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**NOTICE OF JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND
JOINT RULES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday - Thursday, January 6-8, 2009
Vagabond Inn Conference Room
909 Third Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

MINUTES

Leg Committee Chair, Senior Senator Anne Mack
Leg Committee Vice-Chair, Senior Senator Craig Orange
Leg Committee Vice-Chair, Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
JRC Chair, Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
JRC Vice Chair, Senior Senator Dee Erman
JRC Vice Chair, Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe

Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Vagabond Inn Conference Room
909 Third Street, Sacramento
(800) 522-1555

I. Call to Order

The January 6, 2009 Joint Legislative and Joint Rules Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Senior Senator Anne M. Mack at 1:10 p.m.

II. Invocation

This was said by Senior Senator Craig Orange

III. Pledge of Allegiance

This was led by Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh

(Over)

IV. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Dee Erman, Joanna Kim-Selby, Jim Levy, Lenwood Long, Anne M. Mack, Kitty Mesler, Craig Orange, Bruce Steir, and Carla Treuting; Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren, Fran Givens, Jane Ann Godager, Alice Loh, Julia Rosenberg, Richard Shontz, Billie Taylor, Richard Wolfe, Lola Young

Excused: Senior Senator Roberta Marti; Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch

A Quorum was established.

V. Introduction of Guests

Sandi Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, and Carol Sewell, AGA, both from California Commission on Aging, conducted a presentation on their Senior Center Stakeholder Forum on February 4, 2009.

VI. Public Comment

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VII. Approve Agenda

M/S/P (Orange/Shontz)

APPROVE THE JANUARY 6, 2009 AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

VIII. Approve Minutes of July 20-21, 2008

Chair Mack postponed this until the next meeting.

IX. Review of previous "Walking the Halls"

The Legislative Committee members and alternates walked the halls of the Capitol Building in April 2008. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea to include the alternates to give them an idea of what is expected. Many positive comments were made regarding last year's "Walk the Halls."

X. Review of Teams

It was discussed that there are too many alternate vacancies on both the Legislative and the Joint Rules Committees and the chairs agreed to work on finding more members.

The list of state legislators stayed the same as last time for most of the teams with a few differences. Chair Mack encouraged members to stop by and greet their representatives even if they were not on their list.

Chair Mack suggested that proposals which don't involve money should be pointed out and she advised that each member needs to be familiar with all the top 20 state and the top eight federal proposals.

Discussion took place over how to publicize the need for the Ombudsman and Senior Legal Hotline throughout the state. If letters are sent supporting these issues, copies should be sent to the CSL office as well.

XI. How to Talk to Your Legislators Workshop

Tom Riley from the Cal Capitol Group led a "How to Talk to Your Legislators Workshop" workshop. He announced that, for the most part, the state Legislators have a good feeling towards the CSL.

The worst thing would be for our proposals not to have any authors.

The second worse thing would be for there to be two or more authors for the same proposal which could cause friction.

Mr. Riley suggested that the CSL members give a deadline of January 15 to the state Legislators to get back to the CSL office on which proposals they are interested in and CSL should contact them if they haven't contacted the office by a week after the deadline.

There a lot of new legislators this year who are still getting used to how things are done so it was suggested that CSL members be open to possibly presenting the same issue in different ways.

In teams of two, one person should be designated ahead of time to be the note taker and be sure to hand business cards out when first introducing yourself.

When shaking hands and introducing yourself, be sure to look the other person in the eyes. Before handing them a packet, pull out the priority book and point out three or four proposals that you think they would like to author.

If there isn't anybody that speak to you right then, suggest you can come back in an hour or so and then come back. Make sure if you state you'll only take up 12 or 15 minutes of their time, you start your leave taking at that time.

Meeting Recessed until Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Wednesday, January 7, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Capitol Building

XII. Walk the Halls of the State Capitol Building

Meeting Reconvened 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

XIII. Review of Wednesday's "Walking"

Each team gave a short report on their day's walking. Many glowing accounts on their reception and treatment and many legislators are interested in the CSL's proposals.

Meeting Recessed until Thursday, January 8, 2009

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Thursday, January 8, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Capitol Building

XIV. Walk the Halls of the State Capitol Building

January 8, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Vagabond Inn Conference Room

Meeting Reconvened

XV. Review of Thursday's "Walking"

All members reported positive visits with the state legislators and are in high hopes for a good legislative season. They are looking forward to the March meeting with the alternates. The members stated that Tom Riley's workshop on Tuesday was excellent and felt that they had picked up some good pointers to help them with talking with the state legislators. Staff Jenkins was directed to send a thank you letter to Tom Riley for the workshop.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.