

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, November 18, 2008, War Memorial Building, Balboa Park

--Dave Hall announced that the 13th check and Corbett payments to retirees are recommended for approval.

--Sylvia Tatum gave the Treasurer's Report.

--Dick Wilkins talked about the Purchase of Service court hearing. The Purchase of Service began in 1997, allowing employees to buy airtime. It was supposed to be neutral, but the calculations were off in some years. The CERS Board raised the rates to compensate for the shortfall. City Attorney Aguirre had filed a lawsuit against the Purchase of Service.

--Cynthia Queen of the Retirement office talked about her desire to have good communication with retirees. Her phone number is (619) 525-3600. She also encourages us to look at the web page.

-Ty Rogers, chair of the nominating committee, announced that committees recommendations for the board. A motion (Dick Wilkins/Janet Burgess) was made to approve these recommendations, and the motion passed unanimously.

--Nancy made the announcement about the board's trying to solve retirees' problems with Healthnet prescription formularies, and that Healthnet is going to CVS instead of the previous provider.

--Patti recommended reading the article in Sunday's paper written by Retirement Administrator David Wescoe.

--The speaker, Doug McCalla, pointed out that **the Retirement System, which was began in 1927, has never missed paying a benefit to any retiree.** He described the Asset Allocation Strategy and the Multiple Managers approach. He introduced the Deputy Chief Investment Officer Liza Crisafi, Investment Officers Jaime Hammond and Corey Kwan, and Investment Analyst Christine Tamayo. He said that basically the City has to hire individuals to make security decisions, to pick the pickers and evaluate their performance. A question was raised about Private Equity investments, which are non-publicly traded investment opportunities. Also, the system has made very minimal number of subprime investments.

Ruth Ann Hageman
Secretary