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# California Senior Legislature

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**JOINT RULES COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**

**January 20, 2016**

**10:00AM-12:30PM**

Chair: Senior Assembly Member John Pointer

Vice Chair: Senior Senator Michael LePeilbet

Vice Chair: Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn

1. **Call To Order**

The Joint Rules Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair, SA Pointer at 10:18 a.m.

Invocation by SA Mitchell

Pledge of Allegiance was led by SA Sullivan

1. **Roll Call**

**Senior Senators**: Allan Bortel, Michael LePielbet, Sonja Martin

**Senior Assembly Members**: Shirley Krohn, John Pointer, Leo Sullivan, Anne Warren, Charles Mitchell, Lavada Theus

**Absent** Lauren Rolfe, Allan Hurst, Jack Alderson,

A quorum was present.

1. **Introductions**

Terry Sonnefeld, Zelda Hutcherson, Charles Molnar, Judy Oberg, Charles Shivers, Ellen Gross, Lorenzo Rios, Sol Fingold, Sam Park, Estella Thomas, Bernie Weintraub, Don MacAllister

1. **Public Comments**

1. Estella Thomas commented regarding scheduling conflict of having meetings on 3rd Wednesday with the LA Caucus.

2. Chair Pointer acknowledged Retired SS Bud Winslow’s 24 years of service to the CSL.

**Discussion/Action Items**

1. **Approve Agenda of January 20, 2016**

SA Sullivan moved to approve the agenda. SS LePeilbet seconded the motion. Agenda approved as presented.

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1. **Approve Minutes of December 8, 2015 JRC Meeting**

SS Martin moved to approve the minutes as presented. SS LePeilbet seconded the motion. Minutes approved as presented.

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1. **Correspondence**

1. Chair Pointer reviewed the note received from the San Diego Caucus noting the new brochure was missing the logo and the photos used were too young. No changes were noted at this time.

2. A draft copy of a proposed funding letter to the Budget Committee Chairs from Assembly Member Brown and Senator McGuire was shared with the group.

**VIII. Filing Season Strategy**

1. Chair Pointer noted that no one has yet picked up AP-15 for general funding of the CSL.

2. Chair Pointer reviewed the need for the Budget Committee to develop language to appropriate temporary funding to help CSL overcome the desperate situation and backfill funding for 16-17.

3. SA Sullivan noted that the average donation is less than $7.00

4. SA Warren requested that the CSL stay in control of whether the name is changed or not and that outsiders shouldn’t control the name change.

5. Chair Pointer is hoping that donations in 2016 will be in the $120,000- $150,000 range and we may better be able to argue that the organization has turned the corner.

6. The focus of the filing season strategy has been to reach as many tax filers as possible and to educate tax preparers. We are on target to distribute a Tax Preparer email blast by the end of January with follow-up in February and March.

7. Additionally, we are on target to have an email blast out to Senior Centers offering materials and additional information.

8. Retiree Organizations is an additional audience that we will be working to reach various Chapters with email blasts.

9. Additional items being reviewed include:

a. Purchasing a database of 55 and older and identify what CSL is and how to donate.

b. Facebook messages to CSL members requesting they message their friends.

c. Purchasing social media ads and promotion of targeted demographics.

d. PSA from Assembly Member Jim Frazier in his district. Identification of other Legislators that may do something similar.

e. Efforts of each CSL member to reach their Sphere of Influence (SOI). Chair Pointer noted that the CSL will not survive without the efforts of the majority of members. Everyone must “chip in”.

**IX. Sub-Committee Reports**

**A. Budget & Finance**

As of December 31, 2015, the California Senior Legislature Fund (Code 427) received a total of $60,137 in contributions. The total donors for the same period is 8,880. Donations are 74% lower than the same period last year and donors are down by 58%

The cash balance as of January 8, 2016, is $257,579.45.

**B. Fund Development**

SS Bortel reported that the Commemorative Book had 32 advertisers this year generating $4,275 in revenue. The book will result in a profit after expenses are deducted.

**C. Public Relations**

SA Krohn noted that Imprenta was at the Meet & Greet and provide interviews to be utilized on social media.

SA Warren noted that there was more leadership at this year’s event.

**D. Policy and Procedure**

Nothing to report.

**E. Session Planning**

Nothing to report.

**X**. **Legislative Committee Report**

1. Chair Warren noted that several LEG members were ill during the walk the halls. The focus this year seems to be housing and homelessness. She suggested members look for proposals on housing/homelessness in the coming year.

2. The next LEG meeting is scheduled for February 9-10, 2016, SA Gould (Vice Chair) will Chair the meeting.

**XI**. **Chair’s Report**

1. Chair Pointer reviewed the Standing Rule Revision Regarding Location of Teleconference Meetings in public locations (Section IV & V JRC/LEG Meetings).

***Section IV. Joint Rules Committee***

***Section I – Meetings***

***Regular meetings of the JRC will be held at a time and dates decided by the JRC at its first meeting after the close of Annual Session.***

***a. In person meetings will be held in Sacramento unless the JRC votes to hold the meeting somewhere else. The location will be an accessible public building that is properly equipped to ensure the meeting is audible to participants as well as the public.***

***b. Teleconference meetings will also be in an accessible public building that is properly equipped to ensure they are audible to participants as well as the public. When considering a location public safety and security should be taken into consideration. Members of the CSL may not use their personal residence to participate in a teleconference conducted by the CSL.***

***Section 4 – Committees of the JRC***

***Updated to reflect the same requirements as referenced above.***

***Section V – LEG Committee***

***Updated to reflect the same requirements as referenced above.***

SS LePeilbet moved to accept the change as presented. SA Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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2. Chair Pointer reviewed request from LA County regarding authorship of proposals. He referred this issue to SA Sullivan and requested he review and come back to the committee with a recommendation.

**XII. Old Business**

**A.** SSM Bailey reported that we still have issues with FISCAL functionality due to uniqueness of the agency. She continues to work with DGS/CFS and FISCAL support as issues arise. All payments have been delayed due to issues with the system. She is working to get everything processed.

B. DGS/CFS noted that CSL could achieve $8,000 in savings if the budget portion of the contract was removed. Given that is half of the workload of the $72,000 contract, the savings doesn’t justify the increased workload with limited staffing.

XIII. **New Business**

A.The following dates are being considered for Senior Rally Day:

May 11, 12, 19, 25 or 26. Staff will advise once date is confirmed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.