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NOTICE OF JOINT RULES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

April 15 - 16, 2007
Holiday Inn
1240 South Walnut
Anaheim, CA 92802

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007

I. Called to Order 4:00 p.m.

The April 15, 2007 California Senior Legislature (CSL) Joint Rules Committee (JRC) was called to order by Chair, Senior Assembly Member Sharon Monck at 4:00 p.m. Senior Senator Jim Levy welcomed the CSL to Orange County. Invocation was led by Senior Senator Joseph Cox. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero.

II. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Connie Eaton, Dee Erman, Marvin Goldman, Jim Levy, Anne Mack, and Betty Mulholland.
Senior Assembly Members Sharon Monck, June Glasmeier, Austin Lucero, Billie Taylor, and Lola Young.

Staff: Sherry Jenkins

Absent: 0

A Quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Jenny Levy (Senior Senator Levy's wife), Senior Assembly Members Sol Fingold, Shirley Krohn, and Pat Trotter.

IV. Approve Agenda

Senior Assembly Member Young asked for a change of time for subcommittee meetings. This was agreed upon as follows:

4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Session Planning and 501(C)3
5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	Ad Hoc Grants and Public Relations
5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Budget & Insurance and Polices & Procedures

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M/S/P (Levy/Glasmeier)

ADD STATEMENT REGARDING WORKER'S COMP AS AN ACTION ITEM TO THE AGENDA.

M/S/P (Goldman/Mack/Eaton)

APPROVE APRIL 15, 2007 AGENDA WITH AMENDMENTS.

V. Approve January 8, 2007 Minutes

M/S/P (Levy/Glasmeier)

APPROVE JANUARY 8, 2007 MINUTES.

Break into Subcommittees

4:15 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Session Planning Sub-Committee

Ad Hoc 501(C)3 Sub-Committee

5:00 p.m. — 5:45 p.m.

Ad Hoc Grants Sub-Committee

Public Relations Sub-Committee

5:45 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.

Budget & Insurance Sub-Committee

Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee

Adjourned for the day at 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007

Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

VI. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Connie Eaton, Dee Erman, Marvin Goldman, Jim Levy, Anne Mack, and Betty Mulholland.
Senior Assembly Members Sharon Monck, June Glasmeier, Austin Lucero, Billie Taylor, and Lola Young.

Staff: Sherry Jenkins

Absent: 0

A Quorum was established.

VII. Introductions

Bobbie Day, Antonio Rodella and Anna Boyce from SCAC.
Senior Senator Mattye Fegan-Perry and Senior Assembly Members Vince Agor, Zeldia Hutcheson, Shirley Krohn, Jerry Meade, Charles Mitchell, and Herbert Schwartz.

VIII. Chair's Report — JRC Chair Sharon Monck

- Chair Monck expressed her gratitude to all committee and subcommittee chairs for their hard work.
- The latest budget was passed out with a comment that the date on the first page was in error and the date should read 2007 not 2008.
- After much research and many meetings with members of State Controller's Office, Department of Personnel, and California Commission on Aging, it was determined that CSL was liable for payment of the current worker's comp claim.
- CSL members are considered valuable volunteers and are not considered employees in regard to Workers' Compensation by California Senior Legislature. This was according to the report that Senior Senator Anne Gehrig gave to the JRC on September 26, 2006. It is documented in those minutes:

"In order for Workers' Compensation coverage to apply, an employer/employee relationship must be established. Also, pursuant to Labor Code 3352(i), it states: 'Any person performing voluntary service for a public agency or a private, nonprofit organization who receives no remuneration for the services other than meals, transportation, lodging, or reimbursement for incidental expenses' is not considered an employee."

Stated in Attachment A, Responsibilities of Contracting Parties in our Interorganization Agreement with the California Commission on Aging established in 2002, special assessments as dictated by statute, such as:
a. CSL member claim for worker's compensation shall be charged in full to the CSL.

Therefore, based on this research, on September 26, 2006, the JRC moved, seconded, and passed the motion that CSL members are considered volunteers and, thus, Workers' Compensation coverage will not apply from this point forward. The CSL will not be responsible to pay Workers' Compensation benefits to CSL volunteers.

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- Various monies are due to be transferred to CSL from Fiscal Year 2005-2006 (i.e., rent reimbursement and election money not used).
- Kudos to Senior Assembly Member Young, Senior Senator Levy, and Staff Jenkins for holding down the State Controller's Office fees for operating expenses.
- Chair Monck reminded everyone that their Ethics Training Certificate was due in the office by May 1. This is required and there are several ways to accomplish it. Either by computer session (information has been sent to each member) or by attending one of the workshops on ethics training being provided through the Area Agencies on Aging or other viable organizations.

IX. Orientation Presentation — Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn

- A. Report on Proposal Writing 101—There was not a large response to the on-line PW101 training; however, it went well with those in attendance.
- B. Orientation Presentation—PowerPoint presentation was created to familiarize new members with the operation and responsibilities of CSL.

A welcome letter, forms, and orientation packet will be mailed to brand new elected members upon notification to the office.

Break

Reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

X. Sub-Committee Reports

- A. Session Planning Committee – Senior Assembly Member Young, Chair
 - Senior Assembly Member Young reported that Seema Jaffee has agreed to be the Volunteer Coordinator with the assistance of Senior Assembly Member Young and Staff Jenkins.
 - The committee had voted on keeping the October Session Program Book Ads prices the same as last year.
 - The committee is more than meeting the timeline set for the items required for the Session to take place.
 - Staff Jenkins will call Assembly Member Nunez's office regarding staff rooms at the Capitol Building for the Session.
 - A suggestion was made to invite two senators and two assembly members to lead the floor sessions.
 - There is a pianist available but no piano so the decision was made to check on the possibility of piped in music.

- The Governor will be invited to participate in the Session.
- Staff Jenkins will investigate the Paratransit authorization process for transporting those who need it.

Report was accepted as presented

B. Ad Hoc 501(C)3 Committee – Senior Senator Marvin Goldman, Chair

- Senior Senator Goldman advised that we meet the criteria and are now ready to fill out the application with the help of an attorney that Chair Monck recommended.
- Senior Senator Eaton made a motion with Senior Assembly Member Glasmeier that the issue be moved forward and the 501(C)3 application be considered separately from the report but the motion failed.

Report was accepted as presented

C. Ad Hoc Grants Committee – Senior Assembly Member Lucero, Chair

- Line 52 is for running CSL operational expenses but is not enough to include the odd ones so suggestions were made on how to increase our funds:
Support caucus functions like senior fairs and CSL for locals
Attend proposal writing workshops in local areas
- What has been done so far is each representative and leader from the JRC subcommittee was assigned three to four team leaders, the website of Compass Point, and 179 actual fundraising organizations.
- Each member of CSL then was asked to contact the foundation and this seems to be where it failed – lack of involvement by members.
- Need to hire a grant writer under the provision that they get paid when they get grants funded.
- Senior Assembly Member Lucero has a meeting in May with Catherine Mitchell to see her work.
- Subcommittee leaders are to email Senior Assembly Member Lucero with their progress.
- The grant money could also help with travel expenses when CSL members do large group presentations.

Report was accepted as presented

D. Public Relations Committee – Senior Senator Cox, Chair

1. Review Carryover Items

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- Senior Assembly Member Krohn suggested that there be an exchange of information between the CSL and the caucuses, possibly starting with meeting minutes.
 - It was suggested and approved that Senior Assembly Member Krohn be appointed to the Public Relations Committee.
2. Progress of Retired CSL Member Letters
 - Over 300 letters were mailed out to past CSL Members asking for help, 62 of which were returned undeliverable. There are now eight names on the Deceased Members List to be listed in the Program Book: Jerome Catlin, James Garber, Clarice Hayman, Hal Janzen, Philip Kent, Ruby May, Winifred Taylor, and CJ Thompson.
 3. Recognition of Donors
 - It was agreed that contributor names for the Session should be put in the Program Book.
 4. Review Status of CheckOff California
 - It was suggested that new posters be made for the Senior Centers and other places to advertise Line 52 but leave off the line number and just put California Fund for Senior Citizens so the posters will be still be correct if the line number is changed again.
 - It was mentioned that the radio ads for Line 52 are heard frequently and are well put together.
 5. Media Articles from CSL Members
 - Senior Assembly Member Krohn passed around various articles advertising the CSL. Senior Senator Cox encouraged all members to get into even more articles.
 6. Comments and/or suggestions from members.
 - Chair Monck and Senior Assembly Member Krohn would like all the members to send in a list of all the organizations and lobbying groups they belong to so that a generic article could be sent to each to be put into that organization's newsletters.
 - Senior Assembly Member Krohn suggested having a thermometer on our website showing our financial goal and where we're currently at with current balance.
 - Another suggestion was look at inexpensive jackets with CSL on them.

Report was accepted as presented

E. Budget and Insurance Committee – Senior Senator Goldman, Chair

- Reviewed Franchise Tax Board Voluntary Contributions report.
- Senior Senator Goldman recommended that the name of the subcommittee be changed to Finance and Insurance since they don't actually deal with the Budget. After discussion, this was done.

Report was accepted as presented

F. Policies and Procedures Committee – Senior Senator Eaton, Chair

- Numerous suggested changes have been made to the Policies and Procedures. These will be snail-mailed to all JRC members and brought forward at the next JRC meeting for vote.

Report was accepted as presented

Lunch

Reconvened at 1.30 p.m.

XI. Report on the 2006 post White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) Forum Proceedings

Sandra Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, California Commission on Aging (CCoA)

Copies of the Proceedings from the 2006 post WHCoA Forum were distributed.

Discussed fundamentals of the 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) including:

- Number of delegates, how they were appointed and term of appointments
- The Final Report arrived October 2007

The CCoA and Health & Human Services Agency sponsored a post-WHCoA event in November 2006. Twelve topic areas were pre-selected for discussion. The discussion resulted in actionable for implementation. The following two actionables were determined to be the highest priority:

- Securing a “fair share” of the Prop IC funds for senior housing (AB 927, Saldana, was the resulting legislation)
- Implementing the California Mobility Action Plan

The Forum outcomes could be used by CSL members as proposal ideas. Ms. Fitzpatrick encouraged the CSL to use WHCoA as part of the background information on related proposals.

XII. Report of Legislative Committee, Senior Senator Anne Mack

Senior Senator Mack reported the good news that there are currently eight CSL proposals that are now bills with another one in the process and encouraged every member to send letters, emails, or phone calls to their Legislator encouraging them to consider our bills. The CSL Membership’s efforts in this matter are what makes or breaks the bills and we need every member to do their fair share.

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Senior Senator Mack then went over the bills from other organizations that the CSL has been asked to support and asked for votes on whether to support, oppose, or continue watching. The list is below and attached.

AB 267 Calderon – Oppose
AB 399 Feuer – Support
AB 495 Tran – Support
AB 853 Jones – Support
AB 927 Saldana – Support
AB 949 Krekorian – Support
AB 1324 De La Torre – Watch
AB 1424 Davis – Support

AB 1526 Lieber - Support
AB 1558 Soto - Watch
SB 489 Steinberg - Support
SB 535 Kuehl - Watch
SB 573 Scott - Support
SB 611 Steinberg - Support
SB 840 Kuehl - Support
S 309 Sanders - Watch

XIII. Status on the County of Riverside’s Proposal for Increasing Fees on Death Certificates

No new news

XIV. Old Business

None

XV. New Business

Next meetings:

- June 11 – Subcommittees 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- June 15 – JRC Teleconference 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- September 17 – Subcommittees in Sacramento
- September 18 – JRC Meeting in Sacramento 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

XVI. Liaison Reports, Senior Assembly Member Lola Young

Senior Assembly Member Young has been researching bills most of the month of March

XVII. Correspondence

None

XVIII. Announcements

None

XIX. Public Comments

None

Adjournment at 3:50 p.m.