

REACTA HOT TOPICS

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Purchasing Power Adjustments

REACTA is making a strong effort to ensure that retirees eligible for a Purchasing Power Adjustment receive it in a timely manner. In previous years eligible retirees had to wait as long as six months for this adjustment. In January our Pension and Benefits Oversight Committee chair Bill Empey contacted the trust and was assured that the adjustment would be made by the end of January and would appear in checks in February. The trust would not provide a list of recipients to REACTA, citing confidentiality requirements. Bill and his committee will contact previously known recipients to determine if the adjustment was received. **IF YOU PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A PPA PLEASE LET ME KNOW!** This will make it easier for REACTA to make sure those entitled to a PPA receive it this month. This topic will also be discussed at future meetings with leader of CSO, CAS and CTA Management.

One of the main purposes of REACTA is to protect the retirement benefits of our retirees. Your leaders will continue our effort to make sure our trust provides a PPA to those so entitled.

REACTA Scholarship Fund Application

The deadline for mailing your completed application for a REACTA Scholarship is February 28. We will award up to three scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each to students currently attending or planning to register for an accredited degree granting institution or college. You may download a copy of the application packet by going to the REACTA website, www.reacta.org. The application is also available on the REACTA Facebook page or may be obtained by emailing Scholarship Committee Chair Marla Reyes at marlaed@earthlink.com.

Membership Committee Update

The REACTA Membership Committee under the leadership of Robin Rose continues their outstanding work recruiting members. As of February 4, we have 326 members. Twenty-three new members have joined since our meeting in Cambria. Thanks for your fine work!!

Political Action Note!

CTA has endorsed Gavin Newsom for Governor and Tony Thurmond for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. We will have more information as it gets closer to election. Both candidates will be on the June 2018 Primary Ballot.

REACTA Leaders Plan Meetings with CAS, CSO and CTA Management

REACTA leaders have scheduled a meeting with the presidents of CAS and CSO on Thursday, March 1 in the Sacramento area. We are also meeting with Jim Schlotz, CTA Management Liaison to REACTA, on Friday, March 2 in Ontario. We will discuss issues such as the need for liaisons to the Pension Trust and Health Trust, Upcoming CTA political activity and providing better access to current CTA employees who are not familiar with REACTA.

Political Education Committee

At our Annual Meeting in October, REACTA members approved the creation of a Political Education Committee. This committee will be responsible for informing our members about political recommendations made by CTA. In addition, the committee will connect our members who want to volunteer for political campaigns with the appropriate CTA field office. Conrad Ohlson will be chair of the committee and is recruiting REACTA members who wish to help. If you are interested, let me know and I will forward your name to Conrad.

REACTOR Editor Appointed

Margaret Wallace has been appointed as editor of REACTOR. The next issue should be published in March. Any suggestions for articles should be emailed to Margaret at marwall@aol.com.

REACTA Spring Luncheons

REACTA Spring Luncheons are being planned. Please save the date of May 7 for the Region 2 luncheon in Fresno and May 22 for the Region 4 luncheon in Temecula. More information will follow about luncheons in Regions 1 and 3. We are also looking at organizing a luncheon in the Sacramento area.

Retirement

Congratulations to David Souza, CTA Headquarters, on his retirement!

Save October 1-3 for REACTA Annual Reunion and Meeting at Cambria Pines Lodge.