

I. Call to order: The general meeting of the Triple-A Council of California (TACC) was called to order by President Havard Staggs at 8:34 a.m., November 17, 2005.

II. Pledge of Allegiance
(NOTE: I don't have anything in my notes – I think it's because we didn't have a flag.)

III. Roll Call: A quorum was established. Those present were:

PSA 1 Thea Gast	PSA 18 Arnold Robles, Don Hunt – Alternate
PSA 5 Jo Anne Weber - Alternate	PSA 19 Peter J. McGrath
PSA 7 Joanna K. Kim-Selby - Alternate	PSA 20 David Wilder
PSA 9 Charles McLain	PSA 21 Barbara Affolter
PSA 10 Anne M. Mack - Alternate	PSA 22 Dee Erman
PSA 12 Joan Bowen, Havard Staggs - Alternate	PSA 23 Jonann Siders – Alternate
PSA 13 George “Bud” Winslow	PSA 28 Richard Lundin, Rich – Broaddus
PSA 15 Suzann Wray, Leonard Smith - Alternate	PSA 32 Robert Petty
PSA 16 Kathryn Williams	

IV. Introductions
Guests present were Terry Sonnefeld from PSA 11 and Mae Brixy.

V. Approve Agenda: Moved by Selby, seconded by Robles: unanimous

VI. Approve Minutes of September 28-29, 2005: Thea Gast (PSA 1) correction to the PSA report “... thereof; ... brochure for those who no longer drive. Moved by Gast, seconded by Wilder to approve as corrected. Passed with 3 abstentions.

VII. Correspondence: None

VIII: Treasurer's Report: Due to the absence of the treasurer there was no report available.

IX. California Commission on Aging
Sandy Fitzpatrick, Executive Director reported on the following:
Budget: The budget appears to be in good shape; the carry over is not reflected in the statement provided. The tax check off was 14% above the previous year.
California Senior Legislature: The Governor attended this year, the 25th anniversary. Two urgency proposals were presented -- #24 to drop the threshold on the tax check off and indexing, and #20 to reduce the threshold and indexing as well as making changes to the election of CSL members at the AAA level. Proposal were presented to answer a concern that legislators would hear one voice, not three.
White House Conference on Aging: Trainings have been held, packets for the conference will be mailed mid-December. A California caucus is scheduled to delegates will present a common California view.
Commission on Aging: New members have been appointed by the Governor including three doctors, two of them with backgrounds in geriatrics. There is one open vacancy, and three commissioner's appointments are up now.
Senior Summit: Scheduled for May 2006

Commission on Aging: focusing on four areas – White House Conference on Aging (pre and post conference); continued monitoring of SB910; enhanced advocacy; and internal operations – clean up of website, etc.

- X. Legislative Committee Report: Discussed the following:
- education for TACC. Members were encouraged to look at the PSA rules regarding legislative advocacy
 - the top 10 state and top 4 federal CSL proposals were briefly explained and it was recommended that TACC not take any action until the proposals were actual bills
 - SB840 (Kuehl) is being carried over until next year
 - SB51 – regarding 60 day eviction notice, it needs to be extended but the statute ends before the legislature restarts
 - Dave Wilder is recruiting additional members for the legislative committee

Joanna Kim-Selby thanked TACC for their support of the Financial Elder Abuse bill (the Banker's Bill) requiring banks to be mandated reporters

- XI. SB910 Monitoring Update Committee:
- Don Hunt reported there had been no change since September. The Commission on Aging plans to reactivate some of the task teams and additional senior comment is desired. The Transportation task force is very active, based on the CSL proposal to establish a mobility council. An issue that has come up is requests by some transportation managers for money from AAA's to cover senior transportation – a violation of federal and state law.

- XII. California Foundation on Aging:
- Barbara Affolter reported that the foundation had not met for some time. The monies in the account were contributed by TACC, CSL and CCoA and had originally been used for specific senior-related projects by 5 PSA's. More donations are needed and Thank You notes need to be sent when donations are received.

XIII. PSA Reports

PSA 20 – Wilder reported there is a new AAA director with a bias against him. One of his issues is in the delivery of meals and contact with seniors.

After the break there was a discussion regarding a change of meeting dates in March/April/May due to the Coordinated Leadership Conference in April. It was decided that there would be a meeting in Mid-March and no meeting in May.

Continued PSA reports

PSA 11 – Sonnefeld reported there was a change in the spending practices

PSA 28 – Broaddus reported that senior menus have been prepared to meet an ethnic group in Napa County (Hispanic) and plans to meet the needs of the Philipino seniors in Solano County are underway.

PSA 7 – Kim-Selby reported on several activities occurring in the county:

- Acute Long Term Care Integration program
- Every Generation (on the web)
- Mobility equals independence conference – discussion on seniors driving as long as possible through auto design, maps, road signs, etc.
- Trying to link transportation through “gap” between services
- Received a transportation award for volunteer provides
- Have a liaison between the district and supervisors
- Stroke education campaign on public access television

PSA 22 – Erman reported the AAA will be having elections in January

PSA 9 – McLain reported they have been educating the board of supervisors on the needs for informing the community of available services and conducted a survey of the needs of senior caregivers of grandchildren. It was determined that children of seniors also needs information.

PSA 21 – Affolter reported that “quality life choices”, an intergenerational program is a response to economic/social/cultural disability and a forum is being planned by youth, boomers and seniors.

PSA 18 – Robles reported that on October 22 a Senior Summit was held with nearly 400 in attendance. Topics included medication, nutrition, finances. The University of California at Channel Island was a major supporter.

PSA 32 – Petty reported that they are focusing on health care, transportation and housing in the Monterey area.

PSA 1 – Gast reported that volunteers are stepping in to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas to low income housing residents, letters have been sent to PG&E regarding the closure of the business office and that letters written earlier regarding transportation reductions were successful in preventing some cutbacks.

PSA 19 – Peter McGrath reported that the County of Los Angeles partnered with the AAA for a health event, and that they are developing a “What is AAA?” brochure

PSA 10 – Mack reported they have a pilot transportation with outreach (doctor’s visits, shopping, etc.) Emergency services are being developed for those whose IHSS worker doesn’t show. Also looking at low cost senior housing

PSA 20 – Wilder reported that over 2000 persons attended a Senior Day, there is no allowance for “reader services” by an IHSS worker when a visually disabled person

needs such help, HCD has been mandated to establish a universal design concept, and Independent Living Centers have two grants – one to examine Medical services and one to create a web based resource center for local programs for the disabled

PSA 22 – Dee Erman reported that there is concern about the number of apartments being converted to condominiums (mostly eastern county), a county geriatric hospital is scheduled to open in 2007, Book & a Meal program delivers books home delivered meals – books are free and no penalty for lateness, a Senior Summit will focus on hiring/working seniors

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Wilder; second by McGrath
Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm

Submitted by Kathryn Williams