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**Joint Rules Committee Meeting Minutes– Pending Approval**

1600 K Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Rooms 1A/1B  
Sacramento, CA  
June 11 & 12, 2003

**I. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker, Chair, called the California Senior Legislature (CSL) Joint Rules Committee (JRC) meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The meeting opened with the Invocation by Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson. Senior Senator Erwin Fromm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Roll Call**

Present: Senior Senators Clifford Erven, Mattye Fegan-Perry, Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy, and Irene Tonello; Senior Assembly Members Zelda Hutcherson, Earl Kelley, June Glasmeier, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck and Ed Woods. A quorum was established.

Excused: Senior Senators Marianne Mannia and Mathew Ross.

Staff: June P. Hamilton

**III. Guests were introduced as they arrived.**

**IV. Approve Agenda**

SA Hutcherson requested that item XIV be combined with item X. Minutes were approved as amended.

**V. Approve January 7-8, 2003, minutes**

Minutes were approved with following amendment: Page 3, IX, "and recommend dividing the number of representatives based on percentage of seniors" to be added to last line of SS Levy's report for Reapportionment Committee.

## **VI. Committee Meetings**

- A. Session Planning, SA Ed Woods, Chair
- B. By-Laws, SA Zelda Hutcherson, Chair
- C. Reapportionment, SS Jim Levy, Chair

## **VII. Committee Meetings**

- D. Finance and Insurance, SS Erwin Fromm, Chair
- E. Policy & Procedures, SA Sally Wieck, Vice Chair
- F. Public Relations, SS Jim Levy, Vice Chair

As a few guests had arrived, Chair Martin Tucker had them introduce themselves: CSL Members Gail Stevens, Bob Jaffe, Ray Bunt, Ann Mack, and Austin Lucero.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### Session Planning

The part-time position of retired annuitant occupied by Ellie Peck, Session Coordinator, has been recommended for elimination. This was done to meet a State mandated 10% staff reduction. It was proposed that CSL hire her as an independent contractor to coordinate the October session. Letters to major Session donors have been sent out and there will be a follow-up. Letters are being prepared for ads in the program book. It is recommended that those members who are no longer members of CSL but who still remain active in their districts be acknowledged with Emeritus status with a Certificate of Appreciation. Due to heavy scheduling during Session week, it is suggested that there only be two banquets scheduled; opening banquet on Monday, reception on Tuesday 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., and closing banquet on Wednesday, all to be held at one site – possibly Hyatt.

### By-Laws

Letter has been mailed to all CSL members explaining procedure for proposing any changes to the by-laws. Deadline to present changes is 7/31/03. There will be a by-laws review during the October Session. By-Laws Committee will review the proposed changes for format, timelines and clarity. Writer of the proposed change will be contacted if there is a question regarding clarity.

### Reapportionment

Presented 2002-2003 breakdown of number of senior's age 60 and older in each PSA to compile number of CSL representatives per each PSA. The process is complicated by some legislative districts overlapping some PSA's.

### Finance and Insurance

Committee Chair asked for a motion that CSL adopt a policy consistent with the State regulations that receipts are only required for amounts of \$25 or more when reporting meal expenses.

M/S/P: Recommend to the Executive Director that we follow State expense requirement of not requiring meal receipts for each item of expense in the amount of \$24.99 or less.

It was also recommended that the Finance Chair accept offer of the Executive Director to meet with the Department of Finance for exploring any other potential simplification in travel expense reimbursement.

### Policy and Procedures

Committee recommended reviewing with each PSA the CSL election process for input and suggestions on methods of improving. Recommendation to begin process of revising CSL membership roster to include short bio and picture of each member. Request was made to have letters mailed out to all CSL members asking for those names of members who have served 6 years or more.

M/S/P Gold pins for 6 years or more of service as a CSL member will be presented at the October session.

### Public Relations

Greater effort should be made to promote awareness of donating to line 53. Letter to members soliciting ads for program book should be reviewed for cost of ad, deadline to mail in, and possibly a telephone tree for contacting legislators to buy ads. A letter should be mailed to all members requesting nominations for the Moira Jackson Award.

## **IX. Legislative Committee Report – SS Mattye Fegan-Perry**

Critique has been completed on each proposal. All proposals will go forth to leg analyst to be put into proper language.

It was announced at this time AB 137 (to extend the sunset date for line 53) was being heard in Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee and there was an

urgency for attendance by supporters. Several JRC members and guests left the meeting to attend the hearing. Since some JRC members were leaving to attend AB 137 hearing, the meeting was recessed.

During the recess an informal discussion on the Work Group Report was held by Bonnie Darwin, Assembly Committee on Aging and Long Term Care; Peter Anderson, Assembly Republican Policy Consultant; and Sarah Sutro, Senate Subcommittee on Aging and Long Term Care. AB 1373, which was written as a result of the Work Group Report, is a spot bill providing CSL the ability to hire its own Executive Director. The bill passed the Assembly and is now in the Senate where amendments can be made as CSL determines what those amendments will be. A time will be provided at the October session for a full CSL membership meeting to discuss this bill. Peter Anderson said the timeline for CSL to begin operating with its own executive director would be July 2005. The three legislative staff representatives will be providing input information to the JRC meeting in the future.

At this time those JRC members who had left to attend a hearing on AB 137 returned, so JRC Chair reconvened the regular JRC meeting.

### **(Leg Committee report continued)**

At this time it was reported that AB 137 had passed committee vote. It will continue to move through the Senate and all CSL members are encouraged to contact their local senators to support this very vital bill.

### **X. New Business (moved to Thursday)**

### **XI. Old Business**

M/S/P Pasqual Bettio appointed as chair of Arts and Humanities Committee, which is a subcommittee of JRC Public Relations Committee and will receive direction from that committee.

Meeting recessed at 4:44 p.m.

**Thursday, June 12, 2003**

**JRC Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m.**

**Dept. of Aging, Room 1A**

## **XII. Roll Call**

Present: Senior Senators Clifford Erven, Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy, and Irene Tonello. Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck and Ed Woods. A quorum was established.

## **XIII. New Business**

Chairman Martin Tucker advised that Senior Assembly Member Earl Kelley informed the Chair that he would no longer be able to attend any future JRC meetings. He hopes to be able to remain as a CSL member. He was thanked for his past service. Senior Assembly Member June Glassmeier, as alternate, is now officially a member of the JRC.

## **XIV. Olmstead Meeting Report – SS Jim Levy**

SS Levy explained the Olmstead Decision mandates that persons with disabilities have the right to live in the most integrated setting possible. Each state has been mandated to prepare a program of their choice to allow those with disabilities, and seniors, to have the ability to determine where they want to live.

## **XV. Announcements**

Chair announced the death of Muliati F. Widyaatmadja, a member from PSA 20 (San Bernardino County). Chair asked members to notify CSL office of any other deaths of members so they can be remembered in memoriam at the October session. Chair will begin to work with three legislative representatives to put together information to be presented at the October session concerning AB 1373.

Next meeting scheduled for July 9-10, 2003.

## **Public Comment**

None

**M/S/P Meeting adjourned at 11: 15 a.m.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
**Sally Wieck, JRC Administrative Secretary**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_