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NOTICE OF JOINT RULES COMMITTEE

Vagabond Inn Conference Room

909 Third Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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, Horace Mann, 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 September 16, 2008 Joint Rules Committee (JRC) meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Cox at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation was not said

Pledge was led by Chair Cox

II. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Connie Eaton, Dee Erman, Anne 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

Bill Hollabaugh (CSL Webmaster)

IV. Public Comments

None

(Over)

Mission: To Improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians

Funded by the California Fund for Senior Citizens

V. Approve Agenda of September 16, 2008

M/S/P (CE/AM)

APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2008 JRC MEETING AGENDA.

VI. Approve Minutes of August 18, 2008 JRC Meeting

M/S/P (RD/JR)

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2008 JRC MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION OF REMOVING THE "C" FROM BUSH ON PAGE 3.

VII. Approve Minutes of June 16, 2008 Session Planning Sub-Committee Meeting

M/S/P (RD/JR)

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2008 SESSION PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION OF ADDING SENIOR SENATOR ROBERTA MARTI AS GUEST.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VIII Sub Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Senior Senator Connie Eaton, Chair

Current Department of General Services Budget Report

As of June 30, 2008, the SMIF account has a balance of \$597,590.78.

Review current Line 52 Report

With the August 2008 totals, the balance is now \$264,714.

California Foundation on Aging

A. Review current California Foundation on Aging Report

The total deposits to date is \$717.00 and the total checks to date is \$4,313.56.

B. Establishment of MOU with California Foundation on Aging (CFOA) – report from Senior Senator Cox on the following:

1. Selection/Term of CSL Members on Board
2. Report
3. Administrative costs

The California Commission on Aging is still working with their MOU with the CFoA and Senior Senator Cox wants to wait until that's finished before starting the CSL's.

4. Electronic contributions
Mr. Hollabaugh advised that this can be set up with PayPal receiving the credit cards information and then they would send a check to the CSL office for it to be posted and a thank you letter generated. The checks would then be sent on to the CFoA.
5. Timeline
Mr. Hollabaugh and Senior Senator Marti will be working to have this set up by January 1, 2009.

New Business

- A. DGS recommendation on staffing
Suggestions were discussed on arranging for help for the office in the busy months from July to December. These suggestions involved resources such as AmeriCorps, AARP, colleges, etc. Senior Assembly Lola Young and Senior Senator Eaton will contact Sacramento State's Gerontology Department for possible interns.

M/S/P (RW/JR)

APPROVE THE BUDGET AND FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ.

Fund Development – Senior Senator Horace Mann, Chair

Chair's Report

None

Staff Report

The SMIF Fund was distributed and discussed.

Old Business

- A. Discuss and approve goals and objectives
The Introduction Letter was amended.

M/S/P (HM/RD)

ACCEPT THE AMENDED INTRODUCTION LETTER AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL CSL MEMBERS WITH EXPLANATION THAT IT IS TO BE USED AS A TOOL TO SOLICIT FUNDS.

Senior Assembly Member Rosenberg will ask Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero for a list of major tax preparers. Approval of the Goals and Objectives will be carried forward to next meeting.

- B. Other
None

(Over)

New Business

- A. Report from Senior Senator Marti on government grant requirements
Senior Senator Marti is still researching grant requirements.
- B. Report from Senior Assembly Member Rosenberg on Checkoff California
Explanation of what Checkoff California is and what it does for CSL took place. Discussion took place that since the CSL is getting more donations than they have in the past few years, they are getting the value of the money spent on Checkoff California. Assembly Member Rosenberg will continue to research this and report her results at the next meeting.
- C. Other
None

M/S/P (HM/CE)

APPROVE THE FUND DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ.

Policies & Procedures – Senior Senator Connie Eaton, Chair

Old Business

- A. Proposed changes in Part VII – Elections Section – of the Resource Manual and other minor changes
This will be postponed until next meeting. Part VII, page 7 through the end will be made into another part called CSL Responsibilities.

New Business

- A. Proposal Form
It was determined that the Background Information was duplicated so the last page will be removed and now the proposal form will consist of only three pages.
- B. Make up of JRC Subcommittees

M/S/P (RM/RW)

FUTURE CHAIRS OF THE JRC SUB-COMMITTEES WILL HAVE TO BE EXISTING JRC MEMBERS.

- C. Spending limit without approval of full JRC

M/S/P (RM/RW)

**THE FOLLOWING ADDITION WILL BE ADDED TO THE JRC CHAIR’S FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN PART V OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL IN THE RESOURCE MANUAL:
“ACTIONS OVER \$1,000.00 SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE FULL JRC APPROVAL.”**

- D. Changes in Resource Manual – Part IV. Legislative section regarding the review of proposals.
The changes will be distributed at the 2008 Annual Legislative Session.

M/S/P (RM/RW)

REVISE THE REVIEW PROCESS AS FOLLOWS:

“THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW ALL PROPOSALS FOR SIMILARITIES, DUPLICATION, OR INAPPROPRIATENESS. THOSE PROPOSALS DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE REJECTED AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE CSL MEMBER. THIS DECISION MAY BE APPEALED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE JRC BY THE CSL MEMBER. IF THAT DECISION IS SUSTAINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IT MAY BE APPEALED TO THE FULL JRC.”

Public Relations – Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren, Chair

Old Business

- A. Code 402 Update

Discussion took place on different ways to get the Code 402 out into the public. Senior Assembly Member Wolfe proposed finding funding to have hand fans produced with the logo, “Save Our Seniors, Code 402” on them.

- B. Members in Action (Articles, News Releases, Bulletins, etc.)

Chair Senior Assembly Member Dahlgren distributed a Press Release that he recently submitted to his local paper and explained that it could be used as a sample by other members.

Chair Dahlgren also distributed the Santa Clara County News produced by Senior Senator Bob Jaffee as a sample of what else can be done.

Chair Dahlgren attended the Triple-A Council of California meeting and announced that they were discontinuing their legislative committee due to the good work that the CSL’s legislative committee is doing and want to support the CSL’s bills.

Senior Assembly Member Young has recently joined the Women’s Policy Institute which does a lot of the same kind of legislative work as the CSL and feels it should be a good partnership.

Senior Senator Mack has been asked by Assembly Member Jim Beall to attend the senior seminar on October 23 in Santa Clara County.

Senior Senator Erman advised that her Advisory Council reviews the CSL Proposals and votes for their top 10.

Senior Assembly Member Wolfe advised that his caucus wants to review the legislative proposals to see why they succeed or fail.

Senior Senator Mann has adopted a portion of Highway 1 to clean in Mendocino County and his roadside sign says CSL.

(Over)

Senior Assembly Member Taylor has just gotten back from the Democratic Platform.

Senior Senator Eaton has spoken to various people in southern California about the CSL.

- C Items from members regarding old business
None

New Business

- A. Strategies to promote CSL's legislative successes and the October Session
Passed around the sample Press Release.
- B. How can we more effectively distribute the CSL Newsletter?
Staff Jenkins is to send the monthly newsletter to all state legislators and CSL members are to make copies for distribution to senior centers.
- C. Items from Members
Senior Assembly Member Wolfe suggested the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors should be sent a Needs Assessment Report with a cover letter from the chair of the CSL.
California Association of Senior Services will be held at the Asilomar Retreat Center October 19 and 20.
The C4A Fall Conference will be held at the L.A. Marriott Downtown Hotel on November 18 through 20.
There will be a Senior Center Stakeholders Forum on February 4 in Sacramento and CSL would like to be a sponsor of that.

M/S/P (AM/RD)

THE CSL TO BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE SENIOR CENTER STAKEHOLDER FORUM ON FEBRUARY 4, 2009.

M/S/P (RD/JR)

APPROVE THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ.

Session Planning – Senior Assembly Member Lola Young, Chair

Review Task List and make changes as necessary

Staff Jenkins suggested moving the "Follow-up with Floor Speakers to confirm" on the Task List to September and it was agreed.

There was a suggestion made to have the Color Guard come in early to practice as this Color Guard has not been in the Assembly Chambers before.

Senior Senator Mack asked if the committee badge ribbons had been ordered and Staff Jenkins said she would order them.

Mr. Bill Hollabaugh advised that there are currently 41 ads in the Program Book and this is down from previous years. It was decided that Senior Senator Eaton, Senior Assembly Members Taylor and Young, and Staff Jenkins would edit and proof the Program Book on October 2 in Sacramento.

Old Business

- A. Senator Elaine Alquist will introduce the keynote speaker in the Opening Ceremonies on Monday, October 20, and preside over the Senate Floor Session Tuesday morning, October 21.
Senator Lou Correa will preside over the Senate Floor Session Wednesday morning, October 22.
- B. Letters have gone out to Assembly Members to lead floor sessions
Assembly Member Jared Huffman will preside over the Tuesday morning, October 21 Assembly Floor Session and Assembly Woman Sally Lieber will be presiding over the Wednesday morning Assembly Floor Session.
- C. Room 4203 will be used instead of Senate Chambers
Tent Cards will be placed on the chairs in front of where members are to set and members are to NOT move the tent cards. There should be an empty chair next to each member to use to place their notebooks, papers, etc.
- D. Need to have volunteers to stuff packets October 13
Senior Senator Eaton, Senior Assembly Members Taylor and Young will stuff packets on October 14 in Sacramento.

New Business

A discussion was held on which members to do various duties during the Session and Chair Young will contact these members and ascertain if they are able to do so.

M/S/P (LY/JR)

APPROVE THE SESSION PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ.

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

Chair Mack congratulated the CSL members on this year's legislation committee on the work that they have done. There were 18 proposals authored, 6 chaptered, and 6 sent to enrollment. The CSL also supported bills from other organizations and 5 of those have been chaptered, 15 sent to enrollment, and 15 that failed. A flyer with these facts will be created by Senior Assembly Members Rosenberg and Wolfe.

The CSL members submitted 61 proposals this year and the proposal books will be sent out from the CSL office as soon as they are received.

The CSL has been asked to support Federal Bill S 961 (Scott) - To amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

(Over)

M/S/P (CE/RD)

APPROVE SUPPORT OF FEDERAL BILL S 961 (SCOTT) IF THE SUPPORT LETTER SPECIFIES THAT CSL WILL SUPPORT THIS BILL IF THE SAME SUPPORT IS GIVEN TO VETERANS OF THE OTHER SERVICES.

Chair Mack announced that she had celebrated her 80th birthday recently at a birthday party and had asked for donations to the CSL instead of presents. She raised over \$600.00 for the CSL.

M/S/P (AM/LY)

APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ.

X. Chair's Report – Senior Senator Joe Cox, Chair

Chair Cox advised that there has been 100 percent attendance at the face-to-face JRC meetings as opposed to the poor attendance of the conference calls. He congratulated the Legislative Committee on their successful work this year and mentioned that he thought having the alternates at some of the meetings has helped.

Chair Cox advised that the CSL members need to continue sending reports of their activities to the CSL office to be placed in the monthly newsletter and the Resource Library.

He advised that the CSL presently consists of only 111 members and that the CSL members need to work with their PSAs until all the vacancies are filled. The CSL needs all 120 members to do what it has to do. On that subject, the JRC is to appreciate all CSL members that attend the Session.

Due to low ads in the Program Book at this date, all members are to ask their PSAs and state legislators to take out ads. The Ad Specification pages are now listed on the CSL website on the home page.

The Congress of California Seniors has asked the CSL to take out an ad in their Program Book for their October 27, 2008 Southern California Senior Voices 2008 Conference in Ventura. Senior Senators Erman and Mack will represent the CSL at this conference but all other members are encouraged to attend this conference if possible.

M/S/P (CE/DE)

PLACE AN AD IN THE CONGRESS OF CALIFORNIA SENIORS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK.

PSA 4 is observing Fall Prevention Awareness Week September 21 through 27, 2008.

All press releases are to go to the California Capitol Network at their new address.

Jackson Hewett is growing so all CSL members should visit their offices in their home town and introduce them to Code 402. Mention to them that even \$1.00 and \$2.00 donations on Code 402 are as important as the larger amounts.

California just celebrated 150 years as a state on September 9, 2008. It was the

31st state admitted to statehood.

XI. Old Business

Chair Cox reiterated that the CSL cannot let the ball drop on Code 402. It was met this year early on but that doesn't take care of next year and that is the CSL's life blood.

A discussion took place regarding whether paying Checkoff California is worth the money and it was decided that it was due to the increased amounts of money given over the last two years.

A discussion took place concerning problems with reimbursing the expenses of non JRC members who are chair of the standing sub-committees but not the expenses if they are just members of the standing sub-committees.

A motion was made but did not pass that if the JRC Chair appoints a non-JRC member to be chair of a standing sub-committee, their expenses will be paid.

A Resolution was created for recently deceased Joan Lee of the Gray Panthers by Senator Darrell Steinburg and Assembly Member Dave Jones and the CSL is also creating one.

M/S/P (LY/RD)

PRESENT BOTH OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BY THE CSL CHAIRS AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES TO JOAN LEE'S HUSBAND.

XII. New Business

A. 2008 Policy Committee List

Several corrections were made to the 2008 Policy Committee List due to the new members and recent resigning members.

B. Moira Jackson Award Nominations

There were three nominations.

M/S/P (RD/RW)

2 Opposed

TWO MOIRA JACKSON AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT THIS YEAR.

C. Volunteer Recognition Nominations

There were five nominations.

D. Correspondence

Already covered.

(Over)

Discussion took place on the problems of only reimbursing the non-JRC member chairs of the standing sub-committees but not the non-JRC members of those same committees.

M/S/P (BT/RD)
2 opposed, 1 abstention

THE JRC STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES CHAIRS HAVE TO BE A JRC MEMBER.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.