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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2003

Members Present: Nick Blom, Kent Crawford, Maria DeAnda, Gary Dial, Mike Fisher, Darin Gharat, Wes Hall, Al Sarina and Tom Watson

Members Absent:

Others Present: Robert Harmon, John Gobel, Victoria Halliday, Karen Gonzales and Linda Stotts-Burnett

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair, Tom Watson.

2. **Announcements**

Robert Harmon informed the board that a revised agenda was posted but copies had not been mailed to the members. One of the disability applicants was listed incorrectly.

Robert Harmon also informed the board that the Association had reached the Billion-dollar threshold for the second time.

Karen Gonzales informed the board that she had distributed new purchasing card applications for signatures and copies of the new Stanislaus County purchasing card policy.

3. **Public Comments**

None

4. **Consent Items**

Motion was made by Al Sarina and seconded by Kent Crawford to approve the following items listed with the noted correction of the members name in Members Forum.

Motion carried.

a. Approval of the August 26, 2003 Regular Session Minutes

b. Approval of Service Retirement(s) - Sections 31499.14, 31760.1 and 31810

1. Gail Berquist, Effective 09-25-03
2. Eugene Fermo, Effective 09-20-03
3. Richard Moser, Effective 09-01-03

4. **Consent Items**

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c. **Approval of Service Retirement(s) - Sections 31499.14, 31760.1 and 31810**

4. Madeline Perea, Effective 09-30-03
5. William Waddle, Jr., Effective 08-01-03

d. **Approval of Deferred Retirement(s) - Section 31700**

1. Carol Locke, Effective 08-10-03
2. William Loree, Effective 08-15-03
3. Kathy Tran-Huynh, Effective 08-09-02

5. **Closed Session**

Motion was made by Al Sarina and seconded by Kent Crawford to adjourn to closed session at 2:03 p.m.

Motion carried.

Nick Blom arrived at 2:08 p.m.

After returning to regular session at 2:48 p.m., Robert Harmon, Administrator
Read the findings of the closed session:

The application of Cheryl Barbee for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement Benefit was set for hearing before a hearing officer.

The application of William Gaede for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement Benefit was granted effective March 22, 2003.

The application of Xochitl Oehrlein for a Service-Connected Disability Retirement Benefit was granted effective January 4, 2003.

6. **Administrator**

- a. Approval to retain Counsel and/or Consultants to review Current health Insurance Program and Design and/or Assist With the Implementation of Health Insurance Program Changes

6. **Administrator - Continued**

As a request from County Counsel, motion was made by Nick Blom and seconded by Wes Hall to approve and authorize the Administrator to retain counsel and/or consultants to review, design and assist with implementation of the Health Insurance Program changes at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.

Motion carried.

b. Staff Progress Report on Current Projects

Robert informed the board the status of current projects staff has been working on. Robert stated that the 2002/03 Audit fieldwork had been completed and that a draft report is scheduled to be presented at the October 8, 2003 board meeting.

Robert also stated that the actuarial data had been wrapped up, staff has been involved in weekly conference calls with TACS regarding the new information system, and the two new servers recently purchased are up and running. Robert also indicated that he was working on our internal disaster plan and currently back-ups are on two separate laptops not located in the building. He advised the current payroll system is now working under the Windows 2000 software and the Associations Newsletter was close to being completed.

7. **Correspondence**

Robert informed the board members that the Governor signed AB 55 but at the present time, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors had not adopted the code section.

8. **Committee Reports And Recommendations For Action**

STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Benefits Committee - Wesley Hall, Chair

Wes Hall reported concerns regarding the Health Insurance open enrollment. He stated that many retirees were unable to attend on the specific day and would like to see the open enrollment return to the old format of two days.

8. **Committee Reports And Recommendations For Action**

STANDING COMMITTEES

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- b. Bylaws Committee - Maria DeAnda, Chair

No Report

- c. Due Diligence Committee – Maria DeAnda, Chair

No Report

- d. Education Committee - Gary Dial, Chair

1. Authorize Attendance and Costs for Trustees' and Staff to attend the Fall SACRS Conference.

Motion was made by Nick Blom and seconded by Wes Hall to approve attendance and costs for the Fall SACRS Conference.'

Motion carried.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

- e. Independence Committee - Al Sarina, Chair

No report.

- f. Disability Retirement Accountability Committee - Kent Crawford, Chair

1. Review of Committee Meeting held on August 28, 2003.

Kent Crawford informed the board that the committee reviewed the overall mission of the accountability committee. Kent stated they reviewed recent disability cases and a request was made by Wes Hall to supply copies of the disability packets to the new board members. It was also requested that the committee explore the definition of a disabled employee pursuant to the '37 Act. Kent also stated that Robert and Lois would be preparing an age-out status report that should be presented at the October board meeting.

9. **Members' Forum (Information And Future Agenda Requests Only)**

Gary Dial requested information on who will review the Administrators credit card charges. It was stated that the board chair and the education committee chair is to review the Administrators charges.

Nick Blom requested the secretary subscribe to the Wall Street Journal newspaper for him.

Kent Crawford questioned verbal conversations and agreements made by the prior CEO on retirement issues.

Robert informed the board that Paul Garbe of MFS extended an invitation to board members for lunch prior to the next board meeting.

Robert also informed the board that he will be on vacation from September 24, 2003 through October 13, 2003.

A request was made for an agenda item regarding the Replacement Benefit Plan MOU and Resolution.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Harmon, Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK
County Counsel

Victoria Halliday, Deputy County Counsel