



RPEA Southcentral Chapter Membership Meeting Agenda

January 12, 2016

(Facilitated by Bill Mans)

Approval of the agenda

Approval of the December minutes (attached)

Announcements

- **Thanks to those who made this meeting possible**
- **Lunch Feedback Card**
If you had lunch today, please tell us how it was by filling out the card.
- **Teleconferencing Capabilities**
Is now available to all SC members. Please call in at 11:40 for announcements to begin at 11:45. The teleconference number is 888-636-3807 / access code 9742514.
- **Member Attendance**
Please be reminded that only RPEA members may attend a membership meeting.¹ Membership is identified at the sign-in table for those who attend in person; therefore, roll call will be conducted of all who attend by phone.
- **Board Vacancies**
There are now three vacancies on the SC Chapter Board. Please consider volunteering your skill and talents to your RPEA board. All interested parties please contact Fran Rabago at franrabago@gci.net

RPEA Benefits Update

Sharon Hoffbeck, Executive Vice President

Time – Your Most Valuable Retirement Resource

Laurel Renkert, Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor®
Waddell & Reed, Inc.

Remember: Private conversations during a presentation make it hard for others to hear.

¹ An eligible individual who is considering joining RPEA may attend as a guest if sponsored by an RPEA member.

Membership Meeting Minutes December 8, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Fran Rabago 11:45 a.m.

- Approval of agenda: motion by Bob Reupke seconded by Peggy Hackett.
- Approval of November minutes: motion by Bill Mans seconded by Dixie Hudish.

RPEA volunteers. Monthly RPEA meetings happen because of RPEA members who volunteer to help out. In November we owe a special thanks to:

- **Shirley Iverson** – served as cashier.
- **Jeanne Ostnes** – assisted at the sign-in table.
- **Marie Beatty** – provided nametags to attendees.
- **Mel Monson** – distributed handouts and collected meal tickets for serving line 1.
- **Bob Williams** – collected meal tickets for serving line 2.
- **Bill Mans** – drew meal-table numbers and managed the traveling microphone.

Announcements:

- Thanks to all who donated last month to the Brother Francis Shelter. Items received included hats, gloves, socks, coats, coffee, and monetary contributions totaling approximately \$120. Board member Bill Mans volunteered to drop all off at the Shelter – thank you Bill!
- Parking spaces are at a premium at the Anchorage Senior Center (ASC). Please be sure to use only one parking space to maximize the number of spaces available for members as well as other visitors to ASC.
- Our very own Bob Madigan has published a book entitled “Alaska Remembers” a copy of which is one of this month’s door prizes!
- Board Vacancies – There are still vacancies on the SC Chapter Board. All interested parties please contact Fran Rabago at franrabago@gci.net.

Congratulations to Door Prize Winners!

- **Ted Ryberg** won a jar of homemade jam donated by Jeanne Ostnes.
- **Karen Leask** won a Christmas poinsettia plant.
- **Bob Williams** won a signed copy of “Alaska Remembers” by Bob Madigan donated by Dixie Hudish.
- **Billie Bloker** won the growler of beer.
- **Charles Peter** won a scone mixture donated by Jeanne Ostnes.
- **Tim Benintendi** won two magnets donated by Carolyn Tuovinen.
- **Wendi Sollenberger** won a 2016 Planner book also donated by Carolyn Tuovinen.

Building a Sustainable Future
Pat Pitney, State Budget Director
Office of the Governor

Director Pitney was welcomed to the meeting. She began by saying she has given more than 50 presentations around the state about Alaska's fiscal situation. She reminded us that in June of 2014, the Governor invited Alaskans to look at the next phase. His focus was to first reduce government spending and after that look at the state's revenues. She talked about a billion-dollar reduction, vetoes of oil and gas credits, and said that every state agency and various state programs were part of that reduction.

Director Pitney said legislative finance determined that the state cannot cut its way out of this current budget crisis. In the past we were fortunate enough to be able to rely on oil to provide essentially all of state government; however, looking at oil projections and other factors, such as, population growth it is unlikely that oil can save us now.

While her staff failed to make arrangements to have equipment available for Director Pitney's Power Point presentation, copies of her slides outlining the details of her presentation is on our website at rpea.apea-aft.org.

Director Pitney said she recognized that the retirement system is an important issue to RPEA saying that the Governor is working hard on maintaining that system having recently spent \$262,000,000 to make up the difference. She assured us that retirement is important to this administration and encouraged us to invite Commissioner Fisher to speak at one of our upcoming meetings.