

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 8, 2006

Meeting called to order at 9:32a.m.
Minutes of July 11, 2006 approved as corrected.

Present: Nancy Acevedo, Ruth Ann Hageman, Ty Rogers, Sylvia Tatum, Maggie Smith, John Tsiknas, Virginia Silverman, Terry Flynn, Ross McCollum, Jean Hughes, Robert West, Patricia Karnes.

COMMUNICATIONS: Nancy Acevedo

Survivor Booklets-

Rebecca Wilson, at SDCERS, will distribute CSDREA's membership brochures.
The Board approved \$500 for Ross to print more copies.

David Wescoe, SDCERS' administrator has not responded to last month's items: SDCERS has not issued preliminary materials for Navigant Report Committee's meetings. CSDREA is waiting for SDCERS' review of CSDREA's Supplemental Cola Benefit Paper and Corbett Issue Paper. CSDREA would like SDCERS to keep the CareCounsel and healthcare administration in SDCERS. When will SDCERS' bulletin to members, "Free Spirit", come out again?

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sylvia Tatum

Grand Total Reserve-Operating Balance on 7-1-06 \$19,624.15

Receipts for July \$1,975.46

Expenditures for July \$2,158.35

Operating Fund Ending Balance \$4,299.49

Legal Fund ending balance \$5,434.81

Money Market 10,599.96

Grand Total Reserves-Operating Fund 7-31-06 \$20,334.26

ACTION ITEMS:

ByLaws Revisions Recommended- Nancy Acevedo

As " for City retirees" excluded Port and Airport members, the CSDREA Board approved unanimously to cover all members, including survivors, Airport and Port members. John moved and Terry seconded.

November Ballot Issues- Ty Rogers, Virginia Silverman

Ty recommended not taking positions on ballot measures as they apply to "employees" and do not apply to "retirees", etc. Tsiknas moved to accept the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee on each ballot measure. Passed unanimously in separate votes on each ballot measure.

INFORMATION-DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Recommendations from Board Workshop-Nancy Acevedo

Ross moved to authorize \$200 for purchase of snacks for the September social event. Board approved unanimously.

Reminder: to mention to members that it is FREE!

New Member Campaign- Ross McCollum

The Board approved unanimously that a free holiday lunch be given to those signing up 5 new members. More than one free lunch can be earned.

Motion approved unanimously for free memberships for retirees receiving \$250 or less a month. May extend to monthly benefits of \$500 in the future. Members may already "opt out" of paying for memberships after age 80. (Sylvia will check with SDCERS' contacts regarding opting out.) As

reaching new members is a public relations effort, it is appropriate to write an article in the Free Spirit.

Cost to CSDREA is the cost of the \$6 for the newsletter, each year, per free membership. Total newsletter costs are \$460 a month.

Motion approved unanimously to do an expanded newsletter quarterly. Names of new members will be added to the quarterly newsletter.

Advocacy Committee Recommendations- Ty Rogers

Ty discussed advocating for Joe Flynn's recommendation for healthcare reimbursement changes for older retirees and doing presentations at SDCERS.

Roles of CSDREA and AUE- John Tsiknas

Tsiknas received a request to compare AUE and CSDREA. Ty is the Board's only current member of AUE. Nancy invited a representative from AUE to speak at the General Session. Nancy said they have 200 members and it looks like AUE requires \$1000 for the second round of funding. If the trial continues and there are appeals, the AUE fee may increase to \$2000 or more per member.

Nancy added that CSDREA works to preserve current benefits, like Corbett, 13th check and healthcare insurance.

She pointed out that older retirees have the feeling that MPI and MPPII threaten funding for older retirees.

Jean was concerned about no representation, but also concerned about the \$1000s and \$1000s going to AUE. The option of filing as a friend of the Court was briefly mentioned.

Many on the Board want to invite retired City Attorneys to discuss issues with the Board before a presentation at the General Meeting. (Secretary Note: Some of these attorneys have conflict of interest according to the Navigant and Kroll reports.)

DROP Issue Paper- Jean Hughes

Discussion of focus audience, extend of history necessary, and DROP's connection with the capping of retirements at 90%. There were many complexities and trade-offs for other benefits. Some retirees now see they would be better off not to take DROP.

Virginia's request to keep information on the retirement cap, was added to Ruth Ann's motion to accept the DROP paper as corrected by Nancy. Maggie seconded. It was passed unanimously. Nancy requested Ross re-format the revised version.

RETIREE ISSUES

Joe Flynn was not present.

RETIREMENT BOARD

Friday, August 25, 8:30a.m.; Investment Thursday, August 17 at 1:30p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY- Jean Hughes

Beef was dropped from the menu due to the additional charge of \$1.30.

Motion approved unanimously to select roast turkey from column #1, Fresh seafood in season from column #2, and cheese enchiladas from column #3. Sylvia requested mashed potatoes and gravy be substituted for rice to go with the turkey. An 18% service charge will be added to the bill.

NOMINATIONS are in process.

SPECIAL NOTE: Next meeting is September 12th is at 9:00a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58a.m.

Revision submitted by P. Karnes 9-1-06