



# The Short of It

## PPOACCC Quarterly Newsletter

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### Check it out!

- ▶ *Retirement Battle*
- ▶ *Senator DeSaulnier Crab Feed*
- ▶ *This and That*

### Mark your calendar!

- ✓ Membership Meeting  
May 1, 2013  
@ the DSA Hall

### Questions or Concerns?

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### Lawsuit UPDATE

The PPOACCC Executive Board prepared the following summary regarding the pending lawsuit with information provided by Goyette & Associates, Inc., our representing law firm, and by other bargaining units involved in the suit.

A court hearing originally scheduled for February 20, 2013, was continued for one month. The continuance was granted primarily to allow the State time to officially intervene and, more importantly, to decide what they plan on doing regarding the various other suits in Merced, Alameda, Marin (maybe others?) that have similar legal questions. The Deputy Sheriffs Association's (DSA) attorney made a point to make known to the judge that the DSA will oppose an attempt to consolidate the claim on the argument that there are unique facts in Contra Costa County. He mentioned that Contra Costa disseminated pamphlets and information about retirement calculations unique to our county. The judge reiterated his prior position; he wants to expedite this matter as he realizes that it will be appealed to a higher court regardless of his decision.

It has not been determined whether consolidation of our lawsuit with surrounding counties would help or hurt the our Association. On one hand, keeping the case in Contra Costa allows for more direct involvement, opposed to if we were one of many associations, in several counties. However, the downside of several

separate cases happening simultaneously is that there may be contradictory decisions, which may not support the PPOACCC's interests. There is also a likelihood the legal question will be decided in a consolidated manner upon appeal anyway.

Beyond the consolidation issue and the role of the State in this case, there is still a lingering question of practical considerations such as, in what way and how much will each party participate in the lawsuit. Who will draft and circulate motions? Hopefully some of the logistics will be worked out at the March 20, 2013, hearing.

Needless to say, as in most legal battles, this one will likely not come to a quick resolution. There are lots of government employees state wide that will be directly impacted the decision in this case. It appears that some Contra Costa County Probation employees have not left their retirement in the hands of lawmakers, judges and the outcome of this lawsuit, and are putting on their Hawaiian shirts and heading to the beach.

The PPOACCC will continue to provide updates to its members as information becomes available.

Update: The hearing was continued to March 26, 2013.

Edited by Mindy Jarrett and Rich Berkery

**Get  
the  
SCOOP!**



### General Membership Meeting

**May 1, 2013 @ 5:30 pm**

**at the DSA Hall, Martinez**

## This & That

*Did you know?*

Life insurance benefits are available to you through the County.

Your children are qualified for a policy of \$10,000.

For more information call 925-335-1740

Welcome to our new  
Probation Counselors!

**Congratulations to Krista Knapp and Kristen Scott on their provisional promotions to Probation Officer!**

A fond farewell to Joe Briseno, Pam Collinshill, Larry Lagano, Stacy McPherson, John Schooley and Joe Velez  
Enjoy your retirement!

Check out the PPOACCC website [www.ppoaccc.org](http://www.ppoaccc.org)!

## 'Tis the Season!

By Mindy Jarrett

We represented the PPOACCC well at this year's crab feed fundraiser for Senator Mark DeSaulnier. Not only did we impress with our turnout of 20, and our ability to power down the salad, crab and dessert, but with our moves on the dance floor! Robbyn-Nicole Livingston, Elisabeth Miller and Vera Ennis lined up for the Cupid Shuffle...there may have been a John Ebrahimi sighting on the dance floor too!

The annual event was held on February 1, 2013, at the Church of the Good Sheppard in Pitts-

burg. The crab feed is not just about enjoying an excessive amount of crab (but if it was a contest, I would have won!), it is a great venue for the PPOACCC to relay the concerns of its members to Senator DeSaulnier. In previous years, he has been very supportive of us and our issues during negotiations.

Pictured below left: Marlene Martinez, Vera Ennis, Andrea Brown and Leandre Williams

Pictured below right: Cristina Hernandez, Andrea Brown, Shanette Richardson, Robbyn-Nicole Livingston, VP of Counselors Cassandra Latula



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