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What's Up?

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Chair's Corner

By Lola Young

Congratulations to all of our members for the fantastic job you have done in promoting Code 402. Franchise Tax Board reports our funds as of June 2009 to be \$302,468. We have already met our minimum and then some. It looks good for CSL on our 30th anniversary year. Thank you for all of your hard work. This is what can be accomplished when we all work together.

It is just three months before the session, everything is in full swing. The Assembly Members will be electing members of the JRC and Leg committee at this year's session and I would encourage members who are eligible to send in the applications. We have several Senior Assembly Members that were new last year, but are eligible this year. If you have been in the CSL for one year by October session you are eligible. While I encourage members to apply, I would also remind you that it is a two-year commitment. Not just to the committee you apply for, but also to the policy committee you are elected from.

Policy Committee request forms have been sent out and I just wanted to remind you that Senate members who are on the Leg Committee or JRC may not request a change in policy

committee until 2010. As there are two members (Committee member and alternate) and five policy committees, 10 members are not eligible to change policy committee at this time. All Assembly Members may request a policy committee change.

All CSL members must submit the policy committee request form. Even if you are not changing committee you must send in the form to let us know you do not want to change. Every effort will be made to comply with your first choice. However several factors will determine whether that is possible.

1. Members who do not wish to change committee they are already on will be given preference on that committee.
2. Preference for vacancies will be given on a first come first served basis, so the earlier you send in the form the better your chances are of getting your #1 choice.
3. If your #1 choice does not have a vacancy, your #2 choice will be used.
4. Every committee that is nominating Leg and JRC members must have four members that are eligible and willing to run. In the event that a policy committee roster does not have four eligible members, members will be moved in order to comply with this.

At our JRC meeting on July 9, we discussed the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) request that we move the proposal deadline to May 1. They are extremely busy during June with state budget matters, and it is extremely hard for them to work on our proposals during that month, and get them back to us in a timely manner. As LAO does this for us at no charge, the JRC and Leg committee voted to grant the request. That means we will have to have our proposals in by May 1, 2010, and there can be no extensions. If you have not thought about your proposal for next year, now would be a good time to start thinking about it.

If we continue to work together as we have been doing so far this year we will have a most successful session. I am confident we can do this, and look forward to a great session in October. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold – Gave a presentation on CSL to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Older Adult System of Care Committee which is a consortium of providers, consumers, family members, advocates and community members with the common goal of promoting and advocating mental health and other related health and social services for the well being of older adults.

Senior Senator Mattye Fegan-Perry – Was voted in as Chair of the Los Angeles County AAA Advisory Council with **Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg** as Vice-Chair and **Senior Assembly Member David Siegrist** as Recording

Secretary.

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Will be writing articles three times a year for the “*Victimization of the Elderly and Disabled*,” a national newsletter out of New York. These articles will be identified as “Issues and Ideas for Advocates” and her byline will identify her as a CSL member.

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Has been asked by the American Geriatrics Society to help advocate for federal legislation that impacts our aging population. She has co-sponsored and mentored a graduate student from Cal State University in Bakersfield in the issue of Medi-Cal not covering low in-come seniors with dementia. This could possibly turn into a legislative proposal.

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Was elected to the Board of Directors of the California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics. She will serve on the Policy and Development Committees.

Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch – Wrote an article on CSL for the *Great Age*, Quarterly Newsletter of the Marin County Commission on Aging.

Senior Assembly Members Dorothy Sorensen and Evelyn Tom – Were written up in an article in the *Bay Area News* regarding their roles in the CSL.

If any members would like a copy of any of the above, please contact the CSL office.

If there is any organization or individual that you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please send the contact name

and address to the CSL office at sjenkins@seniorleg.ca.gov or by snail mail or phone call and those people will receive a copy every month either by email or snail mail.

Any news for the August Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by August 7, 2009.

Updated Contacts Needed

If you have moved, you must let the office know your new address so that you can continue to receive updated mailings. Let Sherry Jenkins know of your change of address, email or telephone number AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

*As you slide down the banister of life
Be sure the splinters don't point the wrong way.*

Greetings from Session Planning

by Julia Rosenberg

The rooms have been booked, the menu has been planned, the speakers have been invited and the Session is coming together. Things are shaping up that we will have a great Session this year and we are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there!

HEY PHOTOGRAPHERS! We are still looking for someone (member or friend of member) that can volunteer to take photos this year. I think a group photo like we did a few years ago is in order again because our member roster changes and this is a nice memento. Plus it can be published in our 30th anniversary book next year! Yes, we're already planning ahead for that one.

TALENTED PEOPLE! Also, if you have a special talent that you would like to share with the group after evening dinner (guitar, violin, singing, musical instrument, dancing, magic tricks, etc.), please let Julia or Sherry know. Or if you know of someone or group that has exceptional talent and would like to perform, let us know. We have already discovered that we have some very talented members and we plan to add some fun to the program this year. Wait till you see what we are working on now!

The hotel has expanded our dining room area (at no cost) so that we can try yet another new concept this year. We will have informational tables at the back of the room (called BOR's) sponsored by various organizations that care about senior concerns (like we all see at conferences we attend). If you know of an organization that is interested, please let me or Sherry know and we will work out the details and contract with them. After all, we do represent personal level contact with over 4 million seniors in our communities! We already have one organization waiting to sign up and it hasn't even been advertised yet.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Once again, this is a call to see if you know someone that can volunteer this year. It is a fun job and so necessary!

Several items of interest include:

- **ROOM RATE IS ONLY \$84** this year at the Holiday Inn. Make your reservation early by calling 1-800-465-4329 and mentioning QSL to receive our special room rate.
- **BANQUET ROOM** cannot be entered until 6:00 p.m. due to

hotel set up.

- **FREE TRANSPORTATION** from airport to the holiday inn if the CSL office knows your schedule. (We are still in the process of negotiating rates to provide THIS.)
- **SHARING A ROOM?**
NEW STATE RULES: You must have a **RECEIPT IN YOUR NAME** for your portion of room to be reimbursed. **DO NOT** walk away from the hotel reception desk until you double check the name on your room receipt. We will continue to publish reminders on this **IMPORTANT CHANGE**.

As always, we are open for YOUR ideas/suggestions. Do you have an idea? Please call me at 310-316-1013 or rosenberg@roadrunner.com.

CSL Office Closure

Due to state mandated office closure, the CSL office will be closed:
 July 17
 July 24
 August 7
 August 14

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free
 - P.J. O'Rourke

Volunteers Needed

A request has been sent out to past volunteers asking for their help again at this year's Annual Session so be thinking about who else you can ask to serve. This is a wonderful opportunity for spouses to attend the Session to see how the whole process works and receive free meals! Any family or friends that you can think

of will be welcome as well! Call the CSL office for the application!

I would be unstoppable, if I could just get started!

Code 402

Be sure to check out the line number for the CSL voluntary contributions on the California State Income Tax Return. It will now be Code 402 and will remain that number from now on.

I'm out of bed and I made it to the keyboard. What more do you want?

2009 Proposals

The Legislative Committee has worked hard and was able to assign all 63 proposals (a miscount was done last month) into Policy Committees. In the interest of evenly distributing them between the Policy Committees, yours may be in a committee that makes you wonder why but that is the reason. Careful consideration was taken on each one.

We have received all of them back from Leg Counsel and they are being typed into the big book. Once the book is ready for publication and printed, copies will be sent to all members to review and study so you will be ready to vote on them at the Session. Good job to all those who submitted one this year! And to those who did not submit one, start thinking of a proposal that you can submit next year. It's never too early!

Current Authored CSL Legislation

SB 38 (Alquist) SP-6
Senior Senator Joe Murphy
Silver Alert Program

SB 91 (Correa & Alquist) SP-22
Senior Senator Connie Eaton
CSL Funding Repeal Date

SCR 28 (Correa) SP-8
Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteer Month – **CHAPTER 39**

SJR 4 (Correa) SFP-2
Senior Senator Joe Murphy
Silver Alert Program

AB 152 (Carter) SP-18/2008
Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, Senior Assembly
Members Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Jane
Godager
Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability:
definition

AB 249 (Carter) AP-21
Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen
Convalescent Care Facility Personal Equipment ID

AB 324 (Beall) AP-16
Senior Assembly Members Lola Young, Martin
Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senators Erwin
Fromm, Jim Levy, and Bill Young
California Elder Economic Security Standard Index

AB 392 (Feuer and Jones) SP-23
Senior Senator Bill Young – First half
Support for the Ombudsman Program and the
Senior Legal Hotline

AB 535 (Ammiano) SP-17
Senior Senator Bruce Steir
Elder Death Reviews

AB 935 (Feuer and Jones) SP-23
Senior Senator Bill Young – Second half
Long-Term Health Care Facilities

AB 1370 (Soloria) AP-8
Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Pharmaceuticals: Labels

AB 1457 (Davis) AP-24
Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub
Nursing Homes: Corporate ownership

AJR 6 (Beall) AFP-3
Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
Federal Poverty Guidelines

Other Supported Legislation

SB 161 (Wright)
Health care coverage: chemotherapy treatment

SB 290 (Leno)
Tenancy: notices.

SB 303 (Alquist)
Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent

SB 341 (DeSaulnier)
Pharmaceuticals: adverse drug reactions: Drug
Safety and Effectiveness Program

SB 344 (Strickland)
Crimes against elders and dependent adults

SB 687 (Alquist)
Long-term care facilities: healthcare associated
infection

SB 732 (Alquist)
Medi-Cal: long-term care reimbursement: cost
reporting methodology

SB 781 (Leno)
Eviction procedure

SB 804 (Leno)
Mobilehomes: sales and replacements procedure

AB 108 (Hayashi)
Individual health care coverage

AB 110 (Smyth)
Parks and open space: Rim of the Valley Trail
Corridor: boundary revisions

AB 123 (Portantino)
Housing for elderly or disabled persons

AB 142 (Hayashi)
Health studios: external defibrillator unit
requirements

AB 214 (Chesbro)
Health care coverage: durable medical equipment

AB 724 (DeVore)
Revocable Transfer on Death Deed

AB 235 (Hayashi)
Emergency services and care

AB 768 (Torres)
Elder abuse

AB 283 (Chesbro)
California Product Stewardship Act

AB 885 (Nestande)
Area agencies on aging and independent living centers: funding

AB 292 (Yamada)
Personal income taxes: contributions: Alzheimer's disease

AB 1259 (Arambula)
Area agencies on aging: federal funding allocations

AB 323 (Yamada)
Automobile Tires

AB 1519 (De La Torre)
Elections: vote by mail ballots

AB 329 (Feuer)
Reverse mortgages

AB 1535 (Jones)
Audiologists: hearing aids

AB 341 (Anderson)
Income and corporate taxes: credits: enterprise zones

AB 378 (Cook)
In-Home Supportive Services: provider training

AB 393 (Yamada)
Vehicle warranties: disabled rights

AB 452 (Yamada)
In-Home Supportive Services: California Independence Act of 2009

AB 478 (Chesbro)
California Global Warning Solutions Act of 2006

AB 479 (Chesbro)
California's recycling requirements

AB 498 (Hayashi)
Affordable housing: veterans

AB 583 (Hayashi)
Health care practitioners: disclosure of education and office hours

AB 646 (Swanson)
Physicians and Surgeons: Employment

AB 721 (Nava)
Physical Therapy Direct Access

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

September 17-18, 2009 Sacramento
October 26-29, 2009 Sacramento

**“Help the Golden State
Support the Golden Years!”**

Legislative Committee Meetings

October 29, 2009 Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
September 9-10, 2009	Sacramento	TBD
December 1-2, 2009	Long Beach	Elder Abuse Part II

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