VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES
Annual General Meeting
March 30, 2011

Ventura County Schools Conference and Educational Services Center
Camarillo, California

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

President Harry Culotta called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. with a welcome to all current and new members who were attending their first meeting as retirees, as well as spouses, significant others, and guests. Harry announced that the VCCCDRA was now 17 years old, having been founded in 1994 by Dr. Don Medley. Harry introduced as the "magnificent seven" – the past presidents of the Retirees Association: Don Medley, George Lanning, Alicia Long, Orlene Bowers, John Woolley, Rene Rodriguez and Gary Johnson. He then introduced the current Board members of the Retirees Association – Gary Morgan, Vice President; Pat Gage, Treasurer; Marie Soo Hoo, Secretary; Rene Rodriguez, immediate Past President; Gary Johnson, Benefits Committee Chair; Larry Manson, Political Committee Chair; and Don Medley, Membership Committee Chair. He provided information on the service of each Executive Board member to the Retirees Association.

2. Minutes of March 3, 2010 Annual Meeting (Prepared by Vivian Lockard)

Copies of the Minutes were distributed to all members and Harry requested everyone take a few minutes to review them. It was moved by Alicia Long and seconded by Gary Morgan that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote of those present.

3. Keynote Presentation: "Long Term Care: If You Need It, Can You Afford It?"

Harry announced to the membership that Katharine Raley, HICAP Program Manager of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, who was to be the keynote speaker, was unable to appear because of a personal medical emergency. Harry then introduced Ms. Annette Havens and Mr. Conn, who made the presentation on her behalf. Their presentation, made via PowerPoint, provided information on how to prepare to purchase a long-term care policy, what to look for in a policy, the types of long-term care policies, inflation protection on policies and options for paying for long-term care policies. After the presentation there was a brief question and answer period for the members. In addition to the presentation, a package of many handouts was given to all attendees. The materials included additional information regarding long-term care policies and a list of many of the insurance companies that offer such policies. Harry also noted the two-page article, "Ways to Pay for Long-Term Care" from *Consumer Reports Money Advisor* that was included in the agenda packet.

4. Reports from the Executive Board

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report distributed by Pat Gage to the members reflected the period from March 3, 2010 to March 30, 2011. In the Operational Fund the balance

on hand was $13,571. Total income was $8,853 with Total Expenses of $3,058. The current balance as of March 30, 2011 was $19,366. In the Legal Fund the balance on hand was $29,728. Total Income was $743 with Total Expenses of $6,763. The current balance as of March 30, 2011 was $23,708.

Benefits Committee/ASCC Benefits Committee Report: Harry reported that the VCCCD Retirees Association representative to the Dispute Resolutions Committee will be Gary Johnson and that Bill Studt was recommended as the neutral third person. The District will also need to appoint a representative. The purpose of this Committee is to resolve disagreements between the Association and the District regarding issues covered under the court-approved Settlement Agreement. Harry further reported that for the ASCC group the Board of Trustees has increased the cap that the District will pay for insurance coverage without requiring any premium payments from active employees or retirees, unless carrier rate increases should exceed these amounts. Blue Cross has proposed an 11% increase in the premiums for the 2011-2012 year based on recent claims experience, but the final increase may be less.

Membership Committee Report: Don Medley reported there are 635 living members of the Association and that 198 members are deceased. Don requested that he be contacted whenever a member changes their mailing and/or e-mail address so that he can update the master roster. He also requested that if anyone knew of any addresses for members for whom we do not have current contact information, please forward that to him. He indicated that he had recently mailed rosters to 31 new retirees and unfortunately he does not have any left. There are no plans publish a new roster for another year or two, due mainly to cost. Don also reported that there are 250 paid life memberships and that 59 members have also paid dues in the past.

Political Committee Report: Larry Manson reported on the interviews for the Board of Trustees candidates that were held last September. He also announced that Dianne McKay won the election for Area 2, previously represented by Cheryl Heitmann, and that Bernardo Perez was appointed to the Area 4 seat, previously represented by Bob Huber. He also stated the Political Committee would seek to meet regularly with the new trustees.

5. Association Business

Revisions to Association Bylaws: Harry announced that revisions to three Articles in the Association Bylaws were being recommended for approval and were attached to the Agenda of the meeting. He explained the reasons for the changes and then asked everyone to take a few minutes to read them over. The Bylaws recommended for changes were: Article V – Elections, Section 3 – changes the month of the annual meeting to April; Article X – Dissolution of Association – would tighten the requirements for dissolution of the association; and Article XI – Amendment of By-Laws – clarifies notification of bylaws changes *(publication of proposed amendment(s) in the Association newsletter or by other written method shall be considered appropriate written notification ....)* John Woolley moved that the recommended changes to the Bylaws be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Bob Long. The motion was approved by voice vote of those present.

Association Policy recommendation: Harry explained that per Article III.G.8. of the Settlement Agreement with the District the Benefits Committee had adopted a motion to

establish age as the primary criteria for priority reimbursement of excess cost claims when Settlement Fund resources are insufficient to pay all claims. The Executive Board concurred with the Benefits Committee recommendation and adopted a motion "that age, defined by the date of birth, be established as the primary criteria for priority reimbursement of excess costs if the Settlement Fund resources are insufficient to pay all claims (i.e., the oldest retirees' claims will be paid first)." Vivian Lockard moved that the policy recommendation be approved as presented, Don Medley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote of those present.

6. Announcement of October Association BBQ

Harry announced that the Association was planning a barbeque for its members in October. The event may be held at Oak Grove Park in Camarillo. He asked for volunteers to serve on the Social Events Committee to plan, schedule, and conduct the event. A folder was circulated with a sign-up sheet for members who were interested.

7. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Harry thanked Annette Havens and Mr. Conn for their informative presentation on long-term care. He also thanked members of the Executive Board for their hard work throughout the year, including planning the annual meeting. Finally, he thanked everyone for attending and looked forward to seeing everyone at the BBQ in October. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Marie Soo Hoo
Secretary
3/27/12