

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

**California State Retirees
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton
901 East Calaveras Blvd,
Milpitas, CA. 95035**

**Board of Directors
Minutes**

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 (Excused)
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

CSR 23/6/17 Motion: Umemoto, second by Behrens – Changes to the agenda: To include additional announcements after Committee Reports section. CARRIED

5. Approval of February 1, 2023 Board meeting Agenda

CSR 23/6/18 Motion: Herrera, second by Fountain - That the CSR Board of Directors approve the February 1, 2023 agenda. CARRIED

6. President’s Report of Activities

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

7. Board Member Activity Reports

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

8. Chief Financial Officer Report

April 2023 CSR Financial Operating Results

For the four months ending April 31, 2023, CSR has recognized a net surplus of \$284k with a budgeted surplus of \$332k for 2023.

Based on the first quarter of 2023 activity, total revenue is expected to exceed the budgeted revenue by approximately \$351K as CSR continues to see steady growth in total membership.

Program expenditures for the first three months of 2023 indicate that expenses are trending slightly higher than the budgeted expenses by approximately \$96K for the year. However, please note these variances should be evaluated in light that they are based on three 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 April 31, 2023 is approximately \$6.3 million. Please note that this figure includes April 2023 member dues as CalPERS transfers the following month’s dues on the last day of the prior month if the 1st falls on the weekend.

End CFO Report

9. CalPERS Presenter

Jose Luis Pacheco, CalPERS Board of Administration. CalPERS Board Member Pacheco provided updates to the CalPERS third-party security breach and encouraged members to take advantage of the free credit monitoring services being

offered. He also gave information on how CalPERS is leading in investment strategies and health care benefits.

10. Legislative Report

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

11. Announcement

President Hueg appointed Susanne Paradis as the Board liaison to the PAC committee.

President Hueg appointed Lieutenant Coopwood as the Chair of the BGR committee.

12. Committee Reports

12a. Finance Committee:

Committee Chair Hixon made a recommendation to the Board of Directors to eliminate the 3-month CAP from this day forward.

CSR 23/6/19 Motion: Fountain, second by Behrens - eliminate the 3-month CAP.
CARRIED

2.08 Chapter's Portion of Member's Dues

2. Implementation of Chapter Dues Allocation

- (a) CSEA Accounting will calculate the annual dues funds allowable for each chapter. This amount will be divided into twelve (12) monthly allocations. The amount of annual dues will be recalculated on a quarterly basis as membership numbers increase or decrease.
- (b) Grants and scholarships funds held by a chapter shall not be included in the annual dues funds allowable calculation, however, CD's and savings accounts and other accounts of dues monies shall be included in the calculation.
- (c) If the chapter balance exceeds the annual dues fund amount at any time during the year, a full month's check will be forfeited.
- ~~(d) At the end of the fiscal year the chapter may hold a maximum of 3 months dues in reserve. Monthly dues allocations will be forfeited until the chapters' reserves fall below the 3-month limit.~~

(re-letter remainder)

Committee Chair Hixon made a recommendation to the Board of Directors to change the grants language. When a grant is awarded, CSR will receive one grant at a time. Once the first grant is completed, the Chapter will be eligible to submit a second grant request, not to exceed \$6,000 for the fiscal year.

CSR 23/6/20 Motion (Withdrawn)

District Director Behrens made a recommendation to the Board of Directors to remove the language in 5.06 Chapter Grants of the Governing rules.

CSR 23/6/21 Motion (Withdrawn)

District Director Behrens recommends to withdraw motions regarding Governing Rules 5.06 Chapter Grants and refer section back to Finance Committee for thorough review.

CSR 23/6/22 Motion: Behrens, second by Fountain - the CSR Board of Directors refer section 5.06 Chapter Grants back to the Finance Committee for thorough review and withdraw CSR 23/6/20 Motion and CSR 23/6/21 Motion. CARRIED

12b. Membership Committee:

Committee Chair Padilla introduces herself to the body and reports on CSR Membership Committee strategic plans and committee updates.

Committee Chair Padilla recommends to the Board to allow the Membership Committee and staff to develop an operational plan in the next 60 days to implement a newspaper mail delivery and membership recruitment plan.

CSR 23/6/23 Motion: Behrens, second by Herrera, moved to allow the Membership Committee and staff to develop an operational plan in the next 60 days to implement a newspaper mail delivery and membership recruitment plan. CARRIED

12c. Health & Benefits Committee:

Committee Chair Woodson reports on Health Benefits Committee related announcements and updates.

13. Headquarters Report

Rocco Paternoster addresses HQ's service distribution which impacted access to emails and phone system, as well as the CSR website. Rocco Paternoster also gave updates on staff productivity.

14. Adoption of Annual Audit Report

Rocco Paternoster presents the Annual Audit Report which was distributed with the agenda material.

CSR 23/6/24 Motion: Fountain, second by McDonnell, moved to adopt Annual Audit Report. CARRIED

15. What's on your Mind?

9.05 Candidate Consent form

Recommended to the Board by Les Reynoso, Chapter 165, to amend the language in 9.05 Candidate Consent form section of the Governing Rules. President Hueg referred to the BGR Committee.

Treasurers Training

Marta Zaragoza, Chapter 4 President, recommend to the Board to provide Chapter Presidents with the training materials and handouts distributed during the February 2023 Treasurers Training.

Geanie Hixon, Finance Committee Chair reported 16 Chapters out of 26 attended the Treasurers training. Encouraged chapters to reach out if they have any questions.

Chapter 5 Grant

Anita McCabe (Chapter 5 President) requests a status update from the Board on their decision to Chapter 5's grant request.

Election Conflict of Interest

Jenny Hayden, Chapter 34 President asks about the protocol when an officer from another cooperation runs for office for CSR.

Rocco Paternoster informs the body that the Board's current motion does not cover Delegates. Therefore, if you are currently an officer for another cooperation, you may run as a CSR Delegate because membership lists do not get shared with Delegates.

Lobby Day

Currently reviewing dates and business meeting logistics.

16. Upcoming Meetings

October 30- Nov 1 **BOD Statewide Meeting** (Sacramento)

17. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by President Hueg at 2:43 p.m.