

Meeting minutes, Wednesday April 2, 2014

Agenda:

*** Treasurer' s Report and annual audit:** Dale presented the 1st quarter report ended 3/31/2014. Dale advised that a payment was made to CRA for 201 members at \$3.00 per head; since payment was made, 3 more members paid their dues. An additional payment will be made at a later date for these members.

***Dental plan status:** Gary will put a reminder in the lunch invite to enroll in the Met Life dental program.

*** Free Membership offer and possible bulk mailing:** Dale advised that CRA wants to know how many “ free” members we took in for 2014; the answer is none to date. We had a few in 2013 but it was after the date we submitted our payment to CRA. Steve advised that he has received a new listing of new retirees from CRA. Gary advised that we have about 80 inactive members that we could try and encourage to renew their membership. Gary will update our master file to include in actives to highlight. Steve advised that we may want to consider a mass mailing as we did in the past. Gary advised that we had very little success in the past and that if we do a mass mailing, it would need to be a joint effort among the Board. Steve said he would send the list to Gary.

***CRA Mid-Year Meeting Review:** Steve advised that the CRA meeting occurred in January. Other Chapters just started auditing their financial; it was always in our Constitution . CRA tried to determine what it will look like in 2020 and 2030. We currently have 90 chapters; it is estimated that there will be 70 in 2020 and 30 in 2030. The trend will be to merge chapters. The commonality is that we will all be retirees. The next Houston meeting will be in 2019. Next meeting will be in Tulsa in May.

***May 7th Meeting and Speaker:** Wylie has secured Julie Wellner, professor at U of H, to talk at our May lunch. Her topic will be the Antarctica. It was discussed that because our meeting will be near Mother' s Day, Dale will purchase a couple dozen roses to hand out to the Mothers attending the lunch. Dale will buy two gift cards to be gifted at our lunch.

***September 17 Meeting and Speaker:** Steve (Chevron – current operations in the Gulf of Mexico) agreed to investigate an industry related speaker. Gary agreed to contact the Sugar Land Police Department for an alternate speaker. Ann agreed to contact the Greater Houston Partnership and Emily Pickrell with the Houston Chronicle. Ann will ask her to put her in touch with the Nigerian student she mentioned in her article.

Coordination of September Mtg. with Texaco and communication with membership: We are still planning on having a joint meeting with the Texaco Houston area chapter at RBCC in September. Steve and Dale will meet with their counterparts to discuss details sometime in late July. The Texaco group suggested having a Chevron speaker (Joanne Bard). Texaco usually draws around 40 members for lunch.

***Next meeting: It was agreed by all to send Steve potential dates for a next meeting in July.**