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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 23-24, 2013

The Vagabond Inn

909 Third Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

And

State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

LEG Committee Chair: Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg

LEG Committee Vice-Chair: Senior Senator Lola Young

LEG Committee Vice-Chair: Senior Assembly Member Anne Warren

I. Call To Order

Legislative Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair, Rosenberg at 9:38 AM.

Invocation by Senior Assembly Member Chuck Molnar

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Senator Lola Young

II. Roll Call

Present: Julia Rosenberg, Allan Hurst, Charles Molnar, Lola Young, Marcia Gould, Richard Shontz, Anne Warren (tardy).

Excused: Nneenah Frazier, Estella Thomas, Dee Erman, Jane Ann Godager, Sol Fingold, Richard Lundin, Zelda Hutcherson, Margaret Sowma, Carla Treuting, Norma Jackson, Joe Cox, JoAnna Kim-Selby

Staff: Janice Bailey (April 23rd and partial April 24th)

It was determined that a quorum was present upon the arrival of Anne Warren.

III. Introductions

No introductions.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

Discussion/Action Items

V. Approve Agenda of April 23-24, 2013 Legislative Committee Meeting

Chuck Molnar made a motion for the approval of the agenda. Marcia Gould seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as submitted.

VI. Approve Minutes of February 4-5, 2013 Legislative Committee Meeting

Minutes approved as submitted.

Mission: To Improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians

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VII. Review of “Walk the Halls Procedures and coverage.

- A.** Chair Rosenberg thanked staff and indicated the materials were “perfect”.
- B.** Discussion of Who will Cover Absent Members Teams
- Hurst covering team #2 and #3.
 - Molnar will cover his own team.
 - Shontz will cover Team #9.
 - Young will cover Team #8 and back-up for others.
 - Gould will cover her own team.
 - Warren is covered and has made appointments, per Chair Rosenberg.
 - Shontz will assist with Team #4 (DeSaulnier, Gatto, Holden, Medina).
 - Office Staff to cover (Emmerson, Price, Brown, Conway).
 - Chair Rosenberg requested Senior Assembly Member Hurst let her and Vice Chair Young know which Legislators that he did not visit. The Chair and Vice Chair will cover any remaining Legislators that others can not visit.

Meeting Recessed until 4:45 p.m. for “Walk the Halls”

**Meeting Reconvened 4:47 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location Vagabond Conference Room**

VIII. Walk the Halls Reports and Future Planning

- A.** Janice Bailey, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, provided the following recap:
- Price’s office - gave material to Erica Martin
 - Brown’s office - provided material to Donita Blair
 - Conway’s office - spoke with Nancy Stewart and provided material
 - Emmerson’s office - package was left with staff. However, staff was busy with confirmed appointments and could not discuss.
 - All offices were pleasant and provided warm reception to staff.

Meeting recessed until April 24, 2013 at 9:00 AM.

**April 24, 2013
Meeting Reconvened at 9:00 AM
Vagabond Conference Room**

IX. “Walk the Halls” Wrap Up and Sharing Insights

Each member provided an update on the results of their “walk the halls”

visit.

Team 9 (Shontz): District 80 vacant. Left literature with very little discussion. He received two requests for support on AB 974 and AB 1322 reviewed fact sheets with the committee.

- AB 974 unanimous vote for support.
- AB 1322 unanimous vote for support.

Richard Shontz will call contacts and let them know CSL has voted to support and office will be forwarding letter.

Team 7 (Gould): She called for appointments and this is the first time that four people got back to her out of 12. She visited all on her list except one and four on Senior Senator Frazier's team.

- Perea's Office - met with LEG Director and Chief of Staff. They requested support for AB 327. She doesn't see that it is directly related to seniors. After reviewing bill, it was decided that it is not a senior issue and letter of support will not be sent.
- Williams' Office – Spoke briefly with staff.
- Grove's Office – Met delightful young lady.
- Pavley's Office – Staff could not believe that Senior Assembly Member Gould had not received a return phone call regarding AB 396. She provided all steps to what happens if bill becomes a two year bill. Senior Assembly Member Gould will type and distribute to the committee via email.
- Fox's Office – Senior Assembly Member Gould reported that she had not received a return phone call or any response for weeks. She has a friend that works with the Voter Issue Alliance (VIA) and they use this service to fight big dollars when they want a bill to go through. Senior Assembly Member Gould reported that Clare Smith called Kathleen in Fox's office and was told that there was some type of agreement and it couldn't go forward. Upon meeting with Kathleen and Assembly Member Fox it was noted that the proposal was rewritten to shift the emphasis from Doctors to Pharmacists and Senior Assembly Member Gould did not realize this change had occurred. Senior Senator Young provided a recap of how a change like this may have occurred due to the format of the proposals being in resolution form. It was

misrepresented and viewed as a pharmacy issue. Senior Assembly Member Warren suggested that Senior Assembly Member Gould emphasize Diane Boyer-Vines name and to make sure the correction is done in time to go on the committee agenda. Chair Rosenberg reported that Boyer-Vine is a good friend of hers and members should not call her office. Senior Assembly Molnar requested that CSL change the format to the correct format. Senior Senator Young reported that she has been trying to change it for several years. Senior Senator Young suggested that Senior Legislators request a copy of a format from Chief of staff. She indicated she has brought these forms to JRC meetings in the past and never saw them again. Chair Rosenberg indicated that once it is a formal recommendation to the JRC it must be taken care of. Senior Assembly Member Molnar made a motion for Senior Senator Young to get the proper form from a State Legislator's office and the Legislative Committee will vote and make a recommendation o JRC to change the form. Senior Assembly Member Warren seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Senior Assembly Member Gould reported that she visited all offices.
- Gould reported that Blumenfield is leaving office to become City Councilman in area near her residence. The seat will be vacant effective July 1, 2013.

Team 5 (Warren):

Senior Assembly Member Warren reported that she visited the offices of Legislators Gomez and Hancock.

- Gomez's Office – Scribner very knowledgeable and professional.
- Senior Assembly Member Warren attended the hearings for AB 477 (Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse: Reporting) and AB 663 (Residential Care Facilities:Administrators).
- Chair Rosenberg noted that she wants Senior Assembly Member Warren to let her and Vice Chair Young know who she had not covered.
- Senior Assembly Member Warren indicated she had some thoughts and suggestions surrounding future planning.
- Senior Assembly Member Warren noted that

the Voter Initiative Alliance was similar to crowd sourcing.

Team 6 (Molnar): Senior Assembly Molnar reported that he visited all Legislators on his list. He indicated it was a matter of going over the items with staffers. He was only able to meet with one Legislator, Mark Stone, his Assembly person.

- Monning's Office – Met with Kathy Smith, Chief of Staff, discussed high priority for Monning is Veteran Cemetery at Fort Ord. There is opposition by some in the area. Senior Assembly Molnar indicated that he would like to put together a resolution if Monning's office was in agreement. Senior Assembly Member Warren pointed out that Ft. Ord could be a County issue vs. State issue. Senior Senator Young suggested that Molnar provide Monning's office with one of her cards since she is in Sacramento.
- Buchanan's Office – Senior Assembly Member Molnar provided recap of the discussion surrounding AB 620 (Adult Day Care Facilities) where an adult 18-20 year old was allowed to go to Starbucks and disappeared with other non-staff person from the facility. They were missing for 7 hours and no one was notified. Reporting requirements are not the same as for residential facilities.
- Senior Assembly Member Gould requested to know the difference between sponsor and support. Senior Senator Young noted the difference is that when you sponsor you testify and when you support it is only a "me too".
- Chair Rosenberg noted that the Sponsor/Support list lets Legislators know we support bills other than CSL. Senior Assembly Molnar suggested that members be aware of the statuses prior to visiting the offices. Molnar said that he does not receive the weekly LEG Report. Chair Rosenberg requested Senior Senator Young send it to him.
- The Committee discussed the format of the weekly LEG Report and noted that it would be nice to have a line between each bill. Senior Senator Young noted that it is a formatting issue and the HTML version is better.

Team 2 & 3 (Hurst):

Senior Assembly Member Hurst visited 17 out of the 23 on the two teams. He did not visit the following Legislators: Cannella, Walters, Donnelly, Maienschein, Mullin, and Chavez. Senior Assembly Member Hurst thought the timing was good on the program book ads.

- Hueso's Office – Senior Assembly Member Hurst brought him a copy of a full page article on Hueso in the Desert Sun.
- Nestande's Office – He is running for 40th Congressional District when he terms out in October.
- Chair Rosenberg noted that the Committee did a "dynamite job for the small crew that they had."

Team 8 (Young):

Senior Senator Young reported that she met with all on her list but Senator Carol Liu because she ran out of her packets. She thanked Senior Assembly Member Shontz for covering for her when she was ill and said that Senior Assembly Member Shontz had told several of the offices that she had been ill. She further stated that Tim Reardon acknowledged and indicated that he sees her all of the time and he wanted her to know how much she and her late husband were appreciated. She noted that all members need to understand how much they are appreciated.

- Perez's Office – Requested that Senior Senator Young present AB 1231 and AB 1232 to the LEG Committee for support. After lengthy discussion on autism, the committee voted regarding supporting both bills. Both votes failed for support. Senior Senator Young will advise Perez's office that she does believe that they are doing a good thing but too much of a stretch for it to be considered a senior issue.

Team 1 (Rosenberg):

Senior Assembly Member Rosenberg noted that she had a good productive day. She said she ran into Assembly Member Yamada and had a brief discussion on medical foster homes for Veterans.

- Muratsuchi's Office – The Chief of Staff asked if they could introduce Chair

Rosenberg on the Assembly Floor. Chair Rosenberg noted that people are starting to acknowledge the committee and it is important to keep up the contact.

- Lieu's Office – Staff person Sotero, jumped up and said, "I know you did this." Someone came and testified out of nowhere and knew exactly what to do. Chair Rosenberg asked if it was Lola.
- Chair Rosenberg noted it was nice for the CSL to be asked to help the Legislators and they were so impressed with the Support spreadsheet. Senior Assembly Member Molnar noted that the support spreadsheet was a good piece.

X. Future Planning

- A.** Chair Rosenberg wanted to remind members of the following items from Senator Beal's presentation:
1. Speak slowly when visiting offices.
 2. Don't let them treat you like senior children, remember you are elected officials. Be more firm – it's okay to have an opinion.
- B.** 30 minutes on future agendas dedicated to education.
1. Senior Senator Young will discuss the hearing process. She and Senior Assembly Member Rolfe are getting tired and would like to call on the LEG Committee to lend a hand. Senior Senator Young reported that Janice Bailey, AGPA, sat in on a hearing and was able to see it happen. Senior Senator Young believes every CSL member should sit in a hearing and she is looking forward to Senior Assembly Member Warren's input.
 2. Senior Assembly Member Gould asked if CSL would reimburse her if she wanted to come up and attend a hearing.
 3. After lengthy discussion on how the motion should be worded and noted that the CSL budget is not part of the general fund and therefore is revenue neutral, Senior Assembly Member Gould made the following motion:

Those members who have been approved to testify at hearings shall be reimbursed for meals, mileage and parking and if required to stay for 2 days of hearings, also include

overnight accommodations and meals for the second day. Senior Assembly Member Warren seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed and Senior Assembly Member Gould will type it up.

Senior Assembly Member Warren will ask in the Bay Area Caucus for volunteers. Chair Rosenberg noted that all requests need to come to her as Chair with a copy to Senior Senator Young because she completes the scheduling. Chair Rosenberg further stated that she was sure Senior Assembly Member Agor would be in Sacramento to testify at his hearing and would probably bring his wife as he is “proud to be an American.”

Senior Assembly Member Warren suggested adding a column to the hearing schedule noting the CSL author.

Chair Rosenberg noted that the CSL Author has the 1st option to come and she makes the call.

XI. Members and Staff

There was discussion concerning relationship with members and staff. Members concerns were addressed, but no action was taken.

Chair Rosenberg thanked Senior Assembly Member Warren for the comments.

The Committee gave Senior Assembly Member Hurst a hand for covering two teams.

Chair Rosenberg noted the next meeting would be July 9-10, 2013 and the committee will be taking their photo for the program book and assigning proposals to policy committees. Further the Chair and Vice Chairs will meet in early June to review proposals for duplication.

Senior Assembly Member Molnar asked if the meetings could start at 9am in the future. Chair Rosenberg noted that last year they finished in record time due to the process that was established.

Senior Assembly Member Shontz noted that he has the site visit report in Word format and can email it to anyone that would like it.

Chair Rosenberg thanked everyone for a productive meeting. Senior Assembly Member Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senior Assembly Member Molnar seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm.