

**California State Retirees
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites by Hilton
250 Gateway Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94080

**Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda**

1. **Call to order** by President Stephanie Hueg at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Salute to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**

Stephanie Hueg, President, Chapter 21

Elnora Hunter-Fretwell, Executive Vice President, Chapter 2

Mary McDonnell, Vice President, Chapter 03

Gerald “Jerry” Fountain, Chief Financial Officer, Chapter 11

Sharon Stoltzman, District A Director, Chapter 20

Susanne Paradis, District B Director, Chapter 36

Maria Aguilar, District C Director, Chapter 23

Vincent Herrera, District D Director, Chapter 14

Keith Umemoto, District E Director, Chapter 15

Tim Behrens, District F Director, Chapter 35

Patsy Jimenez, District G Director, Chapter 6

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4. **Introductions and Agenda Changes**
 5. **Approval of January 24, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda**
 6. **Approval of November 1, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**
 7. **President's Report of Activities**
 8. **Board Member Activity Reports**
 9. **Chief Financial Officer Report – Jerry Fountain**
 10. **CARA Report – Susanne Paradis**
 11. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Finance Committee – Geanie Hixon
 - b. Health Benefits Committee – Joe Reynoso
 - c. Membership Committee – Diane Padilla
 - d. BGR Committee – Lieutenant Coopwood
 - e. PAC Committee – Arlene Espinoza
 12. **Legislative Report – Ted Toppin, Blanning & Baker**
 13. **Headquarters Report**
 14. **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - June 24 – 26, 2024 **BOD Statewide Meeting** (San Diego)
 - October 21 - 22, 2024 **Delegate Assembly** (Sacramento)
 15. **Adjourn**

This meeting will be recorded.

California State Retirees Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Stephanie Hueg.

2. **Salute to the Flag**

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

3. **Roll Call**

Stephanie Hueg, CSR President
Elnora Hunter-Fretwell, Executive Vice President
Mary McDonnell, Vice President
Jerry Fountain, Chief Financial Officer
Sharon Stoltzman, District A Director
Susanne Paradis, District B Director
Maria Aguilar, District C Director
Vincent Herrera, District D Director
Keith Umemoto, District E Director
Tim Behrens, District F Director
Patsy Jimenez, District G Director

4. **Introductions and Agenda Changes**

There were no changes.

5. **Approval of November 1, 2023 Board meeting Agenda**

CSR 23/11/29 Motion: Fountain, second by Umemoto - That the CSR Board of Directors approve the November 1, 2023 agenda. CARRIED

6. **Approval of June 28, 2023 Board meeting Minutes**

CSR 23/11/30 Motion: Herrera, second by Behrens - That the CSR Board of Directors approve the June 28, 2023 meeting minutes. CARRIED

7. **President's Report of Activities**

President Hueg's activity report was distributed with the agenda material.

8. Board Member Activity Reports

Printed activity reports were distributed with the agenda material. Board members reviewed their reports, making updates and adding comments.

9. OptumRX Presentation

Christina Fountain from OptumRX reviewed benefits for both the Basic plan for members under 65 years of age, who are not eligible for Medicare; and the Medicare Supplement plan.

10. Chief Financial Officer Report

September 2023 CSR Financial Operating Results

For the nine months ending September 30, 2023, CSR has recognized a net surplus of \$537k with a budgeted surplus of \$332k for 2023.

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Program expenditures for the first nine months of 2023 indicate that expenses are trending slightly lower than the budgeted expenses by approximately \$37k for the year. However, these variances should be evaluated in light that they are based on nine months' worth of activity and are influenced by the timing of when actual expenses are incurred.

CSR's cash, money market, and investment balances held at Wells Fargo and Edward Jones at September 30, 2023 is approximately \$6.9 million.

11. CARA Report

Board member Paradis reported upcoming agenda, membership, and health benefit priorities for CARA.

12. Committee Reports

12a. Finance Committee:

Chair Hixon made a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve replacing the language in section 14.02 Lodging (b).

President Hueg referred to the Board for further analysis.

Chair Hixon made a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve replacing the language in section 5.06.

5.06 Chapter Grants

(a) Chapter Grant Funds

The chapter Grant Application is based amount of a chapter grant will depend upon substantiated chapter needs. The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consider a chapter request for the purpose of providing the means for chapter to complete endeavors that have been unforeseen and are necessary for the chapter's mission critical operation, i.e., meetings, additional meetings, or projects. ~~emergency funding for unforeseen expenses beyond the chapter's control. The funds awarded can only be used on the need for which they were awarded and only on expenses occurring after Board approval. The Grant funds awarded shall only be used for the specific purposed outlined in the Grant Application approved by the BOD. Grant funds can only be used for expenses incurred after the date of the BOD approval. The amount awarded per chapter shall not exceed \$2,000 per grant for each fiscal year. Chapters are not entitled to more than one grant per year and not to exceed \$3,000 per fiscal year. may not be awarded more than \$3,000 per fiscal year. A chapter shall not be awarded a grant if at the time of the grant request, they have more than the 3 months dues allocation in their chapter accounts.~~

(b) Grant Request Form

The ~~Board BOD~~ approved will specify the forms shall to be used by the chapters to present requests for grants.

(c) Procedure for requesting a Grant

The request for a grant is to be sent to the CSR Office marked Grant Request and received in the offices 60 days prior to the next BOD meeting date. The request must:

(1) Be submitted on the CSR Chapter Grant Application form: ~~proper form~~:

(2) Set forth the details of the need for the grant, including estimated cost and time frame (beginning and estimated date of completion):

(3) Be submitted with the most current:

- Chapter Budget
- Chapter Financial Reports
- Chapter Spending Projections
- Most recent Bank Statement
- Minutes – with motion requesting grant (amount and purpose) passed by members for submittal of grant request.
- Inventory (if equipment is being requested)

(4) ~~Copy of minutes from either chapter meeting or executive committee, where a motion was passed by members for submittal of grant request. Motion must include amount and purpose of the request.~~

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- (d) Approval of Grant – Once the Chapter Grant Request packet is received at CSR Headquarters a review process commences.
- ~~(1) The Board shall review all chapter grant requests.~~
- ~~(2) (1) The Finance committee will review Grant Requests for completeness and financial need, working with Chapters current budgeted line items. The Chapter President shall be contacted if needed to assist with any areas of concern. Any grant request that not accompanied by all required documents shall be denied will not be sent forward until all documentation requirements are met.~~
- ~~(3) Any funds not used for the purpose stated in the grant request shall be returned to CSR Headquarters.~~
- (2) The Finance Committee will forward a completed Grant Request to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for final review.
- (3) Upon completion of the CFO's review, the Grant Request shall be sent to the BOD.
- (4) The BOD will review all grant requests prior to allocation of funds.
- ~~(5) (4) The Chapter will be notified by the Board CFO within 30 days of the action taken on the request.~~
- (e) Progress and Completion of Grant Shall Not Exceed one year.
- (1) The chapter must report monthly on expenditures pertaining to the grant award to include a report on the progress. This The expenditure report must be submitted on the CSR Grants Disbursement form and the progress may be submitted on a separate sheet(s) of paper.
- (2) Additionally, the President of the Chapter receiving the grant shall report quantitative results at each Leadership Meeting until the reason/purpose for the grant is completed.
- (3) Any funds not used for the purpose stated in the grant request shall be returned to CSR Headquarters.

CSR 23/11/31 Motion: Herrera, second by Umemoto to approve replacing the language in section 5.06. CARRIED

Chair Hixon made a recommendation to the Board of Directors to add language under the responsibilities of the Finance Committee to provide essential support of chapters and the Corporation.

12.01 Finance Committee

The Committee works in ~~conjunction~~ concurrency with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), who has the responsibility to advise the Board on all matters relating to the expenditure of Corporation funds.

Responsibilities are as follows when directed by CFO or BOD:

(a) Advise the Board on all matters related to the ability of the Corporation to fund programs and objectives i.e.:

- (1) Dues adjustments
- ~~(2) Use of reserves~~
- ~~(3) (2) Deferment of specific programs and objectives~~

(b) Review all Association policy changes; or new policy, which requires change of the budget of the Corporation.

(c) Review ~~for action~~ and make recommendation on any matters which monetarily or administratively affect the operating budget of the Corporation.

(d) Review reports on the financial status of the Corporation and make recommendations for adjustments to the Board;

~~(e) Review the budget for the next fiscal year and make recommendations to be presented to the Board at the last Board meeting of the current Fiscal Year.~~

~~(f) Prepare a budget for submission to the Corporation delegates for each Delegate Assembly.~~

(e) When directed by the President or CFO and utilizing standardized training material, be available to assist chapters regarding record keeping and filing requirements to ensure uniformity and completeness of information.

(f) Review Grant Requests for completeness and financial need, working with chapters current budgeted line items. Finalized Grant Requests will then be submitted to CFO.

~~(g) In conjunction with the Corporate Investment Committee, the finance committee shall ensure that corporate investments will not be used to:~~

- ~~(1) Borrow for investment purpose (leverage);~~
- ~~(2) Invest in any instrument which is commonly considered a “derivative” investment (e.g. options, future swaps, caps, floors, and collars);~~

~~(3) — Contract to sell securities not acquired in order to purchase other securities for purpose of speculating on development to trends to the market;~~

~~(4) — Invest in more than \$150,000 in commercial paper;~~

~~(h) Investments in securities shall be by rules established by the Board. Any approved investments shall be determined in executive session.~~

CSR 23/11/32 Motion: Herrera, second by McDonnell to add language under the responsibilities of the Finance Committee to provide essential support of chapters and the corporation. CARRIED

Chair Hixon made a recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that effective January 1, 2024, all chapters will have their bookkeeping and checkbooks maintained by CSEA Accounting (Option 1). Training will be provided to chapter Presidents and Treasurers for a seamless transition.

CSR 23/11/33 Motion: Behrens, second by Umemoto to table this issue until the next Delegate Assembly. FAILED

CSR 23/11/34 Motion: Herrera, second by Hunter-Fretwell to bring issue back to the Board for discussion. CARRIED

12b. Health Benefits Committee:

Chair Considine reported on Health Benefits Committee related announcements and updates on their activity and areas of interest.

12c. Membership Committee:

Chair Padilla reported strategic plans and committee updates. She recommended to the Board to allow the Membership Committee to continue through June 2024 to collect, analyze, and prepare data to draft the written Membership Handbook and training guide in order to provide pilots for the different ideas and projects throughout the state. A finalized document will be presented to the Board on June 26, 2024, for consideration and adoption.

CSR 23/6/35 Motion: Behrens, second by McDonnell, moved to allow the Membership Committee to continue through June 26, 2024 to collect, analyze, and prepare data to draft the written Membership Handbook and training guide in order to provide pilots to test the different ideas and projects throughout the state. CARRIED

12d. BGR Committee:

Committee member Ellison made a recommendation to the Board to amend the language in 9.05 Candidate Consent form section of the Governing Rules.

9.05 Candidate Consent Form

Prior to closing of nominations, a completed and signed eCandidate eConsent eStatement Form must be submitted to the chapter president, the chairperson of the Nominating Committee, the Corporate office, or the presiding officer at the meeting convened for nominations of chapter officers, Delegate Assembly and General Council delegates ~~prior to the closing of nominations.~~

CANDIDATE CONSENT STATEMENT FORM

"I _____, of Chapter _____
(Print Name) (Chapter #)

hereby consent to be a candidate for the position(s) of chapter officer~~(s)~~ and/or delegate as specified below:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- CSEA/CSR Delegate

and, if my eligibility is verified, I hereby affirm my willingness to be a candidate and to serve if elected, ~~and~~ further affirm my willingness to serve by (1) Attending Chapter and Chapter Executive Board meetings unless excused by the chapter president, (2) Abiding by the Bylaws and Governing Rules of California State Retirees (CSR) as well as the CSEA Bylaws and Policies, and (3) Attending sessions of the Delegate Assembly and General Council unless excused by the Corporate President. I understand failure to abide by these provisions will result in my removal from office. California State Retirees Governing Rules August 15, 2023 43.

By signing below, (1) I certify I am a member in good standing and ~~that~~ (2) As a chapter officer, I understand I cannot engage in an incompatible act (as defined in CSEA Bylaws Article XIV, Section 1) such as simultaneously holding a CSR office and an office within a competing organization (not applicable to the position of CSEA/CSR Delegate.)

Dated _____ Signed _____
Phone _____ Address _____

(Last 4 Social Security No.) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail _____

_____ (Signature)		_____ (Date)	
_____ (Address)	_____ (City)	_____ (State)	_____ (Zip)
_____ (last 4 SSN)	_____ (Phone)	_____ (E-mail)	

CSR 23/11/36 Motion: Paradis, second by Umemoto to approve replacing the language in section 9.05 – Candidate Consent Statement Form in the Governing Rules. CARRIED

12e. PAC Committee:

Chair Espinoza recommended to the Board for consideration and adoption of the 2024 Legislative Candidate Endorsements – Incumbents:

Assembly Incumbents Seeking Reelection

- AD 02 Jim Wood (D-Santa-Rosa)
- AD 04 Cevilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters)
- AD 09 Health Flora (R-Modesto)
- AD 10 Stephanie Nguyen (D-Elk Grove)
- AD 11 Lori Wilson (D-Fairfeild)
- AD 12 Damon Connolly (D-San Rafael)
- AD 13 Carlos Villapadua (D-Stockton)
- AD 14 Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland)
- AD 16 Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda)
- AD 17 Matt Haney (D-San Francisco)
- AD 18 Milla Bonta (D-Oakland)
- AD 20 Liz Ortega-Toro (D-San Leandro)
- AD 21 Diane Papan (D-San Mateo)
- AD 22 Juan Alanis (R-Modesto)
- AD 23 Marc Berman (D-Menio Park)
- AD 24 Alex Lee (D-San Jose)
- AD 25 Ash Kalra (D-San Jose)
- AD 26 Evan Low (D-Campbell)
- AD 27 Esmeralda Soria (D-Fresno)
- AD 28 Gail Pellerin (D-Santa Cruz)
- AD 29 Robert Rivas (D-Hollister)
- AD 30 Dawn Addis (D-Morro Bay)
- AD 31 Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno)
- AD 33 Devon Mathis (R-Porterville)
- AD 34 Tom Lackey (R-Porterville)
- AD 35 Jasmeet Bains (D-Bakersfield)
- AD 36 Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella)
- AD 37 Gregg Hart (D-Santa Barbara)
- AD 38 Steve Bennett (D-Ventura)
- AD 39 Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale)

- AD 40 Pilar Schiavo (D-San Fernando)
- AD 42 Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks)
- AD 43 Luz Rivas (D-Sylmar)
- AD 45 James Ramos (D-Highland)
- AD 46 Jesse Gabriel (D-Encino)
- AD 48 Blanca Rubio (D-Baldwin Park)
- AD 49 Mike Fong (D-Alhambra)
- AD 51 Rick Chavez Zbur (D-Los Angeles)
- AD 55 Isaac Bryan (D-Los Angeles)
- AD 56 Lisa Calderon (D-Whittier)
- AD 67 Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton)
- AD 68 Avelino Valencia (D-Anaheim)
- AD 69 Josh Lowenthal (D-Long Beach)
- AD 73 Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Irvine)
- AD 77 Tasha Boerner (D-San Diego)
- AD 78 Chris Ward (D-San Diego)
- AD 80 David Alvarez (D-San Diego)

Senate Incumbents Seeking Reelection

- SD 11 Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)
- SD 13 Josh Becker (D-Menlo Park)
- SD 15 Dave Cortese (D-San Jose)
- SD 17 John Laird (D-San Cruz)
- SD 27 Henry Stern (D-Los Angeles)
- SD 33 Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach)
- SD 37 Josh Newman (D-Fullerton)

Assembly Members Running for Senate

- SD 09 Tim Grayson (D-Concord)
- SD 29 Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-Colton)
- SD 39 Akilah Weber (D-San Diego)

CSR 23/11/37 Motion: Paradis, second by McDonnell to approve and adopt the 2024 Legislative endorsed candidates (incumbents) for elected office. CARRIED

13. Legislative Report

Ted Toppin, Blanning & Baker, presented updates on current bills and the 2023 -2024 state budget.

14. Headquarters Report

Corinne Celentano presented District Directors – D & E Elections; 2024 Chapter Officers and Delegate Election; and 2024 Statewide Officer Election.

15. Upcoming Meetings

- January 22 - 24, 2024 **BOD Statewide Meeting** (San Francisco)
- June 24 - 26, 2024 **BOD Statewide Meeting** (San Diego)
- October 21 - 22, 2024 **Delegate Assembly** (Sacramento)

16. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by President Hueg at 2:00p.m.

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Date: January 24, 2024

Agenda Item: 7

Title: President's Activity Report

Information

Presented by: Stephanie Hueg

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

Date	Activity	Location
November 3	CalPERS Board Committee Items Preview call w/CEO	Conference Call
November 7	CSEA/Affiliates & UAW Bargaining	HQ's
November 9	Stakeholder Engagement Briefing	Video
November 13	CalPERS Investment Committee	Video
November 14	CalPERS PHBC, Finance, Board Governance Committees	Video
November 28	CSR Executive Board meeting	HQ's
November 29	CSR Board Meeting	HQ's
November 30	CSEA/Affiliates & UAW Bargaining	HQ's
December 12	CalPERS Retiree Roundtable	Video
December 19	CSEA Board meeting	Teleconference

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Date: January 24, 2024

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Title: Executive Vice President Activity Report

Information Presented by: Elnora Hunter-Fretwell

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 6	Chapter 2 meeting	Sacramento
November 8	Chapter 5 meeting	Merced
November 9	CalPERS Roundtable	Zoom
November 13	Executive meeting	Sacramento
November 14	CalPERS meeting	Sacramento
November 16	Chapter 10 meeting	Arroyo Grande
November 17-18	Democrats Convention	Sacramento
November 29	CSR Board meeting	Sacramento
December 4	Chapter 8 meeting	Loleta
December 5	Chapter 14 meeting	Chico
December 7	Chapter 20 meeting	Burbank
December 12	Chapter 31 meeting	Oxnard
December 14	Chapter 26 meeting	Bakersfield
December 15	Chapter 16 meeting	Stockton
December 16	Chapter 11 meeting	Fresno
December 20	Chapter 3 meeting	San Francisco
January 8	Chapter 2 meeting	Sacramento
January 10	Chapter 9 meeting	Downey
January 17	CalPERS Stakeholders meeting	Sacramento
January 22-24	CSR Board meeting	San Francisco

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Date: January 24, 2024

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Title: Chief Financial Officer Activity Report

Information

Presented by: Jerry Fountain

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

Date	Activity	Location
November 1	CSR Board of Directors Meeting	Sacramento
November 6	CSR Chapter 5 Meeting	Sonora
November 7	CSEA/UAW Meeting	Sacramento
November 8	CSEA 401K Meeting	Zoom
November 8	CSEA Finance Committee Meeting	Zoom
November 8	CSR Chapter 5 Meeting	Merced
November 11	Fresno's Veterans Day Parade	Fresno
November 13	CalPERS Investment Committee Meeting	Sacramento
November 14	CalPERS Pension & Health Benefits Comm.	Sacramento
November 14	CalPERS Finance Committee Meeting	Sacramento
November 15	CalPERS Board and Risk & Audit Comm.	Sacramento
November 16	CSR Chapter 5 Meeting	Modesto
November 17	CSR Chapter 5 Meeting	Jackson
November 29	CSR Board of Directors Meeting	Sacramento
December 5	CSR Chapter 14 Meeting	Vina
December 12	CSR Chapter 31 Meeting	Oxnard
December 12	CalPERS Roundtable Conference Call	Zoom
December 14	CSR Chapter 10 Meeting	San Lui Obispo
December 16	CSR Chapter 11 Meeting	Fresno
December 20	CSR Chapter 3 Meeting	San Francisco

January 8	CSR Investment Committee & Edward Jones Financial Advisor Meeting	Zoom
January 22-24	CSR Board of Directors Meeting	San Francisco

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Date: January 24, 2024

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Title: Vice President Activity Report

Information Presented by: Mary McDonnell

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 1	Board of Directors meeting	Sacramento
November 13	Executive Committee meeting	Sacramento
November 14-15	CalPERS meeting	Sacramento
November 29	Board Workshop	Sacramento
December 5	Chapter 15 meeting	Rocklin
December 6	Chapter 165 meeting	Sacramento
December 14	Chapter 23 meeting	San Jose
December 16	Chapter 11 meeting	Fresno
December 20	Chapter 3 meeting	San Francisco
January 16-17	CalPERS meeting	Sacramento
January 22-24	Board of Directors meeting	San Francisco

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Title: District A Director Activity Report

Information Presented by: Sharon Stoltzman

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

Date	Activity	Location
November 1	Board meeting	Sacramento
November 9	Chapter 20 meeting	Van Nuys Sizzler
December 12	Chapter 20 meeting	Burbank Elks
December 15	Chapter 9 meeting	El Monte, El Sombrero
December 21	Chapter 4 meeting	Culver City Petrellis
January 10	Chapter 9 meeting	Downey Sizzler
January 17	CalPERS Stakeholder forum	Webcast
January 22	Board of Directors meeting	San Francisco

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Title: District B Director Activity Report

Information Presented by: Susanne Paradis

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

Date	Activity	Location
November 9	Chapter 36 Executive Meeting	Salinas
November 9	CalPERS Stakeholders meeting	Zoom
November 13	CalPERS Committee meetings	Sacramento
November 14	CalPERS Committee meetings	Sacramento
November 16	Chapter 10 meeting	SLO
November 17	CA Democratic Party Convention	Sacramento
November 18	CA Democratic Party Convention	Sacramento
November 29	CSR Board meeting	Sacramento
December 6	CARA Board retreat	Oakland
December 7	CARA Empowered Elder's "Train the Trainer"	Oakland
December 12	Chapter 31 meeting	Oxnard
December 14	Chapter 36 meeting	Salinas
January 16	CalPERS Board meeting	Sacramento
January 17	CalPERS Stakeholder Forum	Sacramento
January 22-24	CSR Board Meeting	Burlingame

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Title: District C Director Activity Report

Information Presented by: Maria Aguilar

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

Date	Activity	Location
November 10	Chapter 3 Executive Meeting	San Francisco
November 13	CalPERS	Zoom
November 14	CalPERS	Zoom
November 15	CalPERS	Zoom
November 29	Board of Directors	HQ
December 14	Chapter 23 Meeting	San Jose
December 20	Chapter 3 Meeting	San Francisco
January 22-24	CSR Board Meeting	San Francisco

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Title: District D Director Activity Report

Information Presented by: Vincent Herrera

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

Date	Activity	Location
November 7	Chapter 14 meeting	Susanville
November 8	Chapter 13 meeting	Yreka
November 15	Chapter 14 meeting	Chico
November 17	Chapter 19 Exec Comm Mtg	Kelseyville
November 29	CSR Board of Directors meeting	HQ Sac
December 5	Chapter 14 meeting	Chico
December 6	Chapter 13 meeting	Redding
December 11	Chapter 19 meeting	Ukiah
December 12	CalPERS Roundtable	Zoom
January 3	Chapter 13 meeting	Redding
January 17	Chapter 14 meeting	Chico
January 22	CSR Leadership Meeting	SFO
January 23	CSR Committee Meeting	SFO
January 24	CSR BOD Meeting	SFO

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Title: District E Director Activity Report

Information Presented by: Keith Umemoto

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

Date	Activity	Location
November 6	Chapter 2 meeting	Sacramento
November 10	CARA Legislative Committee	Virtual
November 13	CalPERS Investment Committee	Sacramento
November 14	CalPERS meeting	Sacramento
November 15	CalPERS Board meeting	Sacramento
December 4	Chapter 2 meeting	Sacramento
December 5	Chapter 15 meeting	Roseville
December 6	CARA Board Meeting	Virtual
December 7	CARA Training of Trainers	Sacramento
December 12	CalPERS Roundtable	Sacramento
December 16	Chapter 11 meeting	Fresno
December 21	Chapter 165 meeting	Medford
January 8	Chapter 2 meeting	Sacramento
January 18	CARA Legislative Committee	Virtual
January 22-24	Board of Directors	SFO

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Title: District F Director Activity Report

Information

Presented by: Tim Behrens

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 30-31	CSR Board/Committee Meeting	Sacramento
November 1	CSR Board of Directors	Sacramento
November 6	Chapter 5 Meeting	Sonora
November 8	Chapter 5 Meeting	Merced
November 9	Chapter 35 Meeting	Porterville
November 13-15	CalPERS Meeting	Sacramento
November 16	Chapter 5 Meeting	Modesto
November 17	Chapter 5 Meeting	Jackson
November 28	CSR Board Meeting	Sacramento
December 5	Chapter 15 Meeting	Rocklin
December 6	Chapter 165 Meeting	Sacramento
December 14	Chapter 35 Meeting	Porterville
December 15	Chapter 16 Meeting	Stockton
December 16	Chapter 11 Meeting	Fresno

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Title: District G Director Activity Report

Information

Presented by: Patsy Jimenez

Background: The following is a summary of my activities from November 1, 2023, through January 24, 2024.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 1	Board of Directors meeting	Sacramento
November 17	Assembly Ramos Fundraiser	Highland
November 29	Board of Directors meeting	Sacramento
December 7	Chapter 17 meeting	San Diego
December 12	Chapter 12 meeting	Lancaster
December 13	Chapter 34 meeting	Fullerton
December 14	Chapter 6 meeting	Rancho Cucamonga
December 14	Assembly Gomez-Reyes Open House	San Bernardino
January 16	CalPERS Education Day	Webcast
January 17	Stakeholder Forum	Webcast
January 22-24	Board of Directors meeting	San Francisco

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Date: December 11, 2023

Agenda Item: 9

Title: CFO Report

Information

Presented by: Jerry Fountain

November 2023 CSR Financial Operating Results

For the eleven months ending November 30, 2023, CSR has recognized a net surplus of \$654k with a budgeted surplus of \$332k for 2023.

Based on the eleven months of 2023, total revenue is expected to exceed the budgeted revenue by approximately \$399k as CSR continues to see steady growth in total membership.

Program expenditures for the first eleven months of 2023 indicate that expenses are trending slightly lower than the budgeted expenses by approximately \$20k for the year. However, these variances should be evaluated in light that they are based on eleven months' worth of activity and are influenced by the timing of when actual expenses are incurred.

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Agenda Item: 10

Title: California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) Report

Information

Presented by: Susanne Paradis, CSR Representative to CARA Board

Background: The following is my report on CARA from Nov 1, 2023 through Jan 24, 2024

The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) is a statewide nonprofit organization that unites retired workers and community groups to win social and economic justice, full civil rights, and a better, more secure future for ourselves, our families, and future generations. CARA is the official state affiliate of the Alliance for Retired Americans. 17 CARA Action Teams (CATs) are the local action centers for CARA. CARA shares important information on key CARA issues and CATs plan local strategies on these issues.

As CSR's representative to the CARA Board, I attended the CARA Board Retreat on Dec. 6, 2023. My goal at CARA events is to determine if and how CSR's mission to protect the pension and health benefits of all retired state employees intersects with CARA's work and advise the CSR Board on how we might maximize our participation in CARA to meet our mission and goals.

At the CARA Board Retreat, CARA's issue priorities for 2024, as voted on by the CARA delegates at their October Convention, included a top priority of: Protect, Improve and Expand Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid and stop efforts to cut or privatize benefits. Their #2 priority voted on by the

convention is to protect pensions and retirement benefits (state and nationally), including fighting legislative and electoral efforts to eliminate or reduce benefits.

CARA's 2023 legislative accomplishments included sponsorship of AJR 4 (Schiavo) a chaptered bill which established the position of the California State Legislature to reject Medicare Privatization through the ACO REACH model and instructed the Biden Administration to terminate the ACO REACH pilot outright, immediately. These issue priorities and AJR 4 are also issues that CSR has taken positions on.

Our organizations' goals intersect on these issues. I will discuss further with the Board possible ways we could coordinate activities.

In addition to the CARA Board Retreat, on Dec 7, 2023, I attended a Train the Trainer Workshop sponsored by CARA and the Community Living Campaign to learn about 3 Module Empowered Elder Workshops on which CARA provides training throughout the state. The 3 Modules include: Module 1: Vial of Life which is a tool for personal emergency preparedness; Module 2: Your Rights in a Hospital with a focus on Patient's Right to a Good Discharge, Medicare Rights, and Advanced Directives; and Module 3: Emergency Preparedness for Power Outages, Earthquakes, and Fires for seniors and people with disabilities living with vision and hearing loss.

I found these training modules to be insightful and useful to our membership and will share this information with the Board for discussion on possible use by CSR.



CSR Member Expense Claim Instructions

- General:**
- 1) Expense claims must be submitted no later than the calendar month following the time the expenses were incurred.
 - 2) Any expense paid by another claimant shall be noted on the expense claim.
 - 3) Each claimant must sign the certification statement at the right of the claim form.
 - 4) Expense claims which are not accompanied by the required receipts, authorization and details will not be paid.
 - 5) The most economical use of Association/Affiliates funds, consistent with the convenience of the claimant and the schedule of the meeting, shall control.
 - 6) Do not tape or use highlighter on receipts as it affects the ability to Xerox or scan the document.
 - 7) Please note your phone number and e-mail information on your claim to receive processing updates and so you can be contacted if there are any questions concerning your claim.

Date: Indicate each date on which expenses were incurred.

Location: Show the location at which expenses were incurred.

Depart: Show the hour at which you departed for a meeting or other activity.

Return: Show the hour at which you returned from a meeting or other activity.

Activity: Describe the purpose of the expenditures.

Lodging: 1) The regular allowance is based on the negotiated rate. Lodging other than General Council lodging shall not be allowed if residence is within 40 miles/40 minutes from meeting location. Only actual expense within the above limits is reimbursed, and original receipts are required.

2) A maximum of the following amounts may be claimed for incidental expenses incurred during any 24-hour period involving a lodging claim.

California State Retirees.....\$15.00

Meals: 1) Meal expenses may be allowed up to the following rates:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
California State Retirees.....	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$35.00

- 2) Breakfast may not be claimed if departure is after or return is prior to 8:00 a.m. Lunch may not be claimed if departure is after or return is prior to 12:00 noon. Dinner may not be claimed if departure is after or return is prior to 7:00 p.m.
- 3) When meals are purchased for other persons authorized to claim meal expense, such persons must be listed on the expense claim with receipt attached.

Travel:

- 1) Indicate the mode of transportation and cost. Common carrier (plane, bus, etc.) is the authorized method of transportation but private automobiles or privately owned or rented aircraft may be authorized if a common carrier is not available, is more costly, or would be unreasonably inconvenient.
- 2) If private automobile is **authorized** and used, indicate the number of miles traveled (in the comment space at bottom of claim) and use the allowance of **\$0.655** cents per mile. **(These rates are subject to change.)** If private automobile is NOT authorized, but used, claim the common carrier fare. If travel is made in another claimant's automobile, travel expense will be allowed only to one claimant.

- 3) Transportation receipts, when applicable, must be submitted with claim.

Misc.:

- 1) Taxi fares are authorized only when no other transportation is practical or available, or when the fare for several riders is not more than the common carrier fee.
- 2) Long distance telephone charges must identify the date, place and party called. If the call is in excess of \$1.00, receipts are required.
- 3) Parking expenses are reimbursed, but receipts are required for amounts in excess of \$10.00 per day.
- 4) Bridge tolls are reimbursed, and no receipts are required.
- 5) Other actual and necessary expenses of an unusual nature, upon approval of the Secretary-Treasurer/Division Financial Officer, may be reimbursed when appropriately recorded and adequately explained.

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2. Incidentals					
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3. Breakfast					
4. Lunch					
5. Dinner					
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6. Common Carrier					
7. Airporter					
8. Personal Car					
9. Parking					
10. Bridge Tolls					
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11. Taxi cabs					
12. Tele/telegrams					
13. Other (explain)					
TOTAL					

I hereby certify that this is a true statement of travel expenses incurred by me in accordance with the current travel expense policy of the Association during the period of this claim, that all items shown were for official business of the Association, and that no expenses herein were received or paid from any other source.

Signature _____

Title _____

Total expense this page _____

Total on attached pages _____

Date **Item** **Comment**

Grand total expenses _____

Less – travel advances _____

Balance Due Member \$ _____

CSR \$ _____

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