Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of PACRA
May 22, 2010
Dominic's Restaurant, Escondido

11:30 – 12:00	**Social Time**
12:00 - 1:00	**Lunch**

12:00   **Welcome and Introduction of guests**
PACRA President Ken Burns welcomed the members attending and the guests of PACRA.

Ken Burns began the meeting by introducing Palomar College President Robert Deegan as Guest Speaker.

President Robert Deegan spoke of the many Associate Degrees offered by Palomar College and gave the current student population as numbering approximately thirty- three thousand students. He gave an update on the building program utilizing bond monies and reported that Palomar has bid to purchase property in Rancho Bernardo, which already has a new building and parking structure on the property. This property will be able to service our current and future students living in the southern end of Palomar's district.   He stated that work will begin in the October 2010 on the new Fallbrook site on I-15 at State Highway 76, which will service our students on the northern end of the district. Building is also progressing on the main campus with the new Health Services building, IT building, Planetarium, Humanities building, and the Arboretum project.

President Deegan spoke about the budget shortfall of 6.5 million this year and the need to cut 250 class sections. In order to "remain even" financially in the next fiscal year the college must grow by 2%. He noted that the college has remained under a hiring freeze and that all current staff is working to cover the positions that remain vacant. The goal of Palomar is to have no lay-offs of permanent staff. At this time the budget for the next year does not look any better and he feels that it will be another tough year on campus. The anticipated shortfall for the coming year is 7 million.

12:40   **Business Meeting**

Present: Jim Bowen, Ken Burns, Jim Clayton, JaDene Dugas, Jean Huston, Shirley Jordan, Bob Larson, Sandy Nanninga, June Rady, Jean Ruff, Omar Scheidt

Absent: Ted Kilman

Reports: **Benefits Committee:** Ken Burns gave a report on our health benefits stating that our benefits are "in good shape" and it appears that we have nothing to worry about at this time.

Past President's Honor: June Rady reported that she and Ted Kilman have met with Robert Deegan, President Palomar College and Richard Talmo, Executive Director of the Palomar College Foundation. Discussions centered on selecting an area on the main campus to honor past and current Palomar College Presidents to include pictures with dates of service to the college community. Potential site might be the lobby of the new library. Discussion with Richard Talmo included potential funding sources.

Treasurer: Bob Larson reported that PACRA has a balance as of April 30, 2010 of $3904.75 in the PACRA account.   He provided a handout documenting the expenditures for the year.

President's Annual Report: Ken Burns gave an update on his granddaughter, who was the PACRA scholarship recipient last year. He stated that there were no applicants for the scholarship this year and encouraged all PACRA members to remember that this is a scholarship for any relative of a PACRA member and anyone eligible should be encouraged to apply.

Elections: Bob Larson stated that the following positions were up for re-election: Secretary/Treasurer, Recording Secretary and one Member at Large. Positions are currently filled by Bob Larson, Jean Ruff and Sandy Nanninga. Bob reported that there were no candidates for these positions submitted from the membership. He asked for nominations from the floor for the three positions and receiving none, a motion was approved to elect the nominees by acclimation.

Items from the Floor: June Rady noted that she and Ted Kilman are currently working on redesigning the PACRA Pacer and the members will see a new look to the PACER in future issues.

Bob Larson encouraged all PACRA members to take a look at the PACRA web page at www.palomar.edu/pacra/

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Ruff, Recording Secretary