

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Meeting of November 10, 2009
Veterans Memorial Building, Balboa Park**

Introductions of visitors and CSDREA Board Members were made, and the meeting of November 10, 2009 was called to order by President Nancy Acevedo at 9:30 a.m.

CSDREA Board Members Present: President Nancy Acevedo, Terry Flynn, Alyse Ford, Burnie Gipson, Ruth Ann Hageman, Dave Hall, Patti Karnes, Bob Korch, Ty Rogers, Maggie Smith, Jean Struiksma, Sylvia Tatum, John Tsiknas, & Robert West.

Others Present: Jim Baross, Dave Twomey, Dick Wilken, and Helen Phillips, who is the representative from our board to MEA.

Corrections to the Minutes: October minutes were approved with the following corrections: 1) the board meeting ended at 10:45; 2) there was a unanimous vote on the proposition to keep the dues unchanged. Also, the date of Dave Hall's term on the SDCERS board [is not 2013; it is 2011].

COMMUNICATIONS: Nancy reported correspondence. First, attached to the agenda was the letter sent to all members of the City Council and the City Attorney requesting that the City Council seek to reach a settlement with SDCERS on the Barton case. Secondly, an email from member Souvanh Thirakul expressing appreciation for the on-line newsletter. Third, a notice from the Secretary of State that the McCauley Tax Initiative failed to qualify for the ballot. There were also two letters from members, one from Doug McHenry reporting that his health had improved and another from Beverly Bass thanking the Association for their correspondence with her upon the death of her husband, Bud Bass.

There was also a communication from a private company, Linkstar which offers advertising space for a quality website, such as ours. John Tsiknas said that such advertising would take away from who we are, and he wondered what the purpose would be. Dick Wilken said that we might find out more about the pros and cons of the proposal, and he agreed to seek out this information.

TREASURERS REPORT: Sylvias report was approved, showing a grand total reserve/operating fund of \$64,994.43 as of October 31, 2009. Motion (Bob West/Terry Flynn) approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS: New member contacts will be undertaken by Ruth Ann Hageman. New members are Vivian Ferguson and Charlotte Flenoid.

Nominating Chair Ruth Ann Hageman reported the results of the committee's work, as reported in the last board meeting with the exception that Bill McGuigan had to withdraw from nomination because of his mother's health, and Art Brown has agreed to come onto the board as webmaster. Art Brown came highly recommended by former SDREA President, Dave Wood. Various board members agreed to

present the nominations of the board to the General Meeting, including Bob West, Bob Korch, John Tsiknas, Ruth Ann Hageman, Maggie Smith and Terry Flynn.

The Award Recognition Committee recommended David Wescoe as the recipient of our annual appreciation award (Motion approved unanimously, Patti Karnes/Terry Flynn). Joe Flynn has a radio available for presentation to Mr. Wescoe. The presentation will be made at the SDCERS meeting (Motion approved unanimously: Terry Flynn/Ty Rogers).

Terry asked if CSDREA will have access to the selection process for a new executive director of SDCERS. Patti suggested sending a letter; John Tsiknas suggested doing this through the retiree representative to the board, Dave Hall. Bob West also suggested that this could be done through the public comment time.

Schedule New/Old Board retreat: Nancy suggested including hospitality chair and others who regularly assist CSDREA in its business. The place that was settled on is the Mission Trails Visitor Center, and the date/time will be Friday, January 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

INFORMATION - DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Revitalization Committee: Maggie reminded board members that they are urged to participate in greeting guests at the door. Bob Korch is continuing to provide music which sets up a happy atmosphere. Dick Wilken was invited to the Committee and brought a fresh view and ideas about possibilities for the Association. The committee will be working on these ideas along with our original ideas.

We believe more can be done to show recent Retirees and existing members that the Association is a good advocate and will able represent them.

The idea that the brochure and a request for application (along with the payroll change notice form) could be sent on-line with the newsletter is very inviting.

We are still working on making meetings more welcoming, and have also begun helping Jean Hughes with the Holiday Party. There will be a Santa as well as games with prizes.

Board members are asked to come to the party early to help greet guests. Dora Garcia will be the point of contact.

After eight years doing a great job, Dora Garcia has resigned from her position as Hospitality Committee Chair. Mary Lynn Hyde and Janet Burgess will become co-chairs of the Hospitality Committee.

As Maggie suggested last month, the position of Recreation Committee chair will be activated to plan special events. Helen Phillips agreed to assume that position.

Report from MEA Rep: Helen Phillips said that people do not have to be members of MEA to

participate in the MEAs SHARE program. For \$27, people can obtain \$50 or \$60 worth of food. This program will be available once a month.

RETIREMENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Dave Hall suggested that members attend the various committees of the SDCERS Board. He chairs the Disability Committee.

Dave reminded members that the Corbett and 13th check issues will be coming up on November 20. “Staff will provide a report that is based on year end audit of the plan. This includes calculations outlined in the municipal that ultimately determine whether 13th check and Corbett will be issued. It goes without saying that overall performance of the Plan was not what we were accustomed to over the past years.”

He also mentioned that “SDCERS, over the months, has made several efforts with the city to settle various lawsuit. So far there has not been a response from the City.”

“In the near future the [SDCERS] Board will be discussing the frequency of [SDCERS] Board meetings. Nothing for certain has been determined since key stakeholders need to be consulted in terms of any negative or positive impacts. One recommendation is that the Board meet every six weeks. This [recommendation] “is just in the discussion stages and more information needs to be gathered before any type of recommendation becomes an action.

There was a discussion by other SDREA Board members urging that this issue be vetted among the key stakeholders. Dick Wilken said there may be impacts on the system, and the process of meeting with the stakeholders should be encouraged. There are a lot of impacts here; the board is not there to serve staff.

“At this time, it is unknown what the selection process is going to be for finding a suitable replacement for David Wescoe. Discussion could start at Business and Governance or could initially take place in closed session. We all have a key stake in who is selected that could be expressed during the Public Comments session of a SDCERS Board meeting. As more information becomes available, it will be shared. It is clearly understood that retirees wish to be provided an opportunity for input in the criteria for selection.”

Nancy suggested that we would appreciate having input into the criteria set up for selection. Terry Flynn asked about CSDREA members having input. CSDREA could also have input through writing a letter suggesting criteria.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Helping Hands Committee Chair Ruth Ann Hageman reported that through President Nancy Acevedos efforts, SDCERS has agreed to send our materials with the packet that they mail to the survivors of retirees who have passed away. These materials have been forwarded to SDCERS staff.

The Advocacy Committee met today after the General Meeting, and this will be reported in the next minutes.

There was no report from the newsletter editor.

The new membership brochure was passed out. This brochure will be used at the seminars for retiring employees to encourage them to join SDREA.

Program Committee Chair Patti Karnes passed on new information to nominated Program Chair Dave Twomey.

Active Employee Representative Helen Phillips reported that Michael Zucchet is now the General Manager of MEA. She also talked about MEAs Adopt- a-Senior program for the volunteers in the Senior Program at 202 C Street. These volunteers work 20 hours per week.

There was no report from the website manager.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Hageman, Secretary