

RETIREE SUPPORT GROUP OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2018

1. Opening

Board Chairman Pat Patterson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. We welcomed one new member. Also, present were three guests from Contra Costa County Employees Association. We hope to have a guest speaker from CCCERA in 2019.

2. Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Minutes of our August 2, 2018 meeting as submitted.

3. Treasurer's Report

Terry Mann gave the Treasurer's Report. All bills have been received and paid, and all dues have been deposited. Terry reported the balances in our General and Legal Funds accounts. Within about six months, membership dues will be decreased since the Legal Fund is approaching our goal amount.

4. Status Reports

Steve Ojena spoke on a letter that is being mailed out to retirees receiving payments from CCCERA to verify information for the Retirement Board. Steve added that within the last six months our members should have been receiving the CCCERA Retirement Newsletter.

5. Nominations for Officers' and Directors' Election for Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Board Member at Large Seat #1

Alan Schulze opened election nominations for the four open positions. The following nominations were made by meeting attendees:

Vice Chair	Jack Funk
Director Seat #1	Mike George
Treasurer	Terry Mann
Secretary	None

Board Chairman Pat Patterson stressed the importance of filling the position of Secretary. The Board needs someone who can perform the duties of Secretary which are outlined in the CCCRSB Bylaws. There was no nomination for the position. The RSB Board will follow up on this matter at the next Board meeting.

6. Report on CalPers Long-Term Health Care Litigation

Mike Sloan gave an update on CalPers litigation. Checks for the Towers Watson partial refund were mailed to 122,610 class members on July 16, 2018. More than 100,000 checks have already been cashed. All outstanding checks will become void as of January 12, 2019 so please cash your check. If you are a class member and have not received a check, call the Settlement Administrator, Heffler Claims Group, at 1-844-528-0188 right away.

Class Counsel is working on expert discovery. Plaintiffs' experts are analyzing a massive amount of policyholder data from CalPers to determine class damages. Expert discovery will continue followed by pre-trial motions and proceedings. The trial is scheduled to begin in June 2019. The September 14 Status Conference with the Court was continued to October 15, 2018. It is anticipated that the Court will let us know at the Status Conference if a specific start date has been set for the trial next June.

7. Guest Speakers (Open Enrollment, Health Benefits, and Medicare)

Ann Elliott, Manager, Contra Costa County Human Resources Department, spoke about open enrollment, health benefits, and Medicare. Assisting her were Craig Taylor, Contra Costa County Employee Benefits Supervisor, and Jim O'Gara, representing Kaiser Permanente.

Ms. Elliott spoke about wrapping up CalPers enrollment. Health care open enrollment runs from October 15 through November 9, 2018. We should receive information in the mail next week. Retirees can continue their current enrollments or change them during open enrollment. If you do not wish to make any changes, no response is required. If there are changes that you want to make (due to marriage, divorce, birth, adoption, death, etc.), use the forms included with the open enrollment packet and return by the open enrollment deadline. The question was asked about the meaning of BUC on forms (it means Bargaining Unit Code).

Healthnet PBOC has only 14 retiree members. It has been proposed that members select a different plan as Healthnet PBOC will probably go away in 2019. The County wants to keep the most frequently used health care providers

for our area. It is still being considered if any changes need to be made. The most commonly used health care plan is Kaiser Permanente. Over 50% of those using Healthnet receive care at John Muir.

It is helpful **but optional** for Medicare recipients to send a copy of their new Medicare card with the new Medicare number to the Contra Costa County Human Resources Department. Sending or not sending your card will not affect your current health care choice. The non-CalPers group always negotiate medical plans.

Ms. Elliott answered some questions from the attendees. If a Contra Costa Health Plan (CCHP) member goes to a non-plan emergency room during an actual emergency, it is not guaranteed that CCHP will cover the expense. When an active County employee turns age 65, it is not necessary to file for Medicare. However, retirees must file for Medicare at age 65.

Jim O’Gara from Kaiser Permanente spoke about enrollment and upcoming changes. He recommended that present and future retirees take into consideration where they live in retirement in relation to health care plans and locations. During 2019 there will be no Kaiser changes, but Medicare Parts A and B went up 5% this year. Kaiser is expanding into the Santa Cruz area. Also, Northern California Kaiser members can be seen at Portland, Oregon Kaiser facilities as a visiting member for up to 30 days.

The phone number for the County Human Resources Office is 925-335-1746. To thank Ms. Elliott for her informative presentation, Board Chairman Pat Patterson offered a donation of \$100 to her favorite charity, the Contra Costa Food Bank, which was accepted.

8. **Group Information Sharing**

Pat Patterson showed us a new timer that will be used during group information sharing. It is color coded and counts down the three minute maximum time allowed. Thelma Wheeler mentioned that Angels Camp, California has its own hospitalization plan. After our meeting, Thelma will hand out information about an upcoming Social Security lobby session in San Francisco. A new record was set today – the duration of group information sharing was only one minute!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wallgren, Assistant Secretary