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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1600 K Street, Sacramento CA (Conference Rooms A&B)

July 28-29, 2004

- I. Call to Order: The general meeting of the Triple A Council of California (TACC) was called to order by President William Hollabaugh at 8:45 am, July 28, 2004
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call – A Quorum was established, those present were:

✓	PSA 1	Victoria Onstine	✓	PSA 18	Donald Hunt
	PSA 2	Suzanne Rossi	✓	PSA 19	Patricia Wilson
	PSA 3	Gail Locke	✓	PSA 20	David Wilder
✓	PSA 4	Don Mabon		PSA 21	Barbara Affolter
	PSA 5	Joanne Weber		PSA 22	Tom Murray
✓	PSA 6	Bill Hollabaugh, Alt.	✓	PSA 23	Doris Payne
✓	PSA 7	Gerald Sharrock		PSA 24	Pat Dorsey
✓	PSA 8	Arline Elliott	✓	PSA 25	Ed Woods
	PSA 9	Charles McLain		PSA 26	Marilyn Johnson
✓	PSA 10	Anne Mack	✓	PSA 26	Past President Roberta King
	PSA 11	Dean Morris		PSA 27	Bob Marshall
✓	PSA 12	Havard Staggs	✓	PSA 28	Richard Lundin
✓	PSA 13	Bud Winslow		PSA 29	Earl Tice
	PSA 14	Dale Johnson		PSA 30	Billie Taylor
✓	PSA 15	Lonnie Tealer	✓	PSA 31	Joe Cox
	PSA 16	Irwin Heit	✓	PSA 32	Nancy Dolton
	PSA 17	Patricia Gammel	✓	PSA 33	Margaret Mooney

IV. Introductions, Announcements

Don Mabon (PSA 4), Patricia Wilson (PSA 19), and Arline Elliott (PSA 8) introduced as new members of TACC, Carla Hett Smith as Interim Executive Director of CCoA, Sharon Jenkins as staff support and main contact for TACC, and Mike Sheffield, Assistant in Technology. Sharon Jenkins distributed travel expense forms, name badge and card forms, and reminded all members that driver authorization forms must be done yearly. President Hollabaugh distributed copies of the Bagley-Keene Act for member education and use in state meetings. To be filed in TACC manual Sec. 12.

V. Motion to Approve Agenda Cox/Winslow Unanimous

Request made that future agendas include more narrative detail when ACTION is indicated. Clarification: Agendas need to be published 10 days in advance, action items cannot be added unless an urgent issue, but the order of the agenda can be rearranged.

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- VI. Motion to approve Minutes of May 7, 2004 Winslow/Staggs Approved with Mabon and Wilson abstaining.
- VII. Correspondence No correspondence received.
- VIII. Financial Report – Joe Cox Treasurer
Written financial report reviewed. Contributions @\$7000 to date, down from last year. Reminder that it is not too late to contribute to California Special Fund.
Operating expenses are \$16723 total; budget has @\$38,000 left for the year.
Jack Horak fund has \$1414 minus expenses expected from C4A conference.
Some travel expenses have been taken out of the Special Fund as agreed.
- IX. Carla Hett Smith, Interim Executive Director, CCoA Report
Sandi Fitzpatrick, current Executive Director of A1AA, has accepted the position of Executive Director of CCoA. She will begin as of August 23.
New staff in CCoA office: Sharon Jenkins and Benita Briones.
Update on AB 1994, Separation of CCoA and CSL: Has been moved to the Senate floor, will go from there back to the Assembly where it will be awaiting concurrence.
Prediction is both organizations will emerge stronger with many opportunities for partnership development. Discussion on how or if the separation will affect the budget for CCoA and TACC, i.e. will TACC's share of overhead expenses increase? At this point there is no discussion of TACC's expenses increasing.
State Budget: Still not passed.
California Performance Review: Final report not released yet. Concern that CCoA and CDA will be affected.
CCoA Standing Committees:
- LRSPA – 12 task teams established addressing the different focus areas.
Mike Sheffield gave presentation on the Assistive Technology Task Team. The first meeting will be held next week. First recommendation is for each Area Agency to have an Assistive Technology Advocate. Focus is to expand assistive technology, utilizing a full range of options from low tech to high, from canes to computers. The task team has 9 members and is looking for volunteers. The team's report is due February/March 2005. If interested, contact Mike at msheffield@caltec.com
 - White House Conference on Aging – Date set of October 23-26, 2005 CCoA has offered to take the lead in California for planning. Is waiting to hear from the Governor's office if the offer has been accepted. Will then begin meeting and prioritizing efforts.
 - Older Californians Act – State Plan on Aging Report is due to the federal Administration on Aging next summer. CDA is working on guidance to the local AAA's for the next Area Plan.
- X. Discussion of TACC Manual – Request made to include a copy of the Brown Act in the manual for reference re: local area meetings.
Reminder that the manual is to get passed to the next TACC member.
Discussion of TACC membership – State regulations state only the Council Chair is eligible for TACC while TACC bylaws state may designate an alternate. This is a potential conflict. Motion to refer issue to Legislation Committee for study on feasibility of proposing a change in state statute, and report back to membership the potential pros and cons along with a recommendation. Cox/Winslow Unanimous consensus.

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XI. Allison Ruff, Principal Consultant to the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care chaired by Assembly member Patty Berg. "Advocacy from the Legislator's Perspective"

Review of handout, The Older Americans Act: A Mandate for Advocacy.

Additional Comments and Suggestions:

Do focus on educating legislators. Many or most have little real awareness of what local programs do. Taking legislators on tours is an effective method.

Do talk to legislator's staff, as they do much of the data gathering.

Prepare non-partisan analysis of legislation.

When planning visits or meetings, don't pick August. Legislators are trying to wrap up.

Be brief. Plan on having 15 minutes. You will be able to cover only 3 major points.

By the time an issue has come to public hearing legislators will listen to testimony however chances are they have already read the analysis and have pretty firm opinions. You need to get them information before that point.

Legislator Days are good, however consistent follow-up after the day is what counts.

Upcoming "Big" Legislation topics/issues:

S. Kuehl's Universal Health Care bill will be back next year.

P Berg's legislative Master Plan

If Dept of Finance finds any bill will cost more than \$150 thousand from any source the bill will go into a suspense file due to budget issues.

If TACC members wish an update on a specific piece of legislation, Allison will research it and get back to you.

XII. Dixon Arnett, Adjunct Professor of Gerontology at San Diego State University
Highlights from Workshop: Tactics for Effective Advocacy

"The Boomers are Coming, Are We Prepared?"

Gerontology gives a valuable view for advocacy as it focuses on the individual and why they behave the way they do. Baby Boomers (BB's) are marching and won't care who is the governor. Our current efforts towards structure, legislation, and financial resources are important, and advocacy addresses the next step of what legacy we will be leaving.

Data is increasingly important for future planning. If your AAA is near a college or university establish a relationship if you do not already have one; utilize their statisticians.

Compiling information on individual's experiences on what worked and what didn't work into an easily retrieved data base will enable us to track the long term effects of a particular action and help us identify new and/or changing needs. Example: The Older Americans Act emphasized promoting independence of the individual. We may have done our job too well, and now we appear to have increasing numbers of isolated depressed persons living in individual homes.

The OAA is the first time advocacy was written into law, and is specific to Advisory Councils.

Points to ponder when planning advocacy activities:

- Average age of legislators is now 30-40's. They may not be able to relate to senior issues, however someone in that person's "world" (family, etc.) can relate. Find that someone and they can talk for you.
- Speak to service clubs. The object is to spark awareness in 1-2 people. Find those individuals and follow up with them, creating a ripple effect.
- Take advantage of media opportunities. A relatively small "human interest" piece may trigger a bigger article or feature.
- Make the effort to create an advocacy Strategic Plan.

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- Relying on the same volunteer faces for advocacy over and over can be a weakness. Fresh faces and voices can trigger renewed interest.

XIII. Older Adult Traffic & Safety Task Force Report - Roberta King PSA 26

Meeting held in April.

Outcomes from ASA Conference in San Francisco:

- Increase training for and the number of occupational therapists (OTs) who do driver assessment and rehabilitation
- Develop online training for OTs on their AOTA website for this fall

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging:

- NHTSA grant to enhance role of AAA in addressing older drivers
- Developing a guide book on Community-based older driver safety strategies and a web-based clearing house
- Identify AAA leaders on older driver education and awareness who can provide training to other AAAs to implement such efforts

American Society on Aging:

- Will have three webinars on transportation online this summer- the focus on driving and dementia, medication and driving, and transportation options
- Develop Driving Wellness web-based module with CDC on prevention

At this time there is no legislation that will limit driving based on age.

XIV. TACC Member Orientation Ad Hoc Committee –

Work on the power point orientation presentation is continuing.

Focus is threefold: What TACC is, where you fit, and what you are expected to bring back to your PSA.

Draft #1 is completed. Need suggestions for appropriate cartoon illustrations and volunteers to review and critique content.

Discussion held on how to best utilize the presentation. Ideas include orientation at TACC meetings, program learning for local PSA's, presentation to outside groups.

PLAN: Send hard copy of PowerPoint screens to all TACC members, email to those who want that format. All members to send their thoughts, ideas, and potential illustrations.

XV. California Senior Legislature Report – Ed Woods

Work continuing on separation from CCoA.

The 24th CSL session will be held Oct 18-Oct 21. A press conference is planned for Oct. 22

XVI. California Commission on Aging Report – Nancy Dolton

The Commission had 14 applications for Executive Director to screen and interview.

Commissioners and CCoA staff are looking forward to working with Sandi Fitzpatrick.

CCoA will alert TACC members quickly if anything in the final budget appears challenging to aging programs.

XVII. Committee Reports

Legislation Committee – Chair: Havard Staggs

Discussion held on how to carry out assignment to study State Statute TACC Membership Regulations. Bagley-Keene Act allows the committee to gather information freely; discussion must be held in a public forum, can be by teleconference or in person, not by email. Discussions must be handled as a meeting, agendized and announced in advance.

The committee considered the following bills and made recommendations as noted:

Support:

AB 2351	Mobile Home Parks Approved: 16, Abstentions: Dolton, Wilder, Payne	Staggs/Mack
AB 2474	Elder and Dependent Financial Abuse Reporting – currently suspended in Senate Appropriations Committee Approved: 16, Abstentions: Dolton, Wilder, Payne	Staggs/Woods
AB 2536	Building Accessibility for Hotel/Motels Approved: 16, Abstentions: Dolton, Wilder, Payne	Staggs/Mack
AB 2791	Health Facilities Training on Abuse Reporting Approved: 16, Abstentions: Dolton, Wilder, Payne	Staggs/Mooney
SB 740	Mobile Home parks First Right of Refusal on Sale Approved: 16, Abstentions: Dolton, Wilder, Payne	Staggs/Mack
SB 1644	Elder Death Review- Support with letter urging stronger language Approved: 16, Abstentions: Dolton, Wilder, Payne	Staggs/Hunt/Onstine
SBJR 71	Veterans Health Care Category 8 Benefits Restored- Is currently on the Governor's desk for signature. Send letter of support Approved: 17, Abstentions: Dolton, Payne	Wilder/Mooney

Discussion on why CCoA appears to actively oppose 4 of the 5 bills sponsored by CSL. Nancy Dolton states CCoA wants to actively partner with CSL, while at the same time CCoA must fulfill its mandate to evaluate and decide on bills independently. Suggestion is made for CSL to request more time on CCoA agenda to present information.

SB910 LRSPA Monitoring Update Committee- Chair: Don Hunt

Reviewed progress on SB910, and formation of Task Teams. Team report is due by February of 2005. Committee Chair Don Hunt will inform all TACC members of TT meetings and TACC members are requested to inform their respective AAA's.

Suggestion made that TACC appoint a member to each TT. No action taken.

Emphasis made that this issue is important, as...

"We don't know the future, but the future is ours to make."

Older Californians Act Implementation Committee – Chair: Roberta King
Committee did not meet.

White House Conference on Aging Committee – Chair: Bill Hollabaugh
Committee did not meet. July 19 announcement presented setting the date for October CA process of delegate selection to be determined, last WHCOA was by Gov. appointment. CCoA is working with the CA representative to the Federal Policy Committee.

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A WHCOA website is under construction. We will have more information soon.

XVIII. Reports From Planning and Service Areas (PSA's):

Written and oral reports presented from PSA 1, 4, 8, 10, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 33

Guidelines for reports: Items helpful to other PSA's, and accomplishments of note.

XVIII. Annual Election of Officers

Nominating Committee Report – Original slate was amended due to Don Owen expired and Mattye Fegan-Perry no longer on her Advisory Council.

Amended Slate presented as follows:

- President Joe Cox
- Vice President Billie Taylor
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary Victoria Onstine
- Member at Large Leonard Smith

Nominations from the Floor presented and nominations closed as follows:

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| • President | Bill Hollabaugh | Motion to Close: |
| • Vice President | Havard Staggs | Staggs/Winslow |
| • Treasurer | Joe Cox | Wilder/Mack |
| | Barbara Affolter | Winslow/Mooney |
| • Recording Secretary | Victoria Onstine | Wilder/Staggs (Acclamation) |
| • Member at Large | Arline Elliott | Staggs/Wilder |
| | Don Hunt | |

The following were elected on the first ballot:

- President Bill Hollabaugh
- Vice President Havard Staggs
- Treasurer Joe Cox
- Recording Secretary Victoria Onstine – elected by acclamation
- Member at Large Don Hunt

XIX. Annual Election of Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Report – Margaret Mooney and Charles McLain

Nominations from the Floor – David Wilder

Motion to close nominations and elect the above three members to the Nominating Committee: Winslow/Payne Unanimous vote.

XX. New Business

Discussion/Information on Resources Available in Times of Disaster:

David Wilder reported on a recent meeting with Office of Emergency Services. The OES has resources available under Homeland Security to develop programs and services. An example: Reverse 911 – Notification of a state of emergency can go out to the public via a telephone “911” call in reverse.

Independent Living Centers in San Bernardino County are working on training and registering public transportation licensed officials as first responders. During the wildfires last year public transit drivers successfully evacuated residents by making “caravan” trips up into the affected areas and back using their knowledge of the area and resident’s needs.

Request made by TACC for CCoA to become actively involved with OES in having seniors involved in OES planning. It was noted in past disasters in San Bernardino and San Diego that assumptions were made that seniors and the disabled were being taken care of by the aging network and the ILC’s.

Other resources and concerns:

The Office of Economic Opportunity’s Community Action Agencies are still around and can assist poverty level seniors with disaster relief and assistance with living issues. Local offices of Disaster planning need to be aware that cable TV can make news broadcasts less useful for emergency awareness. The news may come from far away and not include instructions to evacuate a local area.

The disabled community has concerns that during a state of emergency there could be accidental release of identifying information, which could put them at risk.

“Routine” emergency supplies are often difficult to maintain. Examples: Insurance or lack of funds limit having medications on hand. Emergency supplies of food and cash can count against eligibility for IHSS or food assistance.

State exemptions are needed to address such issues

XXI. Public Comments

President Hollabaugh congratulated all PSA’s present on the work and fruitful discussions held during this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn Thursday, July 29, 2004 at 11:45 am Lundin/Staggs

Next Meetings:	September 22-23, 2004	Sacramento
	November 17-19, 2004	Newport Beach
	January 26-27, 2005	Sacramento

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Onstine, Recording Secretary

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