
6. **OCTOBER 22nd thru 23rd, 2018** – CSR Delegate Assembly – Sacramento Hilton
7. **DECEMBER 13, 2018** – Year End Celebration – TBA



CHAPTER 17 – San Diego Member Meeting

February 1, 2018
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

MINUTES

Call To Order

Diane Whorton, President
12:04 pm

Pledge of Alligence Roll Call of Officers

Steve Haley, Vice President
Diane Whorton, President; Steve Haley, Vice President; Gloria Koch,
Secretary; Elaine Edwards-Yahraus, Treasurer

Delegates

Diane Whorton, Elaine Edwards-Yahraus, Steve Haley, Gloria Koch,
Gaspar Oliviera, Danny Morales, Patricia Oneil-excused,

Committee Chairs

PAC Committee Co - Chairs - Laurianne Bella, and Gloria Koch,
Membership Chair - VACANT

Introductions

- Jay Jimenez, Vice President CSR
- Gaspar Luna Oliveira, District G Director
- Merilee Colton, CSR Membership Chair - Statewide

Welcome New Members

Ardelle Wierzorek, Sub Chapter Chair 165-Medford Or; and, Bruce Barton - Retired California
Highway Patrol, commercial truck inspector

Approval of Minutes

October 5, 2017 - Motion to approved the October 5 minutes made by Gaspar, 2nd Don. Passed

December 7, 2017 - Motion to approved the Dec 7th minutes made by Richard, 2nd Laurie. Passed

Treasurer's Report

Elaine Edwards Yahraus

December Treasurer Report. – Beginning Balance \$6702.03 – Ending balance \$4183.99

January Report – Beginning Balance \$4183.99 – Ending Balance \$5762.19

Motion to approve Treasurer Report made by Donald Johnston, 2nd by Gloria Koch. Passed

Guest Speaker

Merilee Colton, CSR Membership Chair - statewide

Merilee shared with the group some brochures and blue cards used to sign members. She encouraged everybody present to use these aids to enlist future retirees. She asked the group to use the blue card, ask the future member to sign it and be the person responsible for mailing it. This way we are sure the card does not get lost.

Merilee also provided a short history of CSEA:

- Approximately 95 year ago a group of CSEA members requested the Governor to implement a defined retirement system for civil servants in CA. The proposal was promptly rejected.
- 1926 the Civil Service Committee was created
- 1927 the Civil Service Committee (CSC) 2nd requested the Governor to implement a defined retirement system
- 1929 Constitutional Amendment to create the defined retirement system
- 1930 - ballot initiative regarding the defined retirement system
- 1931 Governor signed into law the defined retirement system
- 1960 Merit System for Employment enacted
- 1970 Dills Act -Collective Bargaining Act was enacted

Our defined benefit system is under attack on the ballot box and in the Courts. The CA Supreme Court is expected to rule regarding a lawsuit brought by several Ca Counties against the "California Rule." The California Rule protects our pensions – once you sign a contract with the State - your pension and benefits are sacrosanct. The Court is being asked to abolish the CA Rule which could lead to pension cuts retroactive.

President's Report

Diane Whorton, President

- Diane reported on the 2017 Holiday Meeting – 60 people attended the meeting at a new location. Comments were favorable regarding the food, location and entertainment.
- The Chapter bought a new laptop for the Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Board. Most of our laptops were bought in 2011 and are not working now.

Commitees Reports

Membership

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PAC/Legislation

Laurie Bella – Gloria Koch

- Lobby Day – April 10th & 11th, 2018
- New visits to local legislators are been scheduled for the Spring Break

CalPERS Report

Elaine Edwards-Yahraus

At the February meeting Larry Woodson, CSR Health Benefits Committee Chair will be doing a presentation on Optium Rx versus CVS drugs benefits and customers' satisfaction.

Sub Committee

Laurie Bella – Elaine Edwards- Yahraus – Networking with San Diego Retiree Groups - Security Roundtable –

No Report. Meeting coming up.

New Business

- Nominations of chapter officers and delegates
- Diane nominated Elaine Edwards- Yahraus as President
- Elaine nominated Steve Haley as Vice President
- Diane nominated Gloria Koch as Secretary
- Elaine nominated Diane as Treasurer

There were no other candidates for these positions; however nominations will close on February 28th. Members can send Consent Forms directly to Headquarters. Officers will serve for a 3 years term starting in July 2018 through June 2021.

Delegate Nomination: The Chapter is entitled to 1 delegate per 200 chapter's members. Chapter 17 has over 1,600 members so we are entitled to 8 delegates. Members submitted Candidate Consent forms for those positions. All form and statements will be sent to headquarters by Sharon Hatch, Nominations Committee Chair.

Diane requested ideas for new Chapter's presentations and/or activities. The presentation suggestions are as follows:

- Assets Protection Attorney
- Oasis Program on day trips
- Company tours

Activity

- Picnic event – approved by attendees. Volunteers are Sharon, Jay, Delma, Bev and Gaspar. They will propose location, dates and type of food

Old Business

None

CSR Vice President

Jay Jimenez

"Jay" Jimenez reported:

- The board of Directors had a professional facilitated meeting with new members. They review the rules and goals of the organization and determine the following:
 - ✓ Committees are advisors to the Board. They provide regular reporting to the board.
 - ✓ Board will meet with Chapter Presidents to discuss the Ambassador Program
 - ✓ Reinstated the Mission – protect our retirement
 - ✓ Goals:
 1. Advocate for our retirement effectively and efficiently
 2. Increase membership
 3. Better communications with members
 4. Mobilize members
 5. Lead and manage the organization at all levels
- Jay also reported that headquarters is looking for a new building since their present building was sold. The budget for the new building is around \$7 million.

District G Report

Gaspar Luna Oliveira, District G Director

Big election year ahead of us. Our two CalPERS candidates took seats on January 16th. Toni Atkins is going to be President ProTeam in Senate. We need to increase our membership so we can have a big political voice -. Bring your friends to next meeting. Chapter 17 is a dynamic chapter with representatives on 3 committees: Laurie on the Public Action, Elaine on Health and Diane on Finance. Gaspar finished his presentation by asking the attendees: What is your vision for CSR?

Request by Danny; Would like to see the chapters be involved ahead of the decision on the new building. The new building is for the members not for the board.

Meeting Adjournment

1:56

NEW CHAPTER EMAIL ADDRESS: CSRChapter17@gmail.com

See you at the meeting on April 5th

Time Sensitive

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www.CalRetirees.org

CSEA Member Benefits

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www.calcsea.org/benefits

CalPERS Headquarters

(888) 225-7377
www.calpers.ca.gov

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***** If there is a committee you wish to help with please contact the President so you can be assigned*****