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**NOTICE OF JOINT RULES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, February 5, 2009**

**MINUTES**

Chair: Senior Assembly Member 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, February 5, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Location: Congress of California Seniors  
1230 N Street #201, Sacramento**

**I. Call to Order**

The Thursday, February 5, 2009 Joint Rules Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Senior Assembly Member Lola Young at 9:00 a.m. Invocation was said by Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe. Pledge was led by Senior Senator Dee Erman.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** Senior Senators Joe Cox, Dee Erman, Joanna Kim-Selby, Kitty Mesler, and Anne Mack; Senior Assembly Members Richard Dahlgren, Billie Taylor, Richard Wolfe, Billie Taylor, and Lola Young.

**Excused:** Senior Senator Carla Treuting and Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg.

**Staff:** Sherry Jenkins

A Quorum was established.

**III. Introductions**

None

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**Mission: To Improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians**

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

**IV. Public Comments**

None

**V. Approve Agenda of February 3-5, 2009 JRC Meeting**

M/S/P (DE/KM)

**APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 3-5, 2009 JRC MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**VI. Approve Minutes of November 20-21, 2008 JRC Meeting**

M/S/P (KM/JKS)

**APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20-21, 2008 JRC MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE:  
SWITCH THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**VII. Correspondence**

None

**VIII. Sub-Committees Reports**

**Budget & Finance – Chair, Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe**

After a review of the budget documents, Senior Assembly Wolfe announced that there is adequate budget for the rest of the Fiscal Year with a possible small surplus left over.

Ways to introduce the CSL and the need for donations were discussed. The MOU between the CFoA and the CSL was revisited and Chair Senior Assembly Member Young volunteered to contact Sandi Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, Commission on Aging, regarding their MOU with CFoA so the CSL will know which direction to go composing theirs.

M/S/P (KM/JKS)

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

**Fund Development – Chair Senior Senator Dee Erman**

Discussion of various fund raising methods took place. Senior Senator Messler will ask the Bay Area Caucus for the results of their SHARE fund raising results. Scan Health Care Plan called the CSL office regarding working with the CSL as a sponsor but Chair Senior Senator Erman hasn't received a response yet to her

messages. Chair Senior Senator Erman suggested having members contact anybody they know working in Public Relations, Estate Planning, and even large mortuaries about the possibility of having money donated for the CSL Session banquets. She will work with Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker to continue to find more sponsors.

M/S/P (JC/AM)

**APPROVE THE FUND DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ.**

**Public Relations – Chair, Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren**

Senior Assembly Member Wolfe will take some revised flyers regarding Code 402 to the Los Angeles City Council. Chair Senior Assembly Member Dahlgren wants to encourage all CSL members to spread the word regarding Code 402. They can get flyers by calling Staff Jenkins in the office.

Senior Assembly Member Young discussed the Public Relations proposal we received from Karen Pierce Gonzalez “Giving Seniors A Voice”. The Public Relations felt that it was not financially feasible at this time for this kind of project. Chair Senior Assembly Member Dahlgren suggested that members start newsletters in their local PSAs or put CSL information in existing newsletters. Or members can send letters to editors of local papers regarding Code 402. Members are also encouraged to create MySpace or join blogging websites to spread Code 402.

Chair Dahlgren reminded members that the agendas have to specify items before the meeting or these items can't be voted on in the meeting.

M/S/P (DE/KM)

**APPROVE THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ.**

**Policies & Procedures – Chair Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby**

Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**Session Planning – Chair Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg**

Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**By-Laws – No Chair at this time**

Cancelled due to lack of chair.

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

Currently CSL has seven proposals authored with two having bill numbers already. All top 20 state and top 8 federal proposals have been unbacked thanks to Senator Alquist and Assembly Member Portantino's staff members. State legislators have until the middle of February to author these proposals. Clarification was made that until the state legislators officially author CSL proposals, the proposals are not listed on the Legislative Update nor in the “*Hey, CSL, What's Up*”. It was also explained that all monies donated to Code 402

belonged to the CSL no matter what the total amount is. Nobody can use the monies except the CSL.

Chair Senior Senator Mack announced that Assembly Member Mike Feuer has authored the CSL proposal, SP 23 Ombudsman Program. There are 11 coauthors for this proposal. It was announced that several counties are currently working on raising money for the Ombudsman Program.

The January "Walk the Halls" was very productive and positive. The CSL was introduced to all the new and returning state legislators. Chair Senior Senator Mack reminded the JRC that Executive Orders are now to be listed in the priority books and the Resource Manual.

Chair Senior Senator Mack presented a new two-page document showing the important legislation that the CSL is responsible for from 1981 to the present. She would like this document shared with all CSL members to be shown during presentations. Chair Mack is working on filling the two vacancies on the Legislative Committee. She has requested extending the March Leg Committee to three days instead of the currently allotted two days so that the committee can more effectively cover "Walking the Halls."

The Congress of California Seniors had a press release on February 4 with Senior Senator Mack present and SB 38 was mentioned. Both Senator Elaine Alquist and Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal also attended. \$300,000 has been donated by Verizon to promote elder abuse awareness in Ventura and Santa Clara Counties.

The following two bills will be presented to the Legislative Committee for approval:

AB 123 (Portantino) – Supportive Housing for Seniors. This allows seniors to age in place.

AB 155 (Mendoza) – Local Government: Bankruptcy Proceedings.

M/S/P (KM/RW)

#### **APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AS READ.**

#### **X. Chair's Report – Chair Senior Assembly Member Lola Young**

The January meeting with the Legislative Committee went very well. The visits with the legislators proved to be successful and positive. The campaign for Code 402 should be in full swing. There are several flyers to choose from and are being revised. They will be sent out as soon as they are approved. We also need to be using the flyers that are available in the office. Contact Sherry for flyers that you may need. While we are campaigning for Code 402, do not forget to include Code 402 donation on your own State Income tax form.

At January's meeting, we discussed Senator Lou Correa's bill (SB 38) to extend the sunset date on the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) state income tax form. There was some concern about the statement in the previous version of this bill that the FTB loses \$16,000 as a result of our being on the checkoff line. Senior Senator Connie Eaton has been in touch with the FTB, and assures us that they are not concerned about being paid back, and there is no system in place for that to happen even if they were. So this should not be a factor in passing this bill.

A long-time CSL member, and more recently a JRC member, Senior Senator Roberta Marti has resigned from the CSL effective February 1, 2009. Senior Senator Bud Winslow, was elected her alternate, and should become the primary JRC member. However, Senior Senator Winslow has told me that he is in poor health and unable to assume JRC membership. Members of the Housing and Transportation Committee that remain that are not a member or an alternate of the Legislative committee are Senior Senator Patricia Jones, and Senior Senator Albert Newton. They are both eligible for JRC as Senior Senator Jones has been a member since 2002 and Senior Senator Newton has been a member since 2001.

It has come to my attention that there seems to be a problem with the agendas for sub-committee meetings. I am providing a description of each sub-committee's purpose straight from the resource manual. Each chair was given a binder from the previous chair. There should be a carryover report in each binder. Each sub-committee should review the carry over report and continue the work of the previous sub-committee.

At the last meeting, a proposal for Public Relations was submitted to Public Relations, Fund Development and Budget committees. That proposal should have been on the agenda for each committee, and a recommendation to JRC should be ready. Work was begun on the Resource Manual last year. I will work with the staff to get this done, printed and sent out to members. I will be working with staff to implement a conference call line so that sub committees can confine by conference call when necessary.

Being elected officials, CSL members are required by law to take the Ethics Training every two years. If you are not sure if you are due to take this again, please call Staff Jenkins and she will let you know the date of the last certificate you sent the CSL office. Every CSL member needs to keep this updated.

## **XI. Old Business**

### **A. Check off California – Status**

Chair Young advised that the check has been mailed for our membership in the Checkoff California program. All organizations listed on the FTB state income tax form have joined this year's Checkoff California program. Jackson Hewitt gave a grant of \$38,000. Senior Senator Erman continues to be the liaison for this campaign.

### **B. Electronic Deposits**

It was decided that electronic deposits are not feasible at this time.

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## **XII. New Business**

**A. Review of February 4, 2009 Forum**

It was announced that the California Commission on Aging put on a very good forum and the breakout sessions were very informative and professional. It was decided to send a congratulations letter to Pat Trotter for writing the proposal that started this forum.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.