

***SAN ANTONIO FIRE AND POLICE  
PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES  
OF  
October 11, 2011  
By Earnest D. Gay, Recording Secretary***

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by President Mike Trainer

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Our invocation was lead by Vic Abate, which was followed by our Sergeant at arms, Jose Flores, leading the members in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

All board members were present for the October 2011 meeting; Our Parliamentarian was excused for the October Meeting.

President	Mike Trainer - present
Vice President	James Baer – present
Recording Secretary	Earnest Gay - present
Treasurer	Jo Ann Dickinson – present
Corresponding Secretary Fire	Sabino Briseno - present
Corresponding Secretary Police	Bill Turner - present
Sergeant at arms	Joe Flores Sr – present
Parliamentarian – appointed	Mary Holub -- excused

**SPEAKERS FOR THE MONTH**

President Trainer introduced our Insurance representatives as our speakers for October. James Bounds from our Pre-fund Health gave a short explanation of benefits and announced the annual meeting this year will be held at the Alzafar Shrine on 1604 on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The change for the upcoming year will be our PPO changing from Texas True Choice to PHCS (Private Healthcare Systems) which is part of Multiplan and will now be our PPO. Beginning 01-01-2012 providers must belong to PHCS or Multiplan to be considered “in network”. This change is not a choice by the Health Fund as TTC was acquired by the Multiplan network and will be only a Medicaid provider beginning 01-01-2012. New benefits cards will be issued prior to 01-01-2012 and will be valid on that date. Multiplan / PHCS are currently working on getting the providers in TTC into the new Multiplan / PHCS PPO network. For our pre-89ers, Ted Raider from Humana and Pat Atkins (Employee Benefits Administrator for the city of San Antonio Ph# 207-4511) explained that the open enrollment will be from October 24<sup>th</sup> thru November 16<sup>th</sup> this year and if you want to make any changes to the plan you now have it must be done during that period. The main change for the city is they will now allow for domestic partners to be covered whether the same or opposite sex. The city

will now have a vision plan available and information will be included in the packet which will be sent out soon and explained at one of the open enrollment fairs conducted by the city. It was explained that you do not have to do anything if you do not wish to change any of your coverage. Doris Hurtado from QCD Dental /Vision gave us updates and explanations of our benefits on the different plans QCD offers to the retirees and noted the greatest benefit this year was no increase in premiums. Doris also brought 4 \$25 Visa gift cards to add to our door prizes.

## **REPORTS of OFFICERS**

### **Recording Secretary**

The minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting were read by me. There was one date correction to be made.

### **Treasurer**

Jo Ann reported that our Profit and Loss sheet shows we had income of \$1,538.41, expenses of \$2,822.23 which gives us a net income for September of -\$1,283.82. This report reflects expenses that have incurred for the Luncheon (mail out and advance for food) and Jo Ann will give a detailed expense report for the luncheon at the November Meeting. Our Balance sheet shows we have a fund balance of \$58,306.07 which is +\$1,908.49 YTD. The Fidelity account was down again for September.

### **Corresponding Secretary – Fire**

Breezy reported that he sent out 2 get well chard and 4 sympathy cards during the previous month. Breezy also reported on the wife of a retiree who passed away in New Mexico but the services were still pending. Breezy also sent out 6 invitations to recent retirees to join our association. [Breezy's report is attached.](#)

### **Corresponding Secretary – Police**

Bill had no deaths or illnesses to report for the previous month. Bill sent out 3 invitations to join our association. [Bills Report is attached.](#)

## **REPORTS of COMMITTEES**

### **Nominating Committee**

Curtis reported that the Nominating committee nominates the following candidates for the 2012 executive board that will be voted on at the November meeting.

President -----	Mike Trainer
Vice President -----	James Baer
Recording Secretary -----	Earnest Gay
Treasurer -----	Jo Ann Dickinson
Coor. Sec. Fire -----	Sabino Briseno
Coor. Sec. Police -----	Bill Turner
Sgt-at-Arms -----	Joe Flores

There were no other members indicating an interest to serve as an Officer at the October meeting.

### **Legislative Committee**

Curtis reported on several issues including Ohio Firefighters and Public Employees needing donations for their November Referendum to attempt to get their collective bargaining rights back. Curtis passed the boot for the collection of donations we will send to them. Curtis also updated us on local and state organizations and the actions, views and goals they have demonstrated during the past month. Curtis announced at the end of the meeting that we had raised \$124 to send to Ohio and we would deposit the money and Jo Ann will write a check to send to them.

### **Pension Fund Committee**

Harry Griffin reported that the fund was at 2.037 billion as of the 10<sup>th</sup>. We were up for the fiscal year approx. 4.7% and we will not know the exact % until near the end of the year.

Harry took questions from the floor and it was asked how many pensions the fund pays out each month. Harry explained that there are about 2200 pensions to retirees, widows and dependants. There was also a question about the C.O.L.A. for the year and that will not be determined until the middle of January when the government releases the CPI for 2011.

### **Pre-Funded Health Insurance Committee**

Henry reported that the fund was at \$205,932,689.33 which is up 5.23% YTD. The Health fund meeting is set for November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Alzafar Shrine on 1604 at 10am. Changes to our policy and 2012 enrollment forms will be available at that meeting. This year there will be only the one meeting since there is ample parking available.

Mike spoke on the air ambulance and advises that we can sign up on line or by sending in our membership directly to air life. They will probably collect the \$49 annual fee then convert us over to a 5 year membership once 100 members have joined.

Mike also reported on the PAC and its formation. Mike informed us that there will need to be amendments made to our bylaws to allow for the PAC and he will introduce those at the November meeting after the board discusses the issue. Mike has contacted several members to be on the PAC committee but not all of these members have confirmed they will serve on the PAC committee as of the October meeting.

### **GOOD and WELFARE / OPEN FORUM**

Vice President Baer asked if the members of the Pension Board staff wished to be included in our air life membership that they should be able to do so. Mike extended membership offers to the Fund staff as well as to the Health Fund staff.

### **DOOR PRIZES**

There were 48 in attendance for the October meeting and we awarded 6 door prizes of \$10 each to six of the members present. There were also 4 \$25 gift cards donated for

door prizes by QCD. Door prize winners were Bill Lambrides, Curtis Franz, Abel Juarez, Mary Lou Trevino, Bill Brown and Gwen Abate. Winners of the gift cards were Roger Atchley, Alice Juarez, Joe P Saldivar and Richard Martinez.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

After the door prizes were given, President Trainer adjourned the meeting without opposition.

### **ABREVIATED WELLNESS REPORTS**

#### **Police:**

Bill Turner reported there were no deaths or illnesses among our members during the past month.

#### **Fire**

Breezy reported on the following members during the past month.

Charles Havel passed on 10-06-2011 at the age of 82

Alex Bock had by-pass surgery on 09-23-2011 and is now @ home recovering