VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES
Annual General Meeting
April 1, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

Moorpark College, Campus Center Conference Room

1. Call to Order

a. Preliminaries: Signup Sheet, Visitors, Agenda

The meeting was called to order by President René Rodriguez at 2:15 p.m. Rene welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to be sure they had signed the sign-up sheet and picked up copies of the Agenda for today's meeting. René introduced Dr. Luis Sanchez, the new President of Moorpark College. Rene indicated that he had been on the search committee that screened and interviewed the candidates for the position of President and congratulated Dr. Sanchez on his appointment.

2. Welcome by Moorpark College President, Dr. Luis P. Sanchez

Dr. Sanchez welcomed the Retiree Association members to Moorpark College. He acknowledged Dr. Jim Walker, former Moorpark College President, and proceeded to give the audience a brief review of his education, experience and his childhood background. Dr. Sanchez credited his parents for instilling in him the value of education, which lead him to a career in law and eventually with the Community Colleges.

3. Introduction of Keynote Speakers

Harry Culotta introduced the Keynote Speakers, Sharen Stanek Lowe and Steve Glore. Ms. Stanek Lowe is the new regional vice president of Keenan & Associates and Mr. Glore is the account manager and has over 16 years of service at Anthem Blue Cross. Harry briefly reviewed for the members their experience in the employee benefits field and educational backgrounds. The topic being presented by the Keynote Speakers was "How to Get the Most from Your Medical Benefits: Strategies for Maximizing Your Benefits and Minimizing your Out-of-Pocket Costs."

4. Keynote Speakers Presentation - "How to Get the Most from Your Medical Benefits: Strategies for Maximizing Your Benefits and Minimizing your Out-of-Pocket Costs"

Ms. Stanek Lowe and Mr. Glore distributed a handout to the members that was a copy of the PowerPoint presentation they would cover. The information presented was to assist the retirees to be better health care consumers, provide discounts and health improvement programs, tools and tips for saving money and at the end of the presentation a question and answer period was provided. Many of the members in attendance had specific questions regarding claims issues that had been encountered and in some cases, not yet resolved. Mr. Glore invited those with issues to speak with him after the presentation and also provided them with his contact information for further follow-up.

5. Resumption of Meeting

a. Approval of Minutes, General Meeting March 27, 2014

The Minutes from the General Meeting of 2014 were distributed and reviewed by the members. It was moved by Chuck Dahl and seconded by Don Medley that the Minutes of the

General Meeting of March 27, 2014 be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by those in attendance.

b. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report prepared by Pat Gage was distributed and reviewed by Pat with the members. Her report reflected a balance on hand in the General Fund as of March 27, 2014 of $12,842.52. Income reflected during the year totaled $1,252 and Expenses totaled $736.57. This leaves a balance on hand as of April 1, 2015 of $13,357.95. In the Legal Fund the balance on hand as of April 1, 2015 remains at $24,000.

6. <u>Business</u>

a. Report from Nominating Committee Chair: Gary Morgan

Gary Morgan reported that there were no candidates for the offices of President and Vice President, in spite of the efforts made by several members of the Executive Board. Therefore, he indicated that nominations would be taken from the floor.

b. Election of Officers

i. President

Several members from the audience were nominated for the office of President, however, when asked if they would be willing to serve they unfortunately had to decline for various reasons. After some discussion, Rene Rodriguez was asked if he would be willing to continue serving as the Association's President. He indicated that he would accept the nomination. At that point a motion was made by Gary Morgan and seconded by Larry Manson that Rene Rodriguez be nominated for President. Vice President Lynn Fauth called for the vote on the motion to approve the nomination of Rene Rodriguez as President. The motion was unanimously approved by those present. The term of office will be effective for two-years beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

ii. Vice President

For the office of Vice President there was a nomination from the floor by Pat Gage that Betty Hough be approved for the office. The nomination was seconded by Marie Soo Hoo. Betty Hough indicated that she would accept the nomination to serve as Vice President. President Rene Rodriguez called for the vote on the motion to approve the nomination of Betty Hough as Vice President. Her term of office will be effective from July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2017.

c. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

i. Article III – Members, Section 5: This amendment would allow current employees of the District who are planning their retirement to become associate members of the VCCCDRA. Eligible to enjoy benefits and activities of the Association, with the exception that they may not hold elective office. Don Medley moved approval of this amendment and Chuck Dahl seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by those present.

ii. Article V – Elections, Section 7: This amendment would allow for re-election of a former President again after two years out of office unless there is no candidate for President and the Annual General Meeting. It was moved by Gary Johnson and seconded by Don Medley that this amendment be approved. Motion was unanimously approved by those present.

iii. Article V – Elections, Section 9: This amendment would allow the appointment of an association member to any vacant officer position due to a resignation during

a term of office. The appointment would be made by the Executive Board and the appointment would be effective until the next election.

iv. Article V, Section 10: This amendment would be a new section and would allow the Association to continue to function as a body in the event neither a President nor a Vice President is elected at a general election at an Annual General Meeting. It was moved by Don Medley and seconded by Harry Culotta that this amendment be approved. The motion was passed with 1 opposed vote (Bob Lopez).

Below is the wording of this new section.

Section 10 (new): In the event that no President nor Vice President is elected at a general election at an Annual General Meeting, and no one steps forward for such appointment by the Executive Board, this section will go into effect until elections at the next Annual General Meeting.

a. In the absence of an elected or appointed President or a Vice President, the immediate past president, or secretary, or treasurer, or Benefits Committee chair, or Educational Issues Committee chair, or Membership Committee chair, or Newsletter Editor, in that order (ordered by tenure of the existence of each committee or officer), are authorized to call emergency Executive Board meetings and preside at those meetings to plan for the next Annual General Meeting.

b. The Standing Committee Chairs or Officers duly appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board shall continue to serve by indicating before their terms expire on June 30 that they are willing to continue serving on the Exec Board until such time a new President is elected.

7. Reports from Officers and Committee Chairs

Due to the fact that time was nearing 5 p.m., it was moved by Chuck Dahl and seconded by Gary Johnson that these reports be dispensed with at this time. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

8. Announcements

Don Medley reminded everyone that new membership directories were still available for sale at $5 each and he asked that anyone who had any updates on addresses, e-mails, etc., for any members please send them to him. Larry Manson urged that anyone who was not a member of CalRTA organization, to seriously consider joining. It is an organization that is beneficial to all retired faculty in protecting their pensions.

9. Comments on any Topic from the Audience

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10. Adjournment

René thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and especially the speakers for sharing their time and providing valuable information to the Association. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Soo Hoo
Secretary 5/12/15;7/13/15