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**JOINT RULES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

November 15, 2012

Sheraton Hotel

711 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA

Chair: Senior Assembly Member Don MacAllister

Vice Chair: Senior Senator Alice Loh

Vice Chair: Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Tom

**I. Call To Order**

The Joint Rules Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair, Don MacAllister at 9:40 a.m.

Invocation by Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Senator Albert Blum

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** **Senior Senators:** Marti Overfield, Bruce Steir, Albert Blum, Mickey Peabody

**Senior Assembly Members:** Don MacAllister, Herbert Schwartz, Bernie Weintraub, Eleanor Bloch, Evelyn Tom, Julia Rosenberg

**Staff:** Clare Smith, Janice Bailey

A quorum was established.

**III. Introductions**

The following guests were introduced: Denise MacAllister, Sherri Geyer, Bill Salisky, Sol Fingold, ET Thomas, Zelda Hutcherson, Nneenah Frazier, Charles Mitchell, Sam Park, Shirley Krohn, Richard Lundin.

**IV. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Discussion/Action Items**

**V. Approve Agenda of November 15, 2012 JRC Meeting**

- A. Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Tom made motion to approve the agenda. Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch seconded the motion. Agenda approved as presented.

**VI. Approve Minutes of September 10-11, 2012 JRC Meeting**

- A. Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch made motion to approve the

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minutes. Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Tom seconded the motion. Minutes approved as presented.

**VII. Correspondence**

- A. Chair MacAllister noted no direct correspondence.
- B. Senior Senator ET Thomas representing the Los Angeles Caucus requested that the members of the Caucus have an opportunity to discuss questions and concerns surrounding the appointment of Policy Chair and Vice Chairs. Chair MacAllister advised it would be discussed later in the meeting and added it to the agenda under XI Old Business item H (LA Caucus Concern).

**VIII. Sub-Committee Reports**

**A. Budget and Finance Committee**

Senior Assembly Member Herb Schwartz noted that in comparing the same 9 month period in 2011 to 2012, the number of contributors were the same. However the amount of contributions had declined by approximately 13%.

Assembly Member Schwartz recommended a strong push to increase fundraising and publicity efforts.

Suggestions noted:

- Email accomplishments to those that have contributed in the past. (Weintraub)
- Create a letter to members suggesting that if they don't need reimbursement for travel expenses, this would create a savings for CSL.(Bloch)
- Solicit major Corporate donors – members that have contacts should solicit these Corporations. (MacAllister)
- Need to reach the baby boomers. (Bloch)

Assembly Member Bloch asked if we were still using the CFoA. After a brief discussion, Chair MacAllister advised that they are still in midst of clarification.

**B. Public Relations**

Senior Senator Bruce Steir thanked staff for assisting with making headway. Senator Steir discussed the recent press releases and past PSAs. Senator Steir inquired how a member in Clear Lake could get funding for a video. Chair MacAllister suggested that he send a proposal to him and Senior Assembly Member Schwartz.

Senior Senator Steir requested to appoint Rosenberg, Bloch and Tom as sub-committee. Senior Assembly Member Rosenberg declined. Discussion ensued and no formal action taken.

**C. Policies and Procedures**

Senior Assembly Member Bloch reported that she would be coming to Sacramento in January to meet with staff. She noted the Organization Chart had been submitted with suggested changes.

**D. Session Planning**

Senior Assembly Member Tom presented the October 2012 Session Evaluation Summary. She provided a breakdown of the major criticism and top suggestions.

**Criticism:**

- Go back to Hyatt
- Entertainment not needed after 8pm
- Selection of Committee Chairs should be made from self-nomination forms.
- Reduce the number of proposals that can be submitted by one person
- Move Session back to earlier week

**Suggestions:**

- More nutritious dinners
- Additional procedural explanations for new members
- Suggest a mentoring program that the PSA can use

**IX. Legislative Committee Report**

LEG Committee Chair Rosenberg made a motion that the Proposal books be mailed to the State Legislators by December 17, 2012. Senior Senator Overfield seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chair MacAllister requested staff to order 400 copies.

It was noted that SP-5 authored by Senior Assembly Member Fingold needs to be removed from the proposal list.

**X. Chair's Report**

**A.** A correct copy of the Top 20 was provided to all members.

**B. Consultant/AGPA Report**

- Consultant Smith reiterated that with the new contract terms her time is limited.
- Office is following up on adding new temporary clerical.
- Checking on additional language that may be added to SP 10 (CSL Sunset Clause) to exempt CSL from some of the cumbersome state requirements.
- 2013-2014 BCP has been submitted for additional staff
- Working with DGS to establish a revolving fund to expedite payment.
- All invoices for Session processed.
- Travel Expense Claims received to date have been processed.

## **XI. Old Business**

- A.** Clare Smith's contract is up December 31, 2012. AGPA will be working with Office of Legal Services for amendment and early review.
- B.** Photo Copier installed and functioning properly with a few glitches during the heavy workload of session.
- C.** Senior Assembly Member Ellie Bloch made a motion to for members to have the option of having the CSL mission printed on the back of their business cards. Senior Assembly Member Steir seconded the motion. Vote was 4 in favor and 5 opposed. Motion failed.
- D.** Group suggested trying to have the N CA Training Conference in the Bay area. Some suggestions were San Jose and Oakland. It was noted that close airport proximity, free shuttle and free parking would be desirable. Staff was to advise MMP of these requirements for bidding.
- E.** JRC Chair and staff are still reviewing options and sponsors for "meet and greet".
- F.** Staff has not been able to finalize Internet upgrade and further State research to pursue the procurement due to workload.
- G.** Donations via credit card will be addressed with new website roll out.
- H.** Los Angeles Caucus concern regarding selection of Vice Chair and Chair was added to the agenda. The floor was open for members to express concern.
  - Senior Assembly Member Charles Mitchell noted that the part of the Standing Rules indicates that the Chair of JRC is assigned to name the sub-committees of JRC. He noted the policy needs to be "cleaned up" and policy committees clearly identified. He further indicated that the committee members were elected for a two year term and were moved prior to fulfilling their term.
  - Senior Assembly Member Nneenah Frazier noted that members received a request to submit an application. However, people that didn't submit an application were appointed as Chairs. Additionally, those that did submit applications were never notified until the policy committee forms were distributed. She asked, "what is the criteria for selection?"
  - Chair MacAllister responded that the forms were buried in the office and that he would ask Senior Assembly Member Mitchell to work with Senior Assembly Member Schwartz who is Chair of the ByLaws Committee. Chair MacAllister further advised that the Committees must be balanced and the assignments were made by the three members of the Executive Committee.
  - Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson responded that the Chair's response was inadequate. She found it disturbing that not one person from the Executive Committee brought up the fact that the form should be used. She further expressed disappointment that procedures that were identified in writing and rules that were established were not followed.
  - Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch suggested that committee members have insight. Some that were moved into Chair positions didn't feel "right". She suggested a personal letter to members that put in applications. She suggested that applications should be brought before the JRC.

## **XII. New Business**

### **A. Tentative Meeting Schedule**

- The tentative schedule was distributed to the committee.
- LEG Committee Chair Rosenberg requested changes to LEG meeting dates.
- Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch made a motion to approve the meeting dates listed below. Senior Assembly Member Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Approved Meeting Dates for 2013**

##### **JRC**

<b>November 15, 2013</b>	<b>Los Angeles</b>
<b>February 4-5, 2013</b>	<b>Sacramento*</b>
<b>March 19-21, 2013</b>	<b>N California**</b>
<b>April 22-23, 2013</b>	<b>Sacramento</b>
<b>September 16-17, 2013</b>	<b>Sacramento</b>

##### **LEG**

<b>January 8-9, 2013</b>	<b>Sacramento</b>
<b>February 5-6, 2013</b>	<b>Sacramento*</b>
<b>March 19-21, 2013</b>	<b>N California**</b>
<b>April 23-24, 2013</b>	<b>Sacramento</b>
<b>June 3-4, 2013</b>	<b>Sacramento (chair &amp; vice chairs only)</b>
<b>July 8-9, 2013</b>	<b>Sacramento</b>
<b>August 12-13, 2013</b>	<b>Sacramento</b>

\*Legislator Meet and Greet

\*\*N CA Mini Conference

### **B. Bylaws Committee**

- Herb Schwartz will Chair the Bylaws Committee and will set up a meeting in conjunction with the February JRC meeting.

### **C. Name Badge Revision**

- Staff to revise order form to reflect new badge prices and shipping.

### **D. Legislative Rules**

- Legislative Counsel volunteers had suggested to staff that revisions should be made to our Legislative Rules. Staff has requested the suggested verbiage for the rules and will bring to committee upon receipt.

### **E. Proposal Book Printing**

The timeline for the proposal book printing was reviewed. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, books should be mailed out around December 17, 2012.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.**