

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PACRA Board of Directors
September 24, 2009**

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

Absent: James Clayton, Omar Scheidt

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Ken Burns.

Approval of Minutes: MSC Nanninga, Larson to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of June 11, 2009. Ken Burns noted that he wanted the minutes to reflect that he was in attendance.

Old Business: **ADDENDUM TO THE 2008 - 2009 DIRECTORY**

Bob Larson brought a copy of the 2009 addendum to the directory. It includes new members, deceased members and the current PACRA Board. It was suggested that it be mailed along with the PACRA Scholarship announcement in October to save mailing cost.

PACRA PACER

Bob Larson shared with the Board the positive feedback he has received from PACRA members regarding the last issue of the PACRA PACER. They particularly enjoyed the numerous pictures. The next issue will be devoted to the building program and will include several pictures of current construction. Ted Kilman suggested he would like to interview the newest Palomar College Governing Board member and also include that in the next issue, which is due out prior to the Christmas Holidays.

Committee Report: **PACRA SCHOLARSHIP**

Jean Huston brought a scholarship flyer that had been previously used. The Board Members revised many details in the flyer, which will be used in the upcoming scholarship campaign. Jean stated that the deadline was moved up to November instead of February as in previous years. She will confirm the deadline date with Kim in the Foundation Office prior to final completion of the flyer.

New Business: **PROPOSAL TO CAP HEALTH BENEFITS**

Ken Burns has received information from PFF that the District has made a proposal in the current negotiations with the PFF that the health benefits currently offered to employees be "capped" at the 2008 - 2009 level of funding. The understanding is that if the health benefit costs were to increase the employee would pay the additional cost, which is anticipated to increase by 21% in the 2009 - 2010 year. Ken stressed that this is a *negotiating item* and stated that the *PFF's position* will be to fight this proposal. The *District's position* is that whatever is negotiated between the District and the respective employee unions and ratified by the union membership will also apply to retirees. *PACRA's position* is that a retiree should receive benefits promised them by the District at the time of retirement.

The PACRA Board will keep abreast of the negotiations process and will decide what action may be needed as negotiations continue. PACRA members on the Benefits Committee and the PACRA Board should have more information for our October 8 meeting, which will follow the next Benefit Committee meeting on October 7, the next District/PFF negotiation session on Oct.1, and the District/CCE/AFT negotiation session on Sept. 29.

Ken recommended that at least one member of the PACRA Board attend each Governing Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled on October 13, 2009 at 5:00 pm in the Governing Board Room, main campus. June and Ken will attend this meeting.

PACRA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2009 - 2010

Ken gave Bob a schedule of future meetings and Bob will send this information to the Board via email

Items from the floor: Homecoming event scheduled for October 3, 2009

Bob Larson stated that the event was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Honoring Past Presidents:

June Rady will be meeting with a member of the Palomar Foundation regarding a tribute to honor past Palomar College Presidents.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Ruff, Recording Secretary