

**Minutes of the PACRA Board of Directors Meeting
September 19, 2013**

Present: Judy Cater (guest), Bob Larson, Sandy Nanninga, June Rady, Jean Ruff, Steve Spear.

Absent: Ken Burns, JaDene Dugas, Ted Kilman, Becky Mc Cluskey.

Approval of Minutes: August 15, 2013, (not approved due to a lack of quorum), September 19, 2013.

Announcements: Bob Larson heard from JaDene and reported that she has had complications from knee replacement surgery and may not be able to attend PACRA meetings until her health improves. Jo Anne Lesser has stated that she would like to work with the PACRA board and may be available to assist JaDene with the Scholarship program.

Bob Larson brought up the ongoing discussion of Palomar College's process of notifying staff and retirees of the passing of a colleague. It has been noted that if a person retired many years prior, the President's Office may have very little information regarding the person and their real contribution to the department or college community. This is likely due to the fact that many of their peers have also retired or passed away. Steve Spear suggested that PACRA contact the President's Office and request the opportunity to provide input for the notification. It is possible that someone in our membership may have worked with or have known the individual and could contribute information for the notification.

Bob has circulated a thank you letter he received from the Fallbrook Music Society for the \$100.00 donation PACRA made on behalf of the family of Brenda Montiel.

Bob noted that the file cabinet provided by the Escondido Center will be available to us soon. This cabinet was provided at no cost to PACRA.

Bob reported that he had received a telephone call from Tom Humphrey asking if PACRA has a representative in CRTA (CA Retired Teachers Association). Tom stated that he is a member of CRTA and would be willing to be a PACRA representative. Bob will invite Tom to attend a future meeting for further discussion. General consensus of the group is that this is a good idea as this will give us an additional method of monitoring at the State and National level topics that affect retired school employees.

Reports/Updates: **Benefits Committee.** Steve Spear stated that the Benefits Committee meeting was extremely short and there was nothing to report. He talked about the CHECHCR (Center for Collaborative Solutions) training session that is to take place on Friday, Sept. 20. The training sessions will include representatives of all campus groups and PACRA will be representing retirees.

Old Business: **Joseph Hydock Obituary:** A suggestion was made to email PACRA members the obituary written by Steve Spear for Joseph Hydock. Judy Cater volunteered to send the obituary. Bob will provide Judy the email addresses.

New Business: **Linda Dudik request.** There was discussion regarding Linda's presentation of the WWII Experience in our August meeting which included a request for financial support of her project. PACRA has limited funds and the board's consensus is that our main objective should be to the student's at Palomar College. We appreciate and respect the work and commitment that Linda has put into this effort and are willing to make a onetime donation, but feel we cannot commit to an ongoing donation. Due to a lack of quorum this item will be carried forward to the October meeting. June will draft a letter from the board to Linda explaining PACRA's position and will bring it to our next meeting for further discussion.

Adding new Board Members. The Board has had an ongoing discussion regarding Committee Chair vacancies. Bob will invite Jo Anne Lesser and Tom Humphrey to a future meeting to discuss the vacancies, as possible new members. Judy Cater volunteered to Chair the Bylaws/Rules Committee if accepted as a member of the Board. By mutual agreement the Board would like to invite Judy Cater, Jo Anne Lesser and Tom Humphrey to consider a position on the PACRA Board of Directors. Due to a lack of quorum this topic will be carried forward for more discussion.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:02.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Ruff, Recording Secretary