

San Diego Chatter

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES
CHAPTER 17 - SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL COUNTIES
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Steve Haley, President

I started my 34 year career with the State of California in early 1978 working for the Department of Corrections. I worked in various locations throughout the state ending up at RJ Donovan in San Diego.

After retirement I have stayed active in CSR and have served as Vice President for 7 years.

In taking on the role of President of Chapter 17 I have been thinking about my goals. I want you to know this is a fluid list. I have not had much time for thought so I have

listed the things I want to know more about and to spend my time working toward.

- *Overall—have speakers that will talk to the issues that are so important to retirees and seniors.
- *Re-establish a subchapter in Imperial County by stimulating member enthusiasm
- *Instituting a program for telephoning and visiting shut in retirees
- *Support Membership Committee members with information and tools to recruit new members.
- *Help the membership to be fully informed of the activities and knowledge of the committees.
- *Introduce CSR to the different active California State offices in the San Diego and Imperial County areas that would have our future retirees.
- * Increase awareness of senior services available in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

October 3, 2019 Meeting –

Due to the resignation on July 10, 2019 of the Chapter President Elaine Edwards, the Vice President, Steve Haley, moved up to assume those duties. Elaine was then appointed by the new President as Interim Vice President. The first order of business at the next meeting of the membership on October 3rd, 2019, will be confirmation votes by the members of Elaine Edwards; who will then assume the duties of Vice President.

Program/Speaker for the meeting will be:

1. DMV – A representative will be present to talk about the NEW required Driver's license and California ID. They will explain the process and the purpose. This is an important topic for all.

Please plan on being at the meeting to learn what is necessary to meet these requirements.

CaIPERS BOARD ELECTION – CSR SUPPORTS J.J. JELINCIC

Ballots for the retiree seat on the CalPERS board will be arriving within the next week. Be sure to watch your mail box and vote right away.

This week there was a concerted smear campaign launched against J.J. Don't be fooled. There is very little truth in the information being published.

J.J. Jelincic is the best candidate for retirees. He has worked for us for over 30 years. He has always been there for us when we had retirement issues.

CSR, as well as other large retiree organizations, has endorsed him. Let's get J.J. back on the CalPERS board to finish the job of securing our retirement.

VOTE J.J. JELINCIC FOR CALPERS!!!

CalPERS ballots will be mailed August 30th and MUST be received no later than September 30th.

Voting can be done 3 ways: Eligible voters will have the opportunity to submit their vote either online, by telephone, or by paper ballot in accordance with the instructions provided in the ballot package.

Health Benefits – Elaine Edwards

CalPERS Long Term Care Lawsuit

The majority of information in this article is from the website of the plaintiff's attorney and various news articles and court documents.

This is an update on the lawsuit regarding the 85% increases announced in 2013 and implemented in 2015 and 2016 targeting members who purchased long term care from 1995-2004 (LTC1 and LTC 2) who also purchased inflation protection and/or lifetime benefits.

Judge William Highberger had divided the trial into three phases. Phase 1 was a court trial that was scheduled for June 10. Phase 2 and Phase 3 were to be jury trials. On July 1 the Judge issued a tentative ruling, found that CalPERS had a general right to increase premiums on a class-wide basis, it was prohibited to do so "as a result of" the inflation protection benefit.

Phase 2 the trial judge ruled against CalPERS as a matter of law on its defense that the suit should have been filed earlier based on prior premium increases. That meant a jury trial was unnecessary for Phase 2. The trial judge determined the only damages being sought were on the 85% increase that was first announced in 2013 and implemented in 2015 and 2016 the suit could not have been filed sooner.

The trial date is scheduled for October 30 if Phase 3 goes to trial. If a jury determines CalPERS breached the contract the jury would then determine the amount of damages. The Trial Readiness Conference is set for August 21, 2019 with a Joint Report due August 29, 2019. A Final Status Conference is set for October 3, 2019.

Judge William Highberger in his decision from the June 10 trial suggested CalPERS go to the Legislature and the state government to bail out the long term care program. The Health and Pension Programs are funded by the state; the Long Term Care program is self-funded. It is highly unlikely that state funds would be used to bail out the program.

At this time both parties have agreed to go to a mediation to try to resolve the matter. On September 4 and October 7, 2019 the mediation will take place before the Hon. Layn Phillips (Ret) who is a former US Attorney and a Federal Judge from Oklahoma with a mediation practice in Orange County, California and New York City.

At this time there will probably not be a resolution before the October meeting of Chapter 17.

2019 CHAPTER MEETINGS LOCATION and DETAILS

1. **Meeting Dates: 1st THURSDAY of the following months: February 7th; April 4th; June 6th; August 1st and October 3rd.**
2. **Meeting Time:** Doors open at 10:30, Lunch 11:00 to 12:00 and meeting from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.
3. **Location Directions:** Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA, (858) 278-6988. Off of I-15 – take AERO DR exit from North or South – go West to Signal -Turn Right. Entrance at back of building with a parking lot. Doors open at 10:30 am. Meeting - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. **OPEN TO ALL CHAPTER 17 MEMBERS**
4. **HOLIDAY MEETING** – December 12, 2019. Best Western Seven Seas. San Diego, CA 92108

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1. **September 19, 2019 - IMPERIAL VALLEY Meeting – TOPIC: Health Benefits Changes, Long Term Care and Legislation. LOCATION: Olive Garden, 504 E. Danenberg Dr, El Centro.TIME: 11:00 am.**
October 3, 2019 - Member Meeting – DISCUSSION TOPIC: DMV Representative – The Need for the NEW Drivers License and ID Card
******* CONFIRMATION Vote by members – to accept Officer appointments for Chapter 17 *******
3. **DECEMBER 12, 2019 – Holiday Meeting - Year End Celebration – Best Western 7 Seas in Mission Valley**

STEP ON UP!!

Looking for someone who is interested in doing the newsletter. After 9 years it is time for this job to be passed on to someone else. I have enjoyed starting it up and working on it but I need to give it up to take care of personal business. Please contact me via email if you are interested in learning about it and taking on the challenge.

1. Editor of the San Diego Chatter
2. Upload to chapter website
3. Email to chapter members via Mail Chimp

It is bi-monthly and gets mailed out several weeks before our chapter meetings as a meeting notice. Contact me at: dlw.union@gmail.com if interested.

Thank you
Diane

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(Have your Social Security # ready)

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www.CalRetirees.org

CSEA Member Benefits

(800) 952-5283
www.calcsea.org/benefits

CalPERS Headquarters

(888) 225-7377
www.calpers.ca.gov

Social Security

(800) 772-1213
www.SSA.gov

Medicare

(800) 633-4227

***** If there is a committee you wish to help with please contact the President so you can be assigned*****

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES CHAPTER 17 MEETING MEETINGS AUGUST 1, 2019 MINUTES

Call to Order	President Steve Haley
Pledge of Allegiance	Elaine Edwards
Roll Call	Officers
	President - Steve Haley Vice President - Vacant Secretary - Gloria Koch (absent) Treasurer - Diane Whorton (absent)
	Delegates
	Laurie Bella Linda Beuchat Elaine Edwards Steve Haley Michael Miller Danny Morales Gilbert Nguyen (absent – came in late) Arlene Ryan Diane Whorton (absent) Gaspar Luna Oliveira (Board of Directors)

Upon resignation of President Elaine Edwards, VP Steve Haley elevated to President with Executive Board approval on July 10. Confirmation vote by members on Elaine Edwards as VP will be at October meeting. After membership voting, both will be sworn in at next Board meeting.

Committee Chairs PAC - Laurie Bella and Gloria Koch (absent)
Membership - Elaine Edwards

Introduction of Guests Tim Behrens, CSR President
Jerry Fountain, CSR CFO
JJ Jelinic, Candidate CalPERS Board
Gaspar Luna Oliveira, District G Director

Welcome New Members Noemi Abundez, 26 years DOJ, 2018 retiree
Ellen J. Amburgey, retired 2012, first time attendee
Hung Tran, DMV, retired 9 years

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes (June 2019)

Correction - add Gaspar Luna Oliveira as second on minutes. Motion - Danny Morales, second Linda Beuchat - motion carried.

Treasurer Report - Elaine Edwards (substitute)

June Beg.Bal: \$7544.70, Rev: \$ 1609.35, Exp: \$2557.22 = \$6596.83 ending balance
July Beg.Bal: \$6596.83, Rev: \$ 1611.10, Exp: \$3128.32 = \$5079.61 ending balance
Motion - Danny Morales, second Linda Beuchat - motion carried.

President's Report - Steve Haley

Explained quite busy schedule, but available. Just leave a message and he will call back.

Report of Committees

PAC - Laurie Bella, Gloria Koch (absent) - Gloria setting up meeting for August/September. Laurie met with a committee of the Round Table. There will be a presentation at their September 27th meeting.

Membership - Elaine, Cessaly and Linda - Adding Joe at San Diego State.

Report of District Director - Gaspar Luna Oliveira

See attached handout; CSR Board of Directors Meeting and others, CalPERS elections, CalPERS 2020 health care premiums, CSR membership recruitment, and CSR Political Action Committee. Shared CSR merchandise for possible Chapter gifts or door prizes. Supported information provided by guest speakers. Encouraged continued support via CSR newsletter and activism.

Old Business - Steve Haley and Elaine Edwards

Christmas party contract has been signed, committee hasn't met yet.
El Centro meeting planning going forward.

New Business - Steve Haley

Possibility of home visits with homebound members.

Informational Items - None

Program Presenters

Tim Behrens, CSR President
Reminded CSR is on Facebook, Twitter and EBlast.

Jerry Fountain, CSR CFO
Corporate/members responsibility explained, approximately \$3 million investment.

JJ Jelincic, CalPERS Board Candidate
See attached candidate statement. Encouraged activism in getting out vote of all retirees via telephone, online or mail.

Adjournment

Motion Danny Morales, second Arlene Ryan - motion carried.

Sharon Hatch, substitute