

**JJCAA Insurance Committee Meeting  
October 22, 2012**

**Members Present:** Pat Neff, John Peterson, Curt Hieggelke, Maureen Peterson, Sandy Hopper, and Jerry Zeborowski

**Call to Order:** Chairman John Peterson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:35 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Pat Neff and seconded by Mo Peterson. The motion passed.

**Meeting Cancellation:** John announced that the scheduled December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting would be cancelled in that no action is expected **until** the legislature is back in session in January.

**SB 1673:**

- John reviewed the provisions of SB 1673—a choice of—(a) taking CIP and a reduced COLA (lesser of 3% simple interest or ½ of the CPI at simple interest or (b) taking a 3% compounded COLA and no CIP. See CIP vs. COLA spreadsheet on pages 525-527.
- John reviewed the Excel spreadsheet prepared by MVCCAA to assist annuitant's in calculating the benefits of the 3% compounded COLA in real number examples. Annuitants may plug in their individualized situation at the following web-site. <http://mvccaa.morainevalley.edu/cola-worksheet>. In order to use the web-site, you must have Excel software.
- In making a decision on (a) or (b) above, annuitants should also check out their insurance costs options including dental, vision, and drug coverage.
- Curt indicated that if the constitutional amendment passes, our COLA could be declared nonexistent, so we wouldn't have a choice as outlined in SB 1673.

**HJRCA 49:**

- SUAA generated post-card urging a “No” vote—(a) CA 49 does nothing to aid pension debt or the normal cost of pension funding (b) Passage of CA 49 will require a 3/5 vote for pension decisions affecting all 7,000 units of local government and (c) Passage of CA 49 will likely increase the volume of litigation, and this means higher costs for all involved.
- CA 49 has nothing to do with correcting pension abuses that currently exist. These abuses can be corrected without a constitutional amendment.
- Curt indicated that the constitutional amendment should affect anyone working under a multiple-year contract. He questioned where current employees stand on the issue. Mike Maier responded that he hadn't heard the issue being addressed around campus even though he has 3 clerical and 2 support staff employees in his area.
- Achieving a 60% agreement on pension increases from school boards will probably be difficult to achieve.

**Update on SUAA Fall Meeting:**

- Pat Neff and Jerry Lewis represented JJCAA at the meeting which was attended by 110 participants from 34 colleges/universities.
- Need for increased membership continues to be a priority
- Proposed dues increase of \$5
- JJCAA newsletter was praised

**Old/New Business:**

- John suggested that the legislative committee meet with union representatives, including contacting Dick Manley, as he heads the second largest AFT group in the state.
- Pat Neff reported that she has contacted candidates Natalie Manley and Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant in an effort to arrange legislative visits.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Curt Hieggelke and seconded by Mo Peterson. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:22 p.m.