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JOINT RULES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Revised

Thursday - Friday, September 17 and 18, 2009

Vagabond Inn

909 Third St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Chair: Senior Senator Lola Young

Vice Chair: Senior Senator Dee Erman

Vice Chair: Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe

Senior Senators Joanna Kim-Selby, Kitty Mesler, and Carla Treuting

Senior Assembly Members Richard Dahlgren, Julia Rosenberg, and Billie Taylor

Immediate Past Chair: Senior Senator Joe Cox

Chair, Legislative Committee: Senior Senator Anne Mack

Thursday, September 17, 2009, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Vagabond Conference Room

909 Third Street, Sacramento

Budget and Finance Sub-Committee	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Public Relations Sub-Committee	2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Bylaws Ad Hoc Sub-Committee	3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Session Planning Sub-Committee	4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday, September 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Vagabond Conference Room

909 Third Street, Sacramento

I. Call to Order

The September 18, 2009 Joint Rules Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Senior Senator Lola Young at 9:10 a.m.

Invocation was said by Senior Senator Dee Erman

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe.

II. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Dee Erman, Joanna Kim-Selby, Anne M. Mack, Kitty Mesler, Betty Mulholland, Carla Treuting, and Lola Young; Senior Assembly Members Richard Dahlgren, Julia Rosenberg, and Richard Wolfe

Absent: Senior Assembly Member Billie Taylor

Staff: Sherry Jenkins

A Quorum was established

(Over)

Mission: To Improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians

Funded by the California Fund for Senior Citizens – FTB, Code 402

III. Introductions

Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson and Bill Hollabaugh

IV. Public Comments

Discussion took place over where exactly the Public Comments section is to be on the agenda. Staff Jenkins researched the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act of 2004 and it reads:

“To ensure public participation, the Legislature expressly afforded an opportunity to the public to speak or otherwise participate at meetings, either before or during the consideration of each agenda item. The Legislature also provided that at any meeting the body can elect to consider comments from the public on any matter under the body’s jurisdiction. And while the body cannot act on any matter not included on the agenda, it can schedule issues raised by the public for consideration at future meetings. Public comment protected by the Act includes criticism of the programs, policies and officials of the state body.”

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

V. Approve Agenda of September 18, 2009 JRC Meeting

M/S/P (RD/JKS)

Approve the September 18, 2009 JRC Meeting Agenda.

VI. Approve Minutes of July 9, 2009 JRC Meeting

M/S/P (CT/KM)

APPROVE THE JULY 9, 2009 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS: UNDER VII. D. ADD “...AND PAY THE \$90 FEE. ALSO....”

VII. Correspondence

- A. Letter from Governor in Response to CSL Letter
Copies of this letter was distributed and discussion took place. This letter was sent to the Governor to ask that the drastic cuts not be taken on the state programs. The Governor’s response was that due to the current economic situation, the cuts were necessary.
- B. Governor Signed into Law an Amendment for Bagley-Keene Act
“A majority of the members of a state body shall not, outside of a meeting authorized by this chapter, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter of the state body.”

What this basically means is that you cannot do mini email meetings on any agenda items. A discussion then took place regarding phone conferences versus face-to-face meetings with the consensus that face-to-face meetings were more productive.

- C. Letter from the Franchise Tax Board
The CSL received the formal letter from the Franchise Tax Board that there has been a minimum of \$250,000 received from the Code 402 on their state income tax form. The CSL will be kept on the form for 2010.
- D. Chair Young read an email received from past member Jerry Smith congratulating the CSL on their 2008 Legislation.

VIII. Sub-Committees Reports

Budget & Finance – Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe, Chair

Old Business

- A. Review of Budgets for June through August 2009
 - 1. Department of General Services (DGS) Budget Report
DGS was not able to complete the budget in time for this meeting so there was only a partial budget to discuss.
 - 2. California Foundation on Aging (CFoA) Monthly Activity
Discussion took place on the deposits and the outgoing items on this list.
 - 3. CFoA Letter
Senior Senator Cox asked the amount in the CFoA. It was researched and the total is approximately \$24,458.39 as of June 30, 2009.
 - 4. Franchise Tax Board – Code 402
CSL received a letter from the Franchise Tax Board that we have more than reached the minimum \$250,000 required so will be included on the State Income Tax form again next year.
- B. Budget Issues Related to October Session
As far as this committee knows, there have only been two sponsors donated so far this year for the Annual Session. Staff Jenkins was asked to contact Germstar regarding placing an ad in the Program Book.
- C. Discussion of future agenda items
Due to lack of Quorum, this was tabled for future discussion

New Business

- A. Open Discussion of any potential impact to CSL, members and general senior population resulting from current economic issues
Due to lack of Quorum, this was tabled for future discussion

(OVER)

M/S/P (RW/AM) One abstention

APPROVE THE REPORT AS READ.

Fund Development – Senior Senator Dee Erman, Chair

Chair Erman suggested that the Fund Development and the Public Relations Sub-Committees meet together next year as they are so similar. There was no business with the Fund Development Sub-Committee for this meeting.

Public Relations – Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren, Chair

Old Business

- A. Press Releases
Sample press releases were discussed and it was agreed that some changes should be made and then Staff Jenkins would send them out to the membership to use before the Annual Session.
- B. Internet Promotion
A question came up regarding an old website for the CSL that was still active that suggested readers could use PayPal to contribute to the CSL. The web host of that website (who now lives out of state) was contacted and reported that no monies had ever been received via PayPal. The author was informed that a lot of the material on his website concerning the CSL was incorrect and he is going to delete all incorrect references to the CSL.
- C. Code 402
It was agreed that Senior Assembly Member Dahlgren would have plastic cards advertising Code 402 printed up after a back was designed with a sample picture of the state income tax form donation lines. He will bring them to the Annual Session for distribution to the JRC members.

M/S/P (RW/DE)

APPROVE ORDERING 5,000 OF THE PLASTIC CARDS ONCE THE BACK SIDE HAS BEEN APPROVED AND THEN BROUGHT TO THE ANNUAL SESSION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE JRC MEMBERS.

- D. Annual Session Promotion Items
Tabled for another meeting

New Business

- A. Suggestions from committee members
Not discussed
- B. Future Committee Agendas
Not discussed

- C. Members in Action (meetings attended, efforts to promote CSL)
Some discussion took place.

M/S/P (CT/KM)

APPROVE THE REPORT AS READ.

Bylaws Ad Hoc – Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, Chair

Old Business

- A. Review of New Submitted Suggested Bylaw Changes
Current: Article VI – Joint Rules Committee, New Section
Not currently specified in the current Bylaws.
Suggested: Add new Section XI to Article VI
In selecting the JRC Standing Sub-Committee chairs, the JRC Chair will only appoint JRC members. Other CSL members may be appointed to the committee but will not normally be reimbursed their expenses.
Rationale: Only JRC members should chair the standing sub-committees because they are already scheduled to attend JRC meetings and, therefore, would not add any additional expense to these meetings.

M/S/P (CE/ZH)

THIS ONE NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A BYLAWS CHANGE BUT BE CONSIDERED BY THE JRC AS AN ADDITIONAL RULE IN THE STANDING RULES OF THE RESOURCE MANUAL.

Current: Article VII – Legislative Committee, Section II
Term limits not currently specified in the current Bylaws.
Suggested: Add to Article VI, Section II
The term of office will be two years, with a limit of two consecutive terms.
Rationale: Due to term limits imposed on JRC members, there should be term limits on the Legislative Committee as well.

M/S/P (JD/CE)
One No

SUPPORT THIS SUGGESTED BYLAW CHANGE.

Current: Article VI – Joint Rules Committee, Section VI
In their first meeting during or after the Annual Session in which they are elected to the JRC, the members of the JRC shall elect a chairperson and two vice-chairpersons (one from the Assembly and one from the Senate). These three persons shall constitute an Executive Committee who are.....

(Over)

Suggested: Article VI – Joint Rules Committee, Section VI

In their first meeting during or after the Annual Session in which they are elected to the JRC, the members of the JRC shall elect a chairperson and two vice-chairpersons (one from the Assembly and one from the Senate). These three persons (including the newly elected chair of the Legislative Committee) shall constitute an Executive Committee who are.....

Rationale: The JRC chose to add the Legislative Committee Chair as part of the Executive Committee two years ago.

M/S/P (JD/CE)

One No, One Abstention

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT OF “...THESE THREE PERSONS (INCLUDING THE NEWLY ELECTED CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE).....” TO “...THESE THREE PERSONS AND THE NEWLY ELECTED CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.....”

Current: Article VI – Joint Rules Committee, Section IV

The term of office will be two years, with a limit of two terms.

Suggested: Article VI – Joint Rules Committee, Section IV

The term of office will be two years, with a limit of two consecutive terms.

Rationale: Due to limited number of eligible candidates in the Standing Committees of the Senate, Joint Rules Committee occasionally has had vacancies. This does not provide a full member representation of CSL.

M/S/P (CE/ZH)

SUPPORT

Current: Article V, Section IV – Membership

Recall will be accomplished in accordance to the manner specified in the approved election rules.

Suggested: Article V., Section IV – Membership

Members are required to attend the Annual Session. Missing two consecutive Sessions will result in an action to seek recall. Recall will be accomplished....

Rationale: Too many members are missing both monthly Advisory Council meetings and the Annual Sessions. This is a way to strengthen what is already stated and agreed to in the Statement of Commitment that all members are required to sign.

M/S/P (KM/CE)

One No

NOT TO SUPPORT

New Business

- A. Members are welcome to bring up any discussion ideas
Nothing was brought up.

Session Planning – Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg, Chair

Old Business

- A. Abbreviated Session Schedule
No changes were suggested at this time.
- B. Session Task List
The CSL is right on schedule.
- C. Floor Session Conductors
There are currently no senators for the floor sessions and only one assembly member (Jared Huffman) currently scheduled. Senior Senator Mack offered to try to schedule the two senators, Senior Senator Cox will contact Assembly Member Jeff Denham, and Senior Assembly Member Wolfe will contact Assembly Members Mike Feuer and Cameron Smyth.
- D. Discussion of Transportation Contracts with the State – MV and Amador State Contract has been signed and delivered with the Amador Stage Lines for the 2009 Annual Session. Nobody has been able to make appropriate contact with MV for possible donation of disabled bus.
Staff Jenkins will ensure that shuttle schedules be sent to members before hand and will also be included in registration packets and with the hotel registration desk.
- E. Possible Change of Keynote Speaker
Lt. Governor John Garamendi may have to cancel at the last moment due to his candidacy for Congress but is currently still on the schedule.
- F. Program Book Discussion
Bill Hollabaugh, the Program Book Editor, announced that the ads are less this year than last year:

2009 - \$3,011.50	2007 - \$5,000
2008 - \$4,800	2006 - \$4,900

Discussion took place regarding possible reasons why the ads are down.
An email will be sent out to the members advising them to pursue more ads as soon as possible.
Also, when pictures are sent to Bill, please have them labeled with the names of the pictured individuals or send the picture to Staff Jenkins to label.

New Business

- A. Discussion of Information Tables
Two tables have been leased. Discussion took place regarding having several tables with local senior organizations brochures on display.

(Over)

- B. Lunches at Capitol Building Update – Griselda’s Catering
State contract has been signed and delivered for lunches with Griselda’s Catering for the 2009 Annual Session.
- C. Partnering With CSL Award

M/S/P (DE/CT)

GRISELDA’S CATERING WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD FOR PARTNERING WITH THE CSL AT THE 2009 ANNUAL SESSION.

- D. Discussion of any New Awards (Posthumously)
It was discussed and decided that a page showing deceased present and past CSL members will be put into the Program Book.

M/S/P (JR/DE)

APPROVE THE REPORT AS READ.

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

- A. Status of Proposal Books
The new proposed legislation books have gone out to all the CSL members and the PSAs.

Chair Mack congratulated all the proposal submitters for this year’s legislation. Out of the 63 proposals submitted, five have been chaptered into law and three more on sitting on the Governor’s desk for his signature or rejection. Of the 33 bills that the CSL has supported from other organizations, two have been chaptered into law, with eight sitting on the Governor’s desk.

Legislative Committee meetings have been set for 2010. They are as follows:

January 5, 6, and 7 with the JRC Members to “Walk the Halls”
March 23, 24, and 25 with the Legislative Committee alternates
May 19 and 20 to attend hearings and meet with state legislators
July 7 and 8 to put new proposals in policy committees

Chair Mack mentioned that she thought the monthly CSL newsletter is very informative and helpful and seems to be helping to get the CSL name out.

When Chair Mack ended her report, JRC members thanked her for her job as Legislative Committee Chair.

X. Chair’s Report – Senior Senator Lola Young, Chair

Chair Young announced that she has been appointed the Senior Senator for PSA 4 following the death of Senior Senator William Young. Senior Assembly Member Gloria Plasencia was appointed to replace Chair Young in the senior assembly.

Chair Young thanked everyone for the outstanding work that has been done to promote Code 402 this year. The CSL is way past the \$250,000 minimum required amount on the state income tax form. Bill Hollabaugh has been invited to attend the Session Planning Sub-Committee meeting as well as the JRC meeting so he can report on the status of our program book ads. She reported that it looks like things are on track for the Session which is the end of October.

She also thanked Senior Senator Anne Mack, and the legislative committee for the outstanding job they have done with legislation this year. Out of 12 sponsored bills, five have been signed, and three are on the governor's desk. That is outstanding work in this tight budget year.

Chair Young reminded all of the sub-committee chairs to start work on their end of the year and the carryover reports. They are to be mailed or emailed to Staff Jenkins by October 21 so they can be copied and placed in the members' packets. The committee binders are to be given to Staff Jenkins at the end of the Session.

XI. Old Business

- A. Review of FTB Monies
The CSL has exceeded the minimum requirement of \$250,000 and will be on the 2010 state income tax form.
- B. Discussion of Donor Ads in Program Book
As discussed in other reports, the amount of ads for the Annual Session Program Book is very low this year compared to past years. Members need to solicit their PSAs and their state legislators for ads.
- C. Proposal Deadline set to be May 1, 2010
Due to Leg Counsel restrictions, the new proposal deadline next year to submit proposals for legal language is May 1, 2010.
- D. CSL Correspondence Secretary
The new Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee will be advised to look into recording the position of the Correspondence Secretary into the Resource Manual.
- E. Status of Furlough Exemption
Nothing new has happened as of yet so several other options were discussed. Staff Jenkins is to send a request for exemption letter to Assembly Members Wesley Chesbro and Bonnie Lowenthal's offices.

(Over)

XII. New Business

- A. Purchase and Installation of Backup Equipment for Office
Currently there is no back up of computer information in the CSL office so it was decided that Staff Jenkins is to research cost and methods and if it is determined the need to purchase equipment the Executive Committee can make the decision and it will be ratified at the next JRC meeting.
- B. Discussion and Voting on Various Awards for Session
1. Moira Jackson Award
The winner will be announced at the Monday Evening Banquet
 2. Volunteer Recognition
The winner will be announced at the Monday Evening Banquet
 3. Partnering Award
Griselda's Catering won the vote.
 4. A question was raised about asking Insurance Commissioner Poizner to speak at the Opening Ceremony of the Annual Session.

M/S/P (BM/DE)

TO INVITE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER POIZNER TO SPEAK AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ANNUAL SESSION.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.