

REACTA HOT TOPICS

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Annual Reunion and Meeting Final Plans

Our 2022 Annual Reunion and Meeting will take place on October 3-5 at the Oxford Suites in Paso Robles. In addition to those attending in person, we have made arrangement for others to join us via Zoom. There will be a link for each session on Tuesday, October 4.

- The Hot Topics morning session at 10:00 a.m. will feature an update on the many challenges faced by CTA. Joe Boyd, Jill Coert and Bruce Saathoff will be on this panel. We don't know if they will be there or report viz Zoom. The next morning session will be an update on our Pension Trust and Health Trust. Wei Pan will Zoom with us about the Pension Trust. A Labor Trustee will give us a report on our Health Trust. REACTA liaisons Alan Frey and Merri Boston will also be in Paso Robles to add their perspective. The Zoom link is ...

Topic: REACTA Hot Topics Morning Session
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89761430374>

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- Our Annual General Business meeting will start at 2 p.m. Agenda items will include committee reports, adoption of our REACTA 2023 Budget, an open floor where you may nominate candidates for REACTA officer positions for 2023, and a review of By-Law changes recommended by the officers. A packet

with the agenda and reports will be emailed to all members prior to the meeting. The Zoom link is...

Topic: REACTA General Business Meeting 2 p.m.

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REACTA was able to meet our room guarantee with the Oxford Suites. We look forward to meeting at this new facility with easy access to many restaurants and venues in the Paso Robles area. Thanks to all who plan to attend.

Take the Train to Paso Robles

As mentioned previously, several members are planning to travel to Paso Robles by train. The hotel will provide a shuttle to and from the train station if you make advance reservations with the hotel. Our resident expert on train travel, Art McLoughlin, prepared the following article:

You can get to REACTA's annual meeting in Paso Robles without the hassle of the Highways! Just go AMTRAK.

The northern contingent can catch the Coast Starlight in Redding, (2:31am) Chico, Marysville, Sacramento (6:26am) Davis, Martinez, Richmond San Jose and Salinas then into Paso Robles at 2:00pm or so.

The region three and four members can begin in San Diego at 6:01am. The train makes multiple stops between San Diego and Los Angeles arriving at Union Station LA @ 8:57am. After a rest you continue on the Coast Starlight leaving LA at 9:51am. after stops including Burbank, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo, the train arrives in Paso Robles at 4:21pm.

If you choose the train, I recommend you purchase the Business Class upgrade. Seating is roomier and it comes with a few goodies. Business class also gets you entrance to the first-class lounge in LA. In fun, and to mis-quote an old-time cowboy singer, "Happy Rails until we meet again".

Medicare Advantage...For Insurance Companies

Last year REACTA engaged in a major pushback against our health trust that was reviewing a consultant's recommendation to seriously consider moving into a Medicare Advantage plan. We were able to tell our story using real life examples from retirees about how this move would negatively impact their health care. There was also a pushback from labor trustees about the false promises contained in the consultant's report. Since last April there has been further evidence from national studies about the impact of Medicare Advantage which is, in reality, the privatization of Medicare! I suggest you check out the following links to get a better understanding of why we want nothing to do with Medicare Advantage plans.

www.rawstory.com/medicare-advantage/

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2022/4/30/2095060/-Get-Medicare-No-to-Medicare-Advantage-It-s-perfume-covered-doo-doo-that-ll-bankrupt-or-kill-you>

Update on By-Laws Changes

At our Annual Meeting, your REACTA officers will be recommending changes in our By-Laws. The By-Laws Review Committee forwarded their suggestions and many are included in the document you will receive at the meeting. The actual vote on the new By-Laws will be conducted as part of the mail-in vote for officers. Ballots will be sent to all members in late October. Thanks to committee members Susan Midori Jones, Ernie Ciarrocchi, Lloyd Roberts, and Don Taylor.