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JOINT RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

Vagabond Inn Conference Room

909 Third Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Tuesday, August 19, 2008 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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, Dee Erman, 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 August 19, 2008 Joint Rules Committee (JRC) meeting was called to order by Chair Senior Senator Joe Cox at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation

Senior Assembly Member Lola Young led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Senior Senator Dee Erman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Connie Eaton, Connie Eaton, Anne M. Mack, Horace Mann, and Roberta Marti; Senior Assembly Members Richard Dahlgren, Julia Rosenberg, Billie Taylor, Richard Wolfe, and Lola Young

Staff: Sherry Jenkins

A Quorum was established

III. Introductions

Senior Senators Jim Levy and Kitty Mesler

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Mission: To Improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians

Funded by the California Fund for Senior Citizens

IV. Public Comments

None.

V. Approve Agenda of August 18, 2008

M/S/P (CE/RD)

THE AUGUST 18, 2008 JRC MEETING AGENDA WAS APPROVED.

VI. Approve Minutes of June 17, 2008 JRC Meeting

M/S/P (CE/RW)

THE JUNE 17, 2008 JRC MEETING MINUTES WAS APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS:

On Page 1, change agenda to minutes.

On Page 2, in the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee Report in VII. add after the end of Fiscal Year (FY) “as such the committee recommends a four-day session in 2009.”

On Page 6, review task list, replace “less” with “fewer.”

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VII Sub Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Senior Senator Connie Eaton, Chair

Current DGS Budget Report

- A. Senior Assembly Member Wolfe requested a current total of the SMIF balance. Staff Jenkins will research this.
- B. Chair Eaton reported that approximately 21 percent of the total Personal Services and the Operating Expense and Equipment for fiscal year 2007/08 was not used or obligated and compliments were given to the Chair and the staff for holding expenses down.

Review current Line 52 Report

- A. Changes in the instructions for 2009 FTB forms have been agreed to and made.
- B. In the attempt to put (CSL) after the wording California Fund for Senior Citizens on the state tax form, it was discovered that changes cannot be made to the actual state tax form without Legislation.
- C. Due to a FTB change, our line number will be Code 402 from now on instead of Line 52. There will be no more line numbers, just code numbers. The good news is this should remain the same each year now.
- D. The funds counting towards the \$250,000 qualification is based on the calendar year January to December.
- E. A CSL proposal has been written and submitted to extend the sunset date

currently on file for the CSL to remain on the FTB form.

California Foundation on Aging (CFoA)

- A. Review current CFoA Report
After going over the various reports, it was suggested that YTD be added to the monthly activity report on the Total Columns. Staff Jenkins will update this form.
- B. Establishment of MOU with CFoA
Chair Cox will contact California Commission on Aging to ascertain where they are at currently with their MOU with California Congress of Seniors before CSL goes forward.
- C. Electronic contributions
Senior Senator Marti has been investigating electronic deposits and withdrawals and will discuss this in the September's meeting.

New Business

- A. Proposed FTB line numbering changes on tax return
Will be now Code 402
- B. DGS recommendation on staffing
This item was moved to the September agenda

M/S/P (LY/JR)

APPROVE THE REPORT AS READ.

Fund Development – Senior Senator Horace Mann, Chair

Chair's Report

Chair Mann attended President Bush's "A Partnership Summit to Strengthen Communities" sponsored by the White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. He will report on this in detail at the September meeting.

Old Business

- A. Update on legislative events causing more exposure for CSL
This is covered in the monthly newsletter.

New Business

- A. Develop Mission Statement
The Mission Statement is from the Resource Manual Standing Rules:
The Fund Development Sub-Committee is charged with the responsibility of identifying additional sources of revenue for the CSL.

(Over)

- B. Discuss goals and objectives
A letter of introduction for each CSL member will be developed so they can introduce themselves to organizations with the needed authority.
- C. Savings account report
Staff Jenkins will research current balance of SMIF account and report at the September meeting.
- D. Review new funding ideas for next meeting:
Went over list of possibilities and asked for suggestions.
Senior Assembly Member Dahlgren suggested researching charitable remainder trusts, and planned giving bequests.
Another suggestion was made concerning featuring different PSAs in monthly newsletters to promote CSL and to deepen partnership with the PSAs.
- E Other
Staff Jenkins will bring in a sample of Introduction Letter at Tuesday, August 19, 2008 JRC meeting for discussion.

M/S/P (CE/JR)

APPROVE THE REPORT AS READ.

Policies & Procedures – Senior Senator Connie Eaton, Chair

Old Business

- A. Proposed changes in Part VII – Elections Section, of the Resource Manual
This revised section will be sent out to committee members to be reviewed and then voted on at the September meeting.
- B. A new section is to be added titled “Responsibilities of members.” Staff Jenkins is to find the final report from the Steering Committee and that report will be inserted into the Resource Manual.
The goal is to have the updated Resource Manuals available at the October Session.

New Business

- A. Proposal Form
This will be dealt with in the revised Elections Section.

M/S/P (RM/LY)

APPROVE THE REPORT AS READ.

Public Relations – Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren, Chair

Old Business

- A. Line 52 Campaign
As of January 1, 2009 it will be called Code 402 instead of Line 52. Our goal of \$250,000 has been reached for this year.
- B. Members in Action (Articles, News Releases, Bulletins, etc.)
Members in attendance reported the various activities they have been involved in recently.
- C. Items from members regarding old business
None

New Business

- A. Strategies to promote CSL's legislative successes and the October Session
Send newsletters to all state legislators.
Suggestion was made by Senior Assembly Member Dahlgren regarding purchasing buttons or fans that say, "Support Our Seniors on Code 402." Senior Assembly Member Dahlgren would like members to send him any catchy phrases that would fit on a button.
- B. How can we more effectively distribute the CSL Newsletter?
Suggestion was made regarding possibly members printing copies and distributing themselves.
- C. Items from Members
None.

M/S/P (CE/RM)

APPROVE THE REPORT AS READ.

Session Planning – Senior Assembly Member Lola Young, Chair

Review Task List and make changes as necessary

The tasks are currently up to date.

Old Business

- A. Task assignments for session
 - 1. Need volunteers to stuff packets one week before Session
A date will be set to do this and then a request will go out for volunteers. Senior Senator Eaton and Senior Assembly Member Taylor volunteered to come in a week early to help.
 - 2. Need permission for one or two volunteers to come in the day before to take care of last minute details
Senior Assembly Members Loh and Rosenberg will be coming in early and have offered to help with these.

(Over)

3. Registration table needs to be staffed during Volunteer Orientation
It was decided that the long-time volunteers and early arrivals can man the registration table.
 4. Need volunteers to place handouts on table for general session
Senior Assembly Member Rosenberg or other early arrivals can do this.
 5. Need volunteer for Sgt.-at-Arms in general session
Senior Assembly Member Charles Mitchell was recommended for this.
Senior Assembly Member Wolfe volunteered to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Opening Ceremonies.
 6. Need suggestions as to who should do Invocation and Pledge at floor sessions and Pledge at Opening session
None were made at this time.
Senior Senator Marti has volunteered to announce the Memoriam.
- B. Banquets.
1. June Glasmeier will handle dinner reservations
 2. June Glasmeier and Sally Wieck will handle registration at banquets
 3. Need someone to arrange certificates and awards on table at both banquets
Senior Assembly Member Loh volunteered to do this.
 4. Need volunteers to assist people up and down from podium
 5. Menu for Banquets
 - a. Monday: Pork, Salmon and vegetable dish
 - b. Tuesday: Prime Rib and vegetable dish
 6. There will be entertainment at the Monday night banquet

New Business

- A. Need to decide on another room for Senate sessions as the Senate Chambers will not be available the whole month of October due to renovation
A message will go out to the senior senators that the Senate Chambers cannot be used during the Session and will be in Room 4203 instead. They will need to bring something firm to write on like a clipboard or a book. Staff Jenkins will ascertain if there are portable microphones for that room (two microphones for each side). She will also ask for a schedule of who and when will be taped and televised for members' families.
- B. Recommendation was made that Yvonne Goitia, General Manager of Vagabond Inn would receive the award for organizations who have partnered the best with CSL

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**YVONNE GOITIA, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE VAGABOND INN,
WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD FOR ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE
PARTNERED THE BEST WITH THE CSL.**

M/S/P (CE/AM)

APPROVE THE REPORT AS READ.

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

- The Legislative Committee read every proposal to ascertain which Policy committee should review them. Discussion had taken place over whether or not a proposal needs to be rewritten and whose responsibility is it to contact the writer. It was decided that there should be some ruling in the Resource Manual on proposals that have raise questions; maybe, define the proposal in more detail. There should also be an appeal process for the proposal writers.
The Policy Committee placement for the proposals was considered very carefully and as fairly as possible to make it an even amount for each committee.
- In researching the Resource Manual it was revealed that every CSL member is expected to submit a proposal every year. No more than a total of 120 proposals are to be accepted each year.
- It was voted that CSL would support the following four bills from other organizations: AB 1526, AB 1887, AB 2038, and SB 981.
- AB 725 (Lieber) support letter has been requested to send to the Governor requesting him to sign this bill. Staff Jenkins will send this letter.
- The Legislative Committee meetings for 2008/09 is as follows:
January 6, 7, 8 – walk the Capitol halls with the JRC Members
March 10, 11 – with the Legislative Committee Alternates
May 13, 14
July 7, 8, 9 – Assign Policy Committees to new proposals
Budget of \$17,150.64 was requested to finance these meetings.

M/S/P (JR/CE)

ACCEPT THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND MEETINGS.

- Due to tight deadlines on producing the Proposal Book, new proposals are to be submitted to the CSL office postmarked no later than June 1, 2009, with no exceptions, for each year from now on. This will expedite the production of the proposal books.
- The Legislative Committee has taken out a half page ad for the Program Book with their picture.

M/S/P (CE/JR)

APPROVE THE REPORT AS READ.

(Over)

IX. Chair's Report – Senior Senator Joseph A. Cox, Chair

Chair Cox advised that the CSL needs to start working on funding for the Foundation. Also, the MOU status for the CFoA is a deadline of June 2009.

The FTB's website shows who donated to the CSL by their zip codes. If you have an interest in pursuing this matter, but need help, Senior Senator Roberta Marti can help you. The FTB uses the goal of mid-September to ascertain if we have or will make our goal of \$250,000.

Senior Assembly Member Dahlgren will develop Press Releases that will be sent out on every CSL bill that was chaptered. Committee Chairs are to double check what they are responsible for at the Session this year and be prepared ahead of time to avoid all mistakes.

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

- A. Correspondence
Senior Senator Jerry Smith's eye is doing better but he will be moving closer to Sacramento soon due to other health concerns.
- B. Status of California Checkoff Renumbering System
This was discussed in the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee report.
- C. Picture of JRC will be taken
It was agreed to take out a full page ad in the Program Book with the picture of the JRC.
- D. Committee Chair Reports on Session procedures
This was discussed in the Session Planning Sub-Committee report.
- E. Resolution Honoring Joan Lee Posthumously
Senior Senator Levy and Assembly Member Young are working on this.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.