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**JOINT RULES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

May 21-22, 2014

Vagabond Inn Conference Room  
909 3rd Street, Sacramento, CA

Chair: Senior Senator Alice C. Loh

Vice Chair: Senior Senator Mickey Peabody

Vice Chair: Senior Assembly Member Ellie Bloch

**I. Call To Order**

The Joint Rules Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair, SS Alice Loh at 1:00 p.m.

Invocation by SA Shirley Krohn

Pledge of Allegiance was led by SA Charles Molnar

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** **Senior Senators:** Marti Overfield, Alexis Wisner (A), Mickey Peabody, Alice Loh

**Senior Assembly Members:** Eleanor Bloch, Shirley Krohn, Lauren Rolfe, Don MacAllister, Roger Ginsburg, Anne Warren, Charles Molnar

**Staff:** Janice Bailey, Staff Services Manager

**Excused Absences:** Bruce Steir, Joe Murphy

A quorum was established.

**III. Introductions**

A. SS Jim Levy acknowledged as guest.

**IV. Public Comments**

A. SS Jim Levy provided "CSL History by Senior Senator Jim Levy" dated 10/28/2008. This provided an overview of the CSL history, past crisis and separation from the California Commission on Aging.

**Discussion/Action Items**

**V. Approve Agenda of May 21-22, 2014 JRC Meeting**

SA Anne Warren moved to approve the agenda. SA Ellie Bloch

seconded the motion. Agenda approved as presented.

**VI. Approve Minutes of March 19-20JRC Meeting**

**SS Mickey Peabody moved to approve the minutes as presented. SA Ellie Bloch seconded the motion. SAs Molnar and Rolfe abstained. Minutes approved as presented.**

**VII. Correspondence**

- A. Reviewed SA Michael Haas complaint and response from City of Los Angeles regarding election procedures to the JRC. **SA Ginsburg moved to deny SA Haas appeal. SA Bloch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Reviewed SA Sonnefeld's request for Sacramento Metro Chamber membership. Committee agreed to pursue only if membership was free.
- C. Reviewed Leticia Lane's Escrow Proposal Idea. Committee suggested the idea be forwarded to the LA Caucus Chair. If member interested then it can be submitted by a CSL member next session.

**VIII. Presentation Regarding Pasqual Bettio Videography**

- A. Mr. Bettio was unable to attend. SS Levy provided brief overview of proposed services and handed out a copy of a CSL photo collage that Mr. Bettio had completed in 2002.
- B. SA Krohn agreed to work with SS Levy on content. Concerns expressed were content, ownership rights, distribution, and cost.
- C. Staff advised of need to file permits with the California Film Commission which includes the on-line permit system and insurance requirements. Then it is forwarded to the CSL, Senate and Assembly Sergeants at Arms and Capitol CHP for final approval.
- D. **SA Ginsburg moved that the JRC tentatively approve for SS Levy to interface and report back to JRC the findings. The JRC reserves the right to withdraw for any reason. SA Rolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**IX. Sub-Committees Briefing**

**A. Budget and Finance**

- 1. The following items were noted as ways to cut the budget:
  - a. Meetings by teleconference
  - b. Leg Vice Chair assign proposals to committee without bringing in other committee members.
  - c. Remove the 3<sup>rd</sup> banquet from session
  - d. Reduce session to 3 days instead of 4
  - e. Request members that have ability to pay for their own costs
  - f. Utilize Southwest Rewards and Hotel points to reduce costs of members attending meetings.
  - g. Stop utilizing folders and labels for every meeting
  - h. Request members to donate a certain amount per year

- i. CSL follow a 2 year legislative cycle as State Legislators and reduce the cost of session next year, if necessary
  - j. Reduce number of bills that are supported and sponsored
  - K. Remove the line in the support letter, “please let us know if there is anything we can do to help” – too costly.
  - l. New member orientation needs to be re-vamped so that members’ understand their responsibility for fundraising
  - j. Reduction in staff hours
2. **SA Ginsburg moved to approve the \$302,260 budget for FY14-15 with the understanding that Chair Loh and SSM Bailey will negotiate with Hyatt to cut banquet and number of days, if possible. SA Rolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- a. SA Molnar expressed concern over lack of funds for marketing.

***SA Ginsburg moved to approve the Budget and Finance Subcommittee Report. SA Bloch seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

***SA Rolfe moved for JRC to accept the report. SA Bloch seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**B. Fund Development & Public Relations**

- 1. SA Krohn noted that \$640.52 was raised from the “Three Months” Book Fundraiser. SA Krohn noted that Dietrich Stroeh and Karen Gonzalez had been invited to attend session.
- 2. SA Bloch suggested that the books be made available for sale during session at the Hyatt banquet.
- 3. SA Krohn noted that she received permission to distribute hard copies and electronic copies of the “Seniors Writing Legislation Protecting Seniors” in the Victimization of the Elderly and Disabled May/June 2014 Newsletter. She requested the article be attached to CSL letterhead and used to promote the CSL to the Governor and speakers. SA Krohn also noted that Julie Bates with AARP had volunteered to write an article for their newsletter.

***SA Ginsburg moved to approve the Fund Development & Public Relations Committee Report. SS Peabody seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

***SA Rolfe moved for JRC to accept the report. SS Peabody seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**C. Policies and Procedures**

- 1. Discussion regarding interpretation of how often members are required to submit a proposal. SA Krohn suggested a mentor program may be helpful in this area. SA Rolfe noted that fundraising needed to be included in this program.

2. SA Bloch indicated she will include clarification on proposals for next meeting and incorporate mentoring program.
3. SA Bloch suggested that Policy Chair becomes the “conduit” throughout the year and should have responsibilities throughout the year. SA Krohn suggested that SA Bloch work with SA Gould.
4. SA Ginsburg noted that filing an intent to run should be mandatory and is extremely important unless no one else has submitted.

***SA Bloch moved to approve the Policies and Procedures Committee Report. SA Molnar seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

***SA Rolfe moved for JRC to accept the report. SS Peabody seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**D. Session Planning**

1. SS Peabody would like someone from the Fellows to speak at session. SA Krohn agreed to follow-up on this item.
2. SS Peabody suggested that we use some of our CSL members as speakers to address the group, such as Shirley Krohn.
3. Staff reviewed the task list.
4. Staff reported the following organizations are sponsoring session:
  - CA Endowment \$1,000
  - CSEA – Retirees \$15,000

***SA Bloch moved to approve the Committee Report. SS Peabody seconded the motion. Motion Carried.***

***SA Rolfe moved for JRC to accept the report. SS Peabody seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**X. Legislative Committee Report**

- A. Chair Warren reported that everything except AB 1833 is in process of going through committee.

**XI. Staff Report**

- A. Staff reported that new “business” Facebook page is up and ready. **SA Molnar moved to close the Facebook Group with a 30 day transition period. SS Peabody seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- B. Staff reviewed request from State Controller’s Office to participate in Manage Your Money Week. **SA Rolfe moved for CSL to participate. SA Bloch seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- C. Staff advised that State staff has changed in several departments including DGS, OLS, OSP and LEG Counsel.
- D. Staff provided overview of SB 997 amendments and next steps.

**IX. Chair’s Report**

**A. Old Business**

1. SA MacAllister asked Chair when she wanted the report from the

“outside committee”? Chair Loh indicated it could be put on the next agenda. **SA Bloch moved that a special one day meeting be held on July 16th regarding the sustainability of CSLs future. Members to come at own cost with exception of Chair, her cost to be covered. SA Rolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

2. Chair Loh noted that election packages need to be updated prior to next election.
3. Chair Loh reported that she still had not received a reply from Valerie at LifeAfter 50.
4. SS Peabody provided update on Retired CSL Member Cox recognition.

**B. New Business**

1. Sacramento (PSA 4) will host their first caucus meeting on May 30, 2014, 10 AM- Noon.
2. The Fund Development and Public Relations should be serving in the capacity of the Grant/Donation Adhoc Committee.
3. Chair Loh thanked SA Rolfe for her “money saving measures” recommended for the budget cuts.

**Meeting was recessed at 12:55 pm.**

SA=Senior Assembly Member  
SS=Senior Senator  
SSM=Staff Services Manager