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**JOINT RULES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1230 N Street, Room 201  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
August 9-10, 2005

Tuesday, August 9, 2005

- I. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance  
The August 9-10, 2005 California Senior Legislature (CSL) Joint Rules Committee (JRC) meeting was called to order by Chair Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr on August 9, 2005, 12:55 p.m., at the Congress of California Seniors, 1230 N Street, Room 201, Sacramento, CA. Senior Senator Jim Levy gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Senator Joe Cox.
- II. Roll Call  
Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Mary Dennison, Connie Eaton, Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy, Joe Murphy and Jerry Smith. Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier, Marcia Gould, Zelda Hutcherson, Helen Karr and Edward Woods.
- III. Introductions  
Gary Passmore, Director of the Congress of California Seniors, Scott Burns, Director of Association of Parliamentarians, and Senior Senator Anne Mack. June Hamilton, Staff. Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr thanked Gary Passmore and the Congress of California Seniors for providing the JRC with the meeting room and the warm welcome.
- IV. Approve Agenda  
The Agenda was approved with the following change.
  - VII. Report of Sandra Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the California Commission on Aging was moved to XIII on Wednesday.
- V. Approve Minutes of June 14-15, 2005  
The minutes of the June 14-15, 2005 meeting were approved with the following corrections:
  - XIII. Standing Committee Report - Public Relations – last sentence should read 2 Yes, 7 No, 3 Abstentions

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- XIII. Standing Committee Report - Session Planning -  
Sixth item should read: A letter was sent to Governor Schwarzenegger....”  
Eighth item: Include California Senior Coalition.
- VI. Public Comment  
Bill Hollabaugh stated preparations for 2006 elections should begin before the Annual Session. Senior Senator Anne Mack asked for support of SB 480.
- VII. Chair Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr’s Report  
CSL Member Inez Scott memorialized by a moment of silence.  
Karen Morris Cole’s contract was signed the day before she was advised she had a job with the State; therefore, a new contract was signed to pay her \$2,500 through the foundation funds.  
Chair Helen Karr read a parliamentary opinion prepared by Scott Scott M. Burns, PRP, relating to the voting privileges of Senior Senators Joe Murphy and Connie Eaton since both were elected from the same Standing Committee.  
The Opinion stated both Senior Senators Murphy and Eaton have full rights of membership on the JRC. A motion was made by Senior Senator Jim Levy to accept the parliamentary opinion.  
M/S/P. 7 Yes, 1 No, 3 Abstentions.
- The Year-end Committee Reports, Recommendations for 2005-2006 and Standing Committee Binders are due on or before October 17, 2005.
- VIII. Leg Committee Report - Senior Senator Jerry Smith  
In support of Senior Assembly Member Lola Young’s Recommendation, Senior Senator Jerry Smith made a motion for CSL to write a letter to IHSS asking them to delay the Time and Motion Response.  
M/S/F 4 Yes, 8 No.  
All Travel Expense Claims for Legislative Committee members must be approved by the Legislative Committee Chair before reimbursement from the Legislative Committee budget can be made.  
Senior Senator Joe Murphy will prepare the Proposal Summary for the Proposal Packet. JRC members were urged to write a letter to the Governor urging his signature on SB 1018. AB 657 has been made a two-year bill.
- IX. Session Planning Committee Report - Senior Senator Jim Levy  
A motion was made by Senior Assembly Member Ed Woods to have a JRC meeting from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on October 17, 2005, with no box lunch.  
M/S/P.  
The Vagabond Hotel rate during the Annual Session will be \$70/night.  
A shuttle will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.  
The Program Schedule on a day-by-day basis as well as the Task List

were reviewed.

Senator Vasconellos will receive the Mello Award.

For a free full-page ad in the Program Book, Senior Senator Pasqual Bettio offered to donate a collage in honor of this award to be presented at the Opening Ceremonies. Senior Senator Joe Murphy made a motion that a full-page ad in the Program Book be given to Senior Senator Pasqual Bettio for being the official photographer at the Session. M/S/P.

Senior Assembly Member Ed Woods will present the In Memoriam at the Session.

June Hamilton will prepare a list of letters to Legislators Requesting participation at the Session.

The Session Book may be reviewed on the website.

Senior Senators Jim Levy, Joe Murphy and Jerry Smith will bring to the next JRC meeting their recommendation for an official process for the prioritization of proposals.

The JRC recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 10, 2005

The JRC reconvened at 9:10 a.m. on August 10, 2005.

X. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Mary Dennison, Connie Eaton, Irwin Fromm, Jim Levy, Joe Murphy and Jerry Smith. Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier, Marcia Gould, Zelda Hutcherson, Helen Karr and Edward Woods.

Guests: Sandy Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, California Commission on Aging (CCoA), Bill Hollabaugh and Senior Senator Anne Mack. Staff: June Hamilton.

- XI. CCoA, Executive Director's Report - Sandra Fitzpatrick  
The relocation of CSL and CCoA offices has been completed. Financial Statements for year ending June 30, 2005 Were distributed. Sandi recommended that unspent funds be used to assist with transition costs. The CSL Budget development and timeline for FY 06-07 was Presented.

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Karen Morris Cole's contract was terminated due to Karen Accepting a state position.

Tax check-off line status was distributed. Sandi expressed concern about CSL's long-term solvency.

Discussions between CSL and the State Controller's Office (SCO) continue. The SCO is CSL's desired new administrative entity.

48 CSL members have not returned their travel arrangement selection. Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier will assist in this task.

The next CCoA meeting will be held September 7-8, 2005, Santa Barbara. The tentative topic for the field hearing is senior housing. The Commissioners are expected to adopt a new Operational Plan. Letters have been sent to Area Agencies on Aging requesting nominations for the CCoA.

## XII. Committee Reports

Finance and Insurance - Senior Senator Erwin Fromm

It is recommended that the Executive Committee assume the duty of authorization for early arrival and late departure for the Annual Session if the Chair does not choose to make the decision.

Fund raising effort to increase the California Fund for Senior Citizens - Line 54 was discussed.

Reviewed promotional inserts in State Teachers' Retirement System pay envelopes. Item referred to Public Relations Committee for further development.

Policy and Procedures - Senior Senator Mary Dennison

Senior Senator Mary Dennison made a motion to implement one method of electing CSL members, which would be by appointment only by the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). M/S/P 11 Yes, 1 Abstention.

This will require a By-Law change. A letter will be sent to all AAA's advising them of the term change from a two-year term to a four-year term with emphasis placed on the CSL

Letter of Commitment.

Technical changes to Part II of the Resource Manual have been completed.

Senior Senator Mary Dennison gave a Report on the Bay Area Caucus successful retreat.

Public Relations - Senior Senator Joe Cox

Senior Senator Joe Cox made a motion to approve the pre-session Press Release written by Senior Assembly Member Marcia Gould, subject to updates and revisions. M/S/P This Press Release replacement will be mailed to all CSL members with a request to contact their local media for publicity.

A TV schedule will be developed with June Hamilton.

Members can contact local TV stations to see the California Channel.

The original people who were involved in the formation of CSL will be invited to the 25th Annual Session.

Requests to develop a 25th Anniversary slogan will be mailed to all CSL members.

Emphasis will be placed on promoting the California Fund for Seniors.

Revisions to the Public Relations Section, Part V of the Resource Manual have been completed.

By Laws - Senior Senator Connie Eaton

The 13 By Law amendments will be mailed to CSL members on or before September 1, 2005.

Bill Hollabaugh will prepare the technical amendments, which will be presented at the September JRC meeting.

JRC recessed for lunch at 11:50 - 1:00 p.m.

- XIII. Executive Committee Report - Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr, Chair.  
Funding from Line 54, CFOA and Session donors must be increased through possible grants and corporate sponsors. The new post office address for CFOA is not available at this time.  
Early arrival and late departure will be approved by the JRC at the September meeting. Per diem will not be paid for that day or any day a CSL member does not attend the Session.  
Parliamentarian Scott Burns will preside during the Annual Session - Monday and Tuesday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- XIV. Going Forward Committee Report - Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr  
A letter to the Franchise Tax Board requesting a name change for Line 54 to California Senior Legislature (CSL) Fund will be sent. Please refer to the name of the check-off, not the line, due to the change in line numbers.  
In the event the needed \$250,000 is not collected, the following back-up plan was discussed:
1. Contact possible Donors and Legislators who may support CSL.
  2. Seek corporate funding.
  3. Initiate a grant-writing program.
  4. Educate the public on Tax-Check-off contributions.
- XV. Staff Report - June Hamilton  
June Hamilton reported on the C4A Conference.  
Senior Senator Jerry Smith will investigate the possibility of obtaining a donated copy machine for the CSL office.
- XVI. Old Business  
A photo of the JRC was taken and money collected for an ad in the Program Book.

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XVII. New Business

A Senior Expo will be held in Hollywood, CA, the date to be determined.

XVIII. Liaison Reports

A grant from the Wellness Foundation has been given to Congress of California Seniors, Older Women's League and Gray Panthers to be used to educate seniors on Medicare Part D. It is recommended that all seniors attend a Seminar on Medicare D.

XIX. Correspondence

None

XX. Announcements

None

XXI. Set Next Meeting Date

The next JRC Meeting will be on September 20 -21, 2005.

The JRC Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.