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Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

We are very excited about our new member orientation on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. This will be held in Sacramento at the Vagabond Inn from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. An agenda will be sent out in the next week or two. Brand new members and members being with the CSL for less than three years are encouraged to attend. The one unfortunate item that needs to be mentioned is that usually the CSL office picks up the hotel/motel bills but will be unable to now until the state budget is signed. Please be prepared to pay your own lodging bill at this training if the budget is still not signed.

The new Proposal Book is finished and back from the printers and will be sent out to all the CSL members and PSAs for review as soon as the office can get them mailed. There are 75 proposals this year.

The JRC Executive Committee held a special meeting on Monday, August 9, 2010, at the Vagabond Inn in Sacramento. The meeting was very rewarding and I want to thank Vice Chairs Senior Senator Dee Erman and Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg for their participation.

Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs were recommended by the Executive Committee with assistance from Past JRC Chair Senior Senator Lola Young. Executive Secretary Sherry Jenkins will publish the recommended committee lists after final review by the JRC Chair.

It has been noted that many CSL members felt the organization should hire an executive director so the Executive Committee made and approved a motion to hire a consultant for this position. The consultant would work for approximately 30 hours per week with a three-year contract that would include a termination clause. This contract must be reviewed by various state departments before it can be put into action.

The CSL has been approved by the Los Rios Community College District to participate in their intern and work study programs and a student is anticipated to begin work in the CSL office by the end of August. This student will not be paid but may receive a stipend to cover expenses.

Due to current Executive Secretary Sherry Jenkins' resignation, recruiting for a new secretary will begin immediately. Sherry has agreed to continue to

work as a Retired Annuitant until the end of December.

Please support our "Focus on 30" campaign by encouraging friends, family, and organizations that you partner with to contribute a minimum of \$30 to the California Senior Legislature. These funds are needed to help offset the cost of our October Annual Session. Make checks payable to CFOA/CSL and mail them to:

CFOA/CSL

1017 L Street, Box 428

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These donations are tax-deductible.

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member Mary Ann Anderson – Wrote an article regarding Health and Pets in the *Senior News* published by the Humboldt Senior Resources Center.

Senior Assembly Member Quincy Campbell – Sponsored a CSL table at the Alameda County Annual Health Fair.

Senior Senator Vernon Uecker – Submitted an article regarding the "Focus on 30" campaign for the *Enterprise-Record/Mercury-Register*, asking people in that area to make contributions to the California Foundation on Aging to help offset the cost of the CSL Anniversary Session in October.

If any members would like a copy of any of the above, please contact the CSL office.

If there is any organization or individual that you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please either call the CSL office or email the contact name and address at

sjenkins@seniorleg.ca.gov

Any news for the September Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by September 7, 2010.

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

Thomas Jefferson

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

Session Planning is right on schedule. We are looking forward to a rousing 30th annual session. The banquets promise to be special this year thanks to Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg.

Proposals are in. There are 75 this year. Thank you to all members who have submitted proposals, and responded to request for input. Session planning is more than the session planning committee. Without the help of each of our members, the session cannot be a success.

I would like to express a special thank you to Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Tom, my co-chair. Getting around the capitol will be much easier this year thanks to her.

Session materials will soon be mailed to you. When you receive your proposal books, you will also receive the roster of Policy Committees. Be sure to check which Policy Committee you are assigned to. Since you will be eventually voting on all the proposals that pass committees, read all of the proposals in the book. Then go back, and reread the proposals assigned to your committee. It helps if you are familiar with the proposal when it is presented in your committee.

Our program book is in the process so please don't forget to request ads from organizations, businesses and legislators you associate with. Remember to send in your own business card and check! Ad specifications can be downloaded off of our website or you can call the office.

Several items of interest include:

- ROOM RATE IS ONLY \$84 this year at the Holiday Inn and will be billed directly to the CSL, unless you are sharing a room, or if the state budget is not signed by October. **If the state budget is not signed by October**, please be prepared to pay for your own lodging wherever you stay and submit the receipts with your travel expense claims. Make your reservation early by calling 1-800-465-4329 and mention QSL to receive our special room rate.
- BANQUET ROOM cannot be entered until 6:00 p.m. due to hotel set up.
- SHARING A ROOM? STATE RULES: You must have a RECEIPT IN YOUR NAME for your portion of room to be reimbursed. DO NOT walk away from the hotel reception desk until you double check the name on your room receipt.

We are having informational tables during the banquets at the back of the room again this year sponsored by various organizations that care about senior concerns (like you see at conferences you attend). If you know of an organization that would be interested in being represented, please let Sherry know and she will contact them.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Once again, this is a call to see if you know someone that can volunteer this year. It is a fun job and so necessary! If you don't have a form, call or email Sherry at the office and she will see that you get one.

Time is shorter than you think. It is not too soon to prepare for this session. If you have any questions, or suggestions, please let us know. If for any reason Sherry is not available, I will be happy to help. My phone is 916-428-4371 and my email is

lolayoung15@gmail.com

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in October.

They told me I was gullible...and I believed them.

Updated Contacts Needed

If you have moved, you must let the office know your new address so that you can continue to receive mailings. Let Sherry Jenkins know of your change of address, email or telephone number AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2010 CSL Election Results

PSA

- 1 Senior Senator Jack Alderson
- 1 Senior Assembly Member Mary Ann Anderson
- 2 Senior Senator JD Leitaker
- 2 Senior Assembly Member Kenneth Ryan
- 3 Senior Senator Vernon Uecker
- 3 Senior Assembly Member Michael LePeilbet
- 4 Senior Senator Marion Faustman
- 4 Senior Senator Lola Young
- 4 Senior Assembly Member Frances Greenwood
- 4 Senior Assembly Member Gloria Plasencia
- 4 Senior Assembly Member Jean Rios
- 4 Senior Assembly Member Judith Stout

PSA

- 5 Senior Senator Sandy Miller
- 5 Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch
- 6 Senior Senator Bruce Steir
- 6 Senior Assembly Member Norma Campbell
- 6 Senior Assembly Member Elizabeth Warren
- 7 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
- 7 Senior Assembly Member Gerald Richards
- 7 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
- 8 Senior Senator John Sorensen
- 8 Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen
- 8 Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Tom
- 9 Senior Senator Robert Smith
- 9 Senior Assembly Member Quincy Campbell
- 9 Senior Assembly Member Nery Hartschen
- 9 Senior Assembly Member George Tucker

Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

Code 402

Don't forget! When you do your taxes or help somebody else do theirs, remember Code 402 on the California State Income Tax Return. Also, tell all your friends and family!

Website for Ombudsmen

For some information on Ombudsmen on a federal level try this link:

<http://www.ltombudsman.org/site/s/default/files/library/gazette/Feb-Mar2010-Gaz.pdf>

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

CSL Office Closure

The CSL office will be closed:
August 20 – Mandatory Furlough
September 6 – Labor Day
September 10 – Mandatory Furlough
September 17 – Mandatory Furlough

CSL Elections Results

The CSL elections were just recently held in the Planning and Service Areas (PSAs). As a result, there are 20 new members. Unfortunately, several former members were not able to re-run for election so the membership is down to 110 instead of the mandated 120. There are several PSAs working currently to fill existing vacancies so hopefully this will not be the final figure yet. If you are in one of those PSAs with a vacancy and know of a qualified person, please encourage them to call that PSA for more information. Check out the current list of members below.

2010 CSL Election Results (cont'd)

<u>PSA</u>		<u>PSA</u>	
10	Senior Senator Robert Jaffee	22	Senior Senator Dee Erman
10	Senior Senator Anne M. Mack	22	Senior Senator Jim Levy
10	Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes	22	Senior Assembly Member Vince Agor
10	Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero	22	Senior Assembly Member Bobbie Day
10	Senior Assembly Member Denny Weisgerber	22	Senior Assembly Member Don MacAllister
11	Senior Senator Joseph Murphy	22	Senior Assembly Member Dieter Kammerer
11	Senior Assembly Member Terry Sonnefeld	22	Senior Assembly Member Herbert Schwartz
12	Senior Senator Susan Thompson	23	Senior Senator Craig Orange
12	Senior Assembly Member Marnelle White	23	Senior Senator Lynn Pankhurst
13	Senior Senator Bud Winslow	23	Senior Assembly Member Camille Cowlshaw
13	Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar	23	Senior Assembly Member Theodore Kagan
14	Senior Senator (Vacant)	23	Senior Assembly Member Luis Monge
14	Senior Assembly Member John Kirwin	23	Senior Assembly Member Richard Riley
15	Senior Senator Carla Treuting	23	Senior Assembly Member Arthur Serrin
15	Senior Assembly Member (Vacant)	23	Senior Assembly Member Dolores Cutler
16	Senior Senator (Vacant)	24	Senior Senator Albert Newton
16	Senior Assembly Member (Vacant)	24	Senior Assembly Member Bertha Morris
17	Senior Senator Dorothy Schlitz	25	Senior Senator Estella Thomas
17	Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh	25	Senior Senator Edward Woods
17	Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker	25	Senior Assembly Member Elvin Hudson
18	Senior Senator Lawrence Hartmann	25	Senior Assembly Member Michael Haas
18	Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier	25	Senior Assembly Member Marcia Gould
18	Senior Assembly Member Steve Lehman	25	Senior Assembly Member Charles Mitchell
19	Senior Senator Sol Fingold	25	Senior Assembly Member Richard Shontz
19	Senior Senator Nina Frazier	25	Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma
19	Senior Assembly Member Gloria Duran	25	Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub
19	Senior Assembly Member Joan Yacovone	25	Senior Assembly Member Henry Borenstein
19	Senior Assembly Member Roger Ginsburg	25	Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe
19	Senior Assembly Member Zeldia Hutcherson	26	Senior Senator David Steffen
19	Senior Assembly Member Thomas Lacey	26	Senior Assembly Member (Vacant)
19	Senior Assembly Member Samuel Park	27	Senior Senator Don Streeper
19	Senior Assembly Member Elizabeth Payne	27	Senior Assembly Member (Vacant)
19	Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg	28	Senior Senator Richard Lundin
19	Senior Assembly Member David Siegrist	28	Senior Assembly Member Lauren Rolfe
19	Senior Assembly Member (4 Vacancies)	29	Senior Senator Connie Eaton
20	Senior Senator Kitty Mesler	29	Senior Assembly Member Horace HOLmes
20	Senior Assembly Member Terry Conaway	30	Senior Senator Mickey Peabody
20	Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens	30	Senior Assembly Member Billie Taylor
20	Senior Assembly Member Jane Ann Godager	31	Senior Senator Joseph Cox
21	Senior Senator Erwin Fromm	31	Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren
21	Senior Senator (Vacant)	32	Senior Senator Patricia Jones
21	Senior Assembly Member Leo Sullivan	32	Senior Assembly Member Robert Petty
21	Senior Assembly Member Allan Hurst	33	Senior Senator Martha Overfield
21	Senior Assembly Member Sonja Martin	33	Senior Assembly Member Norma Jackson
21	Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell		

Current Authored CSL Legislation

AP-2 AB-1970 (Fong)
Senior Assembly Member Lauren Rolfe
Use of IHSS in Declared Disaster Shelters

AP-20 AJR-34 (Carter)
Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Hearing Aid Availability and Cost

AP-23 AB 1806 (Hagman)
Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Home Sale Capital Gain Exclusion

AP-25 AB-2051 (Tran)
Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch
Disaster Emergency Transportation for Disabled
and Seniors

SP-6 SB-1415 (Walters)
Senior Senator Anne Mack
Taxation: homeowners' property tax exemption and
qualified renters' income tax credit: senior citizens

SP-6 SB-1416 (Walters)
Senior Senator Anne Mack
Personal Income Taxes: capital gains: sale of
principal residence: senior citizens

SP-12 SCR-74 (Correa) - **Chaptered**
Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteer Month

SP-20 SB-1430 (Walters)
Senior Senator Connie Eaton
Property Tax Exemptions

SP-23 AB-2555 (Feuer)
Senior Senator Bill Young
Ombudsman Programs: Appropriation

SFP-1 AJR-32 (Monning) - **Chaptered**
Senior Senator Bud Winslow
Gender Discrimination

SFP-4 SJR-20 (Alquist) - **Chaptered**
Senior Senator Anne Mack
Capital Gains Tax on Sale of Senior Residence

Other Supported Legislation

SB 110 (Liu)
People with Disabilities: Victims of Crime

SB 341 (DeSaulnier) - **Failed**
Pharmaceuticals: adverse drug reactions: Drug
Safety and Effectiveness Program

SB 344 (Strickland) - **Failed**
Crimes against elders and dependent adults

SB 687 (Alquist) - **Failed**
Long-term care facilities: healthcare associated
infection

SB 732 (Alquist)
Medi-Cal: long-term care reimbursement: cost
reporting methodology

SB 961 (Wright)
Health care coverage: cancer treatment

SB 998 (Liu)
Long-Term Care: Assessment and Planning

SB 1106 (Yee)
Prescribers: dispensing of samples

SB 1329 (Leno)
Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

AB 498 (Hayashi)
Affordable housing: veterans

AB 724 (DeVore)
Transfers: Revocable Transfer Upon Death Deeds

AB 1763 (Lieu)
In-Home Supportive Services

AB 1801 (Yamada)
In-Home Supportive Services: Quality Assurance

AB 2029 (Cook)
Mobilehomes: annual registration fee

AB 2234 (Lowenthal, B)
Mental Health: Target Populations: Older Adults

AB 2493 (Fuller)
Conservators: Photograph of Missing Conservatee -
Chaptered

AB 2555 (Feuer/Nielsen/Jones)
Ombudsman programs: appropriation

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

September 13-14, 2010 Sacramento
 JRC Meeting and Member
 Orientation
 October 25-28, 2010 Sacramento
 November 15-17, 2010 Los Angeles with C4A

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Legislative Committee Meetings

October 28, 2010 Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
September 14-15, 2010	Eureka	TBD
December 7-8, 2010	Burlingame	Joint Activity with State Independent Living Council

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