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JOINT RULES COMMITTEE

Vagabond Inn Conference Room
909 Third Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

REVISED MINUTES

Chair: Senior Senator Joe Cox
Vice Chair: Senior Senator Dee Erman
Vice Chair: Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
Senior Senators Connie Eaton, and Roberta Marti
Senior Assembly Members Richard Dahlgren, Julia Rosenberg, Billie Taylor,
and Richard Wolfe
Chair, Legislative Committee: Senior Senator Anne Mack

I. Call to Order

The June 17, 2008 Joint Rules Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Cox at 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Connie Eaton, Dee Erman, Anne Mack, and Roberta Marti; Senior Assembly Members Julia Rosenberg, Billie Taylor, and Richard Wolfe

Absent: Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren

Staff: Sherry Jenkins

III. Introductions

Marie Black from Fremont; Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn

IV. Public Comments

None

(Over)

V. Approve Agenda of June 17, 2008

M/S/P (DE/RW)

APPROVE AGENDA OF JUNE 17, 2008 AS IT READS.

VI. Approve Minutes of April 16, 2008 JRC Meeting

M/S/P (CE/DE)

**APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2008 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:
ADD SHIRLEY KROHN AS A GUEST AND CHANGE WORKMAN'S
COMPENSATION TO WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VII. Sub Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Chair, Senior Senator Connie Eaton

Current Department of General Services Budget Report

Chair Eaton advised that there will be possibly \$23,000 left in the CSL budget at the end of the Fiscal Year (FY); as such the committee recommends a four-day session in 2009. Due to questions on the definition of terms on the monthly budget reports from DGS, Staff Jenkins is to ask for a list before next meeting. A discussion took place on the different terms of the budget and Senior Senator Cox asked for a breakdown on how much a Session cost including where the money comes from to pay each item (CFoA, budget, etc.). Expenses will be tracked on a monthly spreadsheet from now on.

Review current Line 52 Report

As of the end of May, 2008, Line 52 totaled \$236,525 which leaves only \$13,475 to meet the state's quota of \$250,000. Everybody regarded this as very good news.

Congress of California Seniors (CCS)

Discussion of proposed relationship with CCS replacing California Foundation of Aging (CFoA)

This topic is tabled at this point.

California Foundation on Aging

A. Review the current CFoA Report

The ending balance as of March 31, 2008 in the CFoA is \$26,945.39.

- B. Options through which to channel external funds raised by the CSL
No other options at this time but it was discussed that a method needs to be developed with the CFoA for them to receive donations electronically.
- C. Discussion of what steps have been taken to research relationship with the CFoA
Reports are now coming in from both the CSL office and the CFoA.
- D. Establishment of MOU with California Foundation on Aging (review draft of possible MOU)
It was decided that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) needs to be developed with CFoA for next year.
- E. CSL member representation on the CFoA
Erwin Fromm and Martin Tucker are the CSL member representatives for the CFoA.
- F. Next steps
 1. Identify reporting requirements
 2. Electronic transfer of funds
 3. Identify costs
 4. To cover representation
- G. Timeline proposed for completion of this task
To be completed by the end of June 2009.

New Business

Recommendation was made to schedule a four-day session in 2009 and to pay for a cell phone for Staff Jenkins so members can call after hours in emergencies (i.e., before meetings, during annual session). Senior Assembly Member Young will research expenses for cell phones.

The report was accepted as read.

Fund Development – Chair, Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn

No Quorum was established for this meeting.

Fund Development Update

Ways to get non-Line 52 dollars to count with the FTB was discussed.

Coordination with AARP

Was not discussed at this meeting.

(Over)

Brainstorm ways to assign fund raising tasks to subcommittee members

Not enough time to discuss these.

Old Business

Update on legislative events causing more exposure for CSL
Was not discussed at this meeting.

New Business

The Video Project was discussed and ways to send turn down letters to the two bidding vendors.

Chair Krohn announced that she was resigning as chair to the Fund Development Sub-Committee due to too many other obligations and her need to concentrate her efforts on several large legislative projects.

The report was accepted as read.

Policies & Procedures – Chair, Senior Senator Connie Eaton

Old Business

- A. Clarification of By-Laws Article VII, Section IV – Partial Term Limits
The Parliamentarian Scott Burns clarified the meaning of term limits when an alternate takes the primary's position. When one member takes over for another member and holds the position for more than half the term, it would count as a whole term for that second member. If the member serves less than half a term, it would not count as a term. The committee suggests that the JRC recommend a By-Laws amendment change to the CSL in 2009 that would insert the word "consecutive" in between "two terms."

The committee also recommends that the expenses/benefits of the non-JRC sub-committee members (such as Travel Expense Reimbursement, voting in sub-committee meetings only, etc.) be spelled out in the Standing Rules and made as recommended By-Law changes in 2009.

- B. Placement of 2007 By-Law change regarding Executive Orders
The By-Law change regarding recognition for Executive Orders should be placed as a new section in the Administrative Manual under IX. Certificates, f. Executive Orders.

New Business

- A. Description of California Fund for Senior Citizens
The wording in the Instruction Booklet for the Franchise Tax Board state tax returns will be changed by deleting the last sentence, adding "the CSL is made up of volunteers", changing "prioritize" to "who

develop”, and adding “to be presented to the state legislature.” (CSL) was also added after the name of the Fund on Line 52 so it could be more easily identified as pertaining to us.

- B. Clarification of wording/meaning of co-author vs. supporter
After much deliberation, the committee recommends that we do not attempt to interpret the meaning or delineate the differences at this time.
- C. Proposed changes in Part VII – Elections Section – of the Resource Manual
This topic will be discussed in the August meeting.

The report was accepted as read.

Public Relations – Chair, Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren

Old Business

- A. Line 52 Campaign
The total on Line 52 as of May 30, 2008 is \$236,525, which only leaves \$13,475 left to receive. This is a better progress report than there has been for several years but CSL members need to be reminded that this still needs to be pushed as Line 52 is our life blood.
The website address will be sent to all CSL members so they can keep track of Line 52.
A question came up on what area of venue is the most money coming from (i.e., presentations, tax preparers, advertising, etc.)? No suggestions came forward on how to determine this.
- B. Members in Action (Articles, News Releases, Bulletins, etc.)
Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren created a brochure that is specific to his county but it was suggested that it be copied and sent out to all CSL members to reproduce specific to their counties.
- C. Items from members regarding old business
None.

New Business

- A. Economic Stimulus Promotion (Individuals preparing 1040A Tax Returns to get economic stimulus checks from IRS)
Discussion took place regarding the Economic Stimulus Promotion.
- B. Strategies to promote CSL’s legislative successes
Staff Jenkins to send a Press Release to responsible member on each chaptered bill to be published in their home town newspapers.

(Over)

- C. Soliciting ideas for new legislative proposals
Find out when and where the taxpayers seminar presentations on the donation page will take place for a possible presentation by a CSL member.
Also find out what companies write tax programs and have them move the donations part closer to the front of the form.
- D. Items from Members
None

The report was accepted as read.

Session Planning – Chair, Senior Assembly Member Lola Young

Review Task List, Make changes as necessary

Still waiting for floor speakers. Due to several requests, Staff Jenkins verified that the sixth floor cafeteria in the Capitol Building does not accept vouchers so cannot be used during the Session. Lunch vouchers this year will be the same as last year, \$8.50 a day, and will be available for members and volunteers Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

/ A suggestion was made to possibly have fewer speakers at the Opening Ceremonies and maybe suggest they take out ads in Program Book instead.

Letters will be sent to all aging network leaders.

Update on Keynote Speaker

Paul Greenwood has accepted our invitation to be our keynote speaker.

Old Business

A special lunch for Kaiser was discussed but it was decided that there wasn't enough time at this year's Session. Since CSL will be trying for a four-day Session in 2009, the luncheon will be scheduled then.

New Business

- A. Menus for October Session.

M/S/P (CE/RM)

PORK RIB WILL BE SERVED AT MONDAY EVENING'S BANQUET WITH CAESAR SALAD AND CARROT CAKE. MAPLE LACQUERED SALMON AND VEGETABLE STRUDEL WILL ALSO BE CHOICES.

M/S/P (CE/JR)

PRIME RIB WILL BE SERVED AT TUESDAY EVENING'S BANQUET WITH GARDEN SALAD AND CHOCOLATE SPOON CAKE.

M/S/P (CE/JR)

AUTHORIZE HAVING THE EL DORADO BAND PLAY ON THE SECOND NIGHT OF THE SESSION.

Senior Assembly Member Young will ascertain if there's a dance floor. Senior Senator Eaton suggested some form of written history for the Session packets, maybe a list of the past JRC chairs. Senior Senator Erman offered to help put this together with Senior Assembly Member Marion Faustman.

M/S/P (LY/CE)

ARRANGE FOR THE OLDER ORGANIZATIONS TO SEAT AT A SPECIAL TABLE AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES.

This report was accepted as read.

VIII. Legislative Committee Report – Chair, Senior Senator Anne Mack

Chair Mack advised that the Action Alert on SJR 12 was worded wrong and clarified that the intent was for all CSL members to contact their Congress Representative and ask them to sponsor this resolution. She advised that it will be reworded and resent.

Four of the CSL bills have been chaptered into law but unfortunately we also have some failed bills by now as well. They are as follows:

AB 1765 – Elder Abuse: mandated reporters
AB 2051 – Elder abuse offender registry
AB 2229 – Medi-Cal: dental examinations
AB 2460 – Consumer Loans: seniors
AB 2516 – Prescriptions: electronic transmissions

The Legislative Committee is considering supporting the following bills:

AB 1887 (Beall) – Health care coverage: mental health services
AB 2038 (Lieber) – Persons with disabilities: victims of crimes
SB 462 (Torkelson) – Hospice providers: licensed hospice facilities
SB 2459 (Davis) – Property Taxation: Senior Citizen Tax Work-off Program

State legislators are asking CSL for opinions on upcoming proposals proving our reputation is growing and becoming solid with the legislators.

M/S/P (CE/NH)

EXTEND THE DEADLINE ON PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL TO POSTMARKED JUNE 20 WITH NONE ACCEPTED AFTERWARDS.

(Over)

M/S/P (AM/CE)

ACCEPT THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ.

IX. Chair's Report

Chair Cox recommended that the CSL present a plaque to the Vagabond Inn at the first night banquet because of the partnering they have been doing with us.

Due to some confusion of the JRC Sub-Committees and the Policy Committees, Chair Cox offered these explanations:

- A. Policy Committees operate only during the Session working on CSL proposals.
- B. JRC Sub-Committees operate all year long on issues that involve the CSL.

Some Policy Committee members are no longer with the CSL meaning those members need to be replaced.

Senior Assembly Member John Sorensen was appointed Senior Senator due the vacancy in that PSA.

The August and September JRC meetings will both be face-to-face due to the growing needs and issues of the upcoming Session. Staff Jenkins will research purchasing new phones for the CSL office with speaker capabilities since the LOB conference room is no longer available to us.

The August JRC Meeting is August 18 – Sub-Committees 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. August 19 – JRC 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The September JRC Meeting is September 15 – Sub-Committees 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 16 – JRC 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Senior Senator Marti will research all ways to electronically donate money to CSL.

Senior Senator Eaton will research what dates does the FTB observe for its fiscal year.

X. Old Business

- A. Video on "The Story of the CSL"

Senior Assembly Member related the history of this project that three Request for Proposals were sent out, two were returned with quotes of \$46,000 and \$83,000. There is an existing CSL video that is outdated but it was advised that the video never brought in much money when it was used.

To make the video profitable, it needs to bring in twice the amount it costs to produce it. It was suggested that it might be more advisable to use the money to educate the members on how to give productive presentations and how to write workable proposals.

Another suggestion was made to acquire approval to put on a one-day orientation in April/May 2009 in Sacramento.

M/S/P (CE/JR)

SEND LETTERS OF THANK YOU BUT NO THANK YOU TO BOTH VENDORS REJECTING THEIR VIDEO PROPOSALS DUE TO THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION.

Senior Assembly Member Krohn has turned in her resignation as chair of the Fund Development Sub-Committee due to various projects she is writing proposals on for next year.

Senior Assembly Member Dahlgren advised that all CSL members should read the testimony of Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel to the Inspector General on "*In the Hands of Strangers: Are Nursing Home Safeguards Working?*" that was sent to everyone in June.

XI. New Business

A. Correspondence

Senior Assembly Member Ruth Howell has moved out of the state so has resigned from the CSL.

B. Picture of JRC will be taken

The picture will be taken at the August meeting due to no cameras at this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.