

Twenty First Annual Meeting of PACRA

May 17, 2012

11:30 – 12:00

Social Time

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch

1:00

Ken Burns, PACRA President began the meeting by stating that this just might be the best attended annual meeting in PACRA'S history. He stated that we would have two speakers, Darrell McMullen, the Palomar College Governing Board President and Bob Deegan, Superintendant/President of Palomar College.

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Mr. McMullen stated that he has been a Palomar College trustee for twelve years and will be running for another term in the next election. His further remarks focused on Superintendant/President Bob Deegan. Mr. McMullen praised President Deegan for his work managing the campaign for the Prop M bond initiative and in his subsequent management of how those funds are being utilized. Under President Deegan Palomar College has been able to maintain and repair facilities, build new buildings while at the same time attract and maintain a quality of faculty and staff with a focus on the needs of students. President Deegan has continued to be actively involved with the community that Palomar serves.

Superintendant/President Bob Deegan began his remarks by offering greetings from staff at Palomar College. He stated that due to the State budget, PACRA may see an increase in our numbers in the future. He commended the current staff in this difficult time. He stated that Palomar has now hired Ron Ballesteros-Perez, a new Vice President of Finance & Administrative Services. President Deegan gave an in depth update on the new buildings and facilities on the main campus as well as the Escondido Center, South campus and North campus. He stated that Palomar has purchased three acres of land behind the gas station (next door to the main campus) and is building a new parking lot in that location. He talked about the State budget and said that if Governor Brown's new tax initiative does not pass this will mean an automatic cut to Palomar of five (5) million dollars in funding loss. He stated emphatically that even if that were to happen we had nothing to worry about that our health benefits are protected.

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President's Report: Ken Burns thanked the PACRA Board of Directors for their work on behalf of current retirees. He talked about the PACRA Pacer and gave recognition to Ted Kilman, June Rady and Karin Norlin for their efforts in producing the newsletter.

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Elections: Bob Larson stated that we have three (3) positions up for re election at this time. These positions are:

- Secretary/Treasurer – currently held by Bob Larson
- Recording Secretary – currently held by Jean Ruff
- Member-At-Large (2012-2014) – currently held by Sandy Nanninga

Bob stated that we have not received nominations from the ballots that were mailed to our members and asked if there were any nominations for these positions from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

PACRA Scholarship: Bob Larson mentioned briefly that in the future we may need to consider whether or not to continue offering a PACRA Scholarship. The Scholarship is offered to a Palomar College student who must also be a family member of a PACRA retiree. PACRA members are an aging group and we are no longer receiving applications for this Scholarship.

Bob also stated that PACRA is requesting a current email address from our members as a method of achieving a better, faster and less costly means of communication.

Items from the floor: **None.**

Adjournment: **Meeting was adjourned at 1:40.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Ruff, Recording Secretary