VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES
Annual General Meeting
March 27, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

Oxnard College – Room AA-101

1. Hospitality

The members attending the Annual Meeting were greeted and welcomed by members of the Executive Board. Prior to the meeting there were light refreshments provided and some time for socializing with former colleagues.

2. Call to Order

a. Preliminaries: Signup Sheet, Visitors, Agenda

The meeting was called to order by President René Rodriguez at 2:20 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 acknowledged guest, Mr. Jerry Morris, Vice President of the California retired Teachers Association and thanked him for attending the meeting. René then introduced Dr. Richard Durán, President of Oxnard College. Dr. Durán welcomed the Retirees' Association to Oxnard College and invited everyone to come back for a tour of the new campus facilities and buildings. He noted that the Oxnard College baseball team was 1st in the Southern California and that a game was being held this afternoon and, time permitting, everyone was welcome to come watch after the meeting. He went on to mention that Oxnard College has a monthly newsletter that provides information on campus happenings and encouraged retirees to signup to receive the newsletter.

b. Approval of Minutes, General Meeting March 27, 2013

The Minutes from the General Meeting of 2013 were distributed and reviewed by the members. It was moved by Bob Lopez and seconded by Diane Flynn that the Minutes of the General Meeting of March 27, 2013 be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by those in attendance.

c. Treasurer's report

Pat Gage presented the Treasurer's report for the period March 27, 2013 – March 27, 2014. In the Operational Fund her report reflected a balance on hand as of March 27, 2013 of $17,768.17. Income during this time period was $2,604 and Expenses were $7,516.81. This left a total balance on hand of $12,855.36 as of March 27, 2014. In the Legal Fund the balance on hand was $24,000. There were questions from the membership regarding whether or not the Legal Funds were invested. Pat explained that because the status of the Association is Unincorporated, we are not classified as a 501(c3) and funds are not invested.

3. Reports from the Executive Board

President's Report: Rene Rodriguez briefly reviewed issues from the Settlement Agreement of August 2007 between the Retirees' Association and the VCCCD, specifically for those retirees who may be reaching 80 years of age and how it affects them.

Vice President Report: Lynn Fauth had nothing to report at this time.

Immediate Past President/Newsletter Editor report: Harry Culotta reported that the *Monitor,* the Retiree Association Newsletter, had been circulated 4 times this year. He indicated that guest articles would be welcomed from the members at any time for the newsletter. He further noted that the printing of the newsletter had been provided for the first time by the Publication Department of Oxnard College at quite a savings to the Association this year. As the representative from the Association to the ASCC Benefits Committee, Harry reported that the Committee is actively exploring cost-saving alternatives to contain benefit premiums and has addressed questions from current employees on their benefit coverage or when a problem is encountered such as the one recently brought to the attention of the Retirees' Association regarding the (non)payment to Chiropractors by ASH (American Specialty Health) working on behalf of Anthem Blue Cross. At this time Harry invited Susan Webster to share her experience regarding this issue with those in attendance. He also informed everyone that renewal premiums for 2014-2015 fiscal year would be decreased for Anthem Blue Cross by 1.82% and for Kaiser by 2.55%. Health Net on the other hand would have an increase of 15%. As there are very few subscribers district-wide in Health Net, the ASCC Benefits Committee is seriously considering dropping them.

Educational Issues Committee: Larry Manson explained that the name of this committee had previously been the Political Committee and started as a source for interviewing candidates for the Board of Trustees. This Committee now meets regularly with three members of the Board of Trustees and serves as a source of historical information and brings other important issues to the attention of the Board. It was felt that the name change better reflected the purpose of this Committee.

Membership Committee: Don Medley reported that there are now 713 active members in the Association. He noted that addresses are needed for many of the members in order to stay in touch with them and that if anyone had contact information on a member(s) to please forward that information to him. Also, he reported that a new Membership Directory had been printed and that copies were available for sale at a cost of $5 each. Don also encouraged members to pay their annual dues if they were not already lifetime members.

Social Committee: Pat Gage distributed an Evaluation Sheet for attendees to complete and noted that on the backside were questions regarding the next Social Event for this coming year and what members might like to see in the way of more social activities for the Association.

4. Keynote Presentation: representatives from the Office of Assemblyman Das Williams

Two representatives from the office of Assemblyman Das Williams, Jeannette Sanchez and Darcel Elliot, were the keynote speakers for this years Annual Meeting. Their presentation was regarding assembly bills prepared by Assemblyman Williams and currently pending in the legislature. The bills are AB 955 (Williams) as amended on September 5, 2013, Community College Intersession Extension Pilot Program; AB 1834 (Williams) Graduate Student Employees; AB 2324 (Williams) California State University Faculty Trustee; AB 2558 (Williams) Community Colleges Professional Development; AB 2705 (Williams) Community Colleges: Faculty; AB 2442 (Williams) California Hope Public Trust. As information on each Bill was presented by the speakers, they gave the members the opportunity to ask questions and or comment and responded accordingly to the questions or concerns expressed. Copies of each Assembly Bill were distributed to those in attendance and the speakers encouraged everyone to contact the Office of Assemblyman Williams for more information or if they had any other questions.

5. Association Business

a. Report from Nominating Committee: Don Medley, Nominating Committee Chair, reported that there were only two positions for which elections would be held at this meeting. Those positions being Secretary and Treasurer, as Marie Soo Hoo and Pat Gage had indicated they would be willing to stand for re-election to these positions.

b. Election of Officers

i. Secretary: Marie Soo Hoo

ii. Treasurer: Pat Gage

It was moved by Harry Culotta and seconded by Robert Lopez that Marie Soo Hoo and Pat Gage be re-elected to the positions of secretary and treasurer respectively for the two-year period July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2016. Robert Lopez moved nominations be closed and it was seconded by Harry Culotta. The motion to re-elect Marie Soo Hoo as secretary and Pat Gage as treasurer was unanimously approved by those in attendance.

iii. Vice President

iv. President

At this time there were no nominations for the positions of Vice President or President. Candidates will continue to be sought after until the positions are filled for the next year.

6. 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 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Soo Hoo
Secretary
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