

Minutes of the PACRA Board of Directors Meeting

September 15, 2011

- Attendance:** Jim Bowen, Ken Burns, Jim Clayton, JaDene Dugas, Jean Huston, Ted Kilman, Bob Larson, Sandy Nanninga, June Rady, Jean Ruff, Omar Scheidt.
- Absent:** Shirley Jordan
- Approval of Minutes:** April 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes. MSC Larson/Nanninga
May 19, 2011 Annual Meeting. (Note: correction of typo on minutes) MSC Rady/Nanninga
- Announcements:** Bob Larson noted that after completing the dues cycle there are 63 individuals who have not paid their dues. The first year after retirement is given as a complimentary free year. Some individuals have not paid dues for three or more years after their complimentary year. Discussion ensued as to the benefit of offering the first year free. Bob was in support of continuing the practice. June Rady suggested that after the first year if the individual does not start paying their annual dues, they should be dropped from membership in PACRA. In 2007 PACRA sent out a letter to all those 3 years or more arrears in dues notifying them that they would be dropped from active status, meaning they would no longer receive mailings from the organization, unless they paid dues for the current year. Bob will bring a copy of that letter to the October meeting for further discussion. There are 191 active members in PACRA.
- JaDene Dugas mentioned that a former Board member (Bruce Jacques) has passed away. Bob asked if there was an obituary and was told yes. Bob will research and if there is an organization listed for donations he will send a \$100.00 donation on behalf of PACRA.
- Reports/Updates:** **Benefits Committee:** Ken Burns stated that the office of the HR Vice President sent out a notice to the committee members that all meeting are being cancelled for the 2001 – 2012 year. Ken followed up on this with HR and President Deegan's office. This notice apparently was sent in error and was later corrected.
- Ken stated that the committee is currently going through the Keenan report of possible changes to the PPO health plan. June reiterated that changes do not impact retirees. Ken acknowledged that John Tortarolo has stated repeatedly that changes will not affect current retirees. PACRA has four representatives on the Benefits committee.
- Ken stated that he will be stepping down as a member of the Benefits committee and asked that the PACRA board appoint someone to take his place. The suggestion was made that we ask Becky McCluskey if she would be willing to represent PACRA on the Benefits committee.
- MSC Rady/Kilman. Jean Ruff will talk with Becky and if she agrees Ken will notify HR of this change.
- PACRA Pacer Fall 2011 Edition:** Ted Kilman stated that he and June Rady have the articles and pictures and will be working with Karin Norlin on the layout. It will be four pages with color pictures highlighting PACRA retirees entitled **Where Are They Now?** Suggestion for future editions includes new buildings on campus. June suggested giving \$100.00 to Karin Norlin as a gift from PACRA to show our appreciation for her efforts. Karin has offered her assistance and technical support with no compensation.
- MSC Kilman/Rady to offer Karin Norlin a \$100 honorarium for her work in producing the PACRA Pacer

Old Business: None.

New Business: **Agenda for the coming year.** PACRA meetings will be the third Thursday of each month. Bob will send a list of the meeting dates.

JaDene Dugas suggested PACRA organize a social gathering for retirees. She suggested offering a lecture series on campus with a coffee social afterward which would provide both a social and a personal enrichment element to the event. Other suggestions included having a special night for retirees at the new planetarium, and on-campus Theater or Music events for retirees. Ken will talk with Bob Deegan and Public Information staff about what is happening on campus.

Other Business: None.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:12.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Ruff