

ACTIVE SENIORS, INC. (ASI)

100 Harvest Street
Salinas, CA 93901

Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2026

MINUTES

- 1) **Call to Order:** 1:08 P.M. **Whitlock**
- 2) **Roll Call:** President Whitlock, 1st VP Reynolds, 2nd VP Evans, Secretary Beck, Treasurer Higgins, Director of Finance McGregor, Luncheon Program Director Ruggieri, Activities Committee Chair Hirasuna, Safety Chair Piekarski, Director Mraule, (Director Doolittle-absent).
- 3) **Quorum present** **Beck**
Guests: Dwight Freedman (IT/Membership), Lionel Gill (Kitchen), Margaret Neal (Facility Use Chair), Jim Tripp (Webmaster), Donna Elder-Holifield (Sunshine Club Committee Chair), Prospective Board Members (2026): Dan Ipson, Kay Wallace, Laurie Gerletti; Karen Towle, JoAnn Reynolds, Tina England, Shirley Jones
- 4) **Approval BOD Minutes** December 4, 2025 (McGregor/2nd/Approved).
- 5) **Approval Amended * Agenda** January 8, 2026 (Beck/2nd/Approved).

6) OFFICERS REPORTS:

A) **President's Report**

Whitlock

- End of 2-Term President's Report, hard copy distributed: MSC, Member Communication, Physical Plant improvements, New Activities, Expansive Special Events, Volunteer and Board Recognition, Office and Organization Improvement, Policies and Procedures, Bylaws Amendment.
- Next Executive Committee Meeting 01.27.26 Focus Budget/Finance Transparency.
- Adoption of 2026 Master Calendar (Beck/2nd/Approved).
- All Federal Holidays, the ASI office will be closed but the Center can remain open for activities. (Beck/2nd/Approved).
- ASI President (2002-2004) Cliff Hilton has passed away.

B) **1st VP Report**

Reynolds

- Solar Back Gate Nightlight replaced and working.
- 2026 Standing Committees and Chairs: Food Distribution (Reynolds), Membership (Freedman), IT (Freedman), Kitchen (Gill), Luncheon Programs (Ruggieri), Maintenance (Doolittle), Member Assistance (Wallace), Newsletter (Niesen), Safety (Piekarski), Sunshine Club Committee (Elder-Holifield, Webmaster (Tripp), Tours (Piazza), Office Operations (Whitlock) (Beck/2nd/Approved).
- Recognition Ad Hoc Committees and Chairs 2026: Policies and Procedures (Beck), Member Recognition (Beck/Evans), ASI Logo/Branding (Reynolds), Healthy Snacks (Gaines), Transition Team (President/1st VP) (Evans/2nd/Approved).

C) **2nd VP Report**

Evans

- Deadline for Executive Committee Agenda items January 16, 2026.
- Expected 2026 Special Events: Summer Dance with DJ (August 22, 2026), Spring 2026 Safety Conference, Senior Resource Day (October 2026).
- *End of Service Interviews (for retiring Board and Transitioning Officers) being collected. Copies to Nominating Committee and to be shared with new Board Members and upcoming officers.

D) Secretary—no report

E) Treasurer—no report

Beck

Higgins

7) **Old Business**

Whitlock

- Copy Mat notified that only authorized to utilize Copy Mat are ASI President and /or ASI Newsletter editors (Niesen/Hirasuna).
- All other copy needs remain in-house.
- For Ukulele Club’s Song Books, Fifty (50) USB Flash Drives available for members to print at home.

8) **Special Officers Reports:**

A) Finance

McGregor

- 2025 Budget end of Year--increased income membership, donations, tours. Checking/Savings Accounts in the Black, Davidson Account \$554,374.
- Expanded Categories 2026 Projected Budget approved (**McGregor/2nd/Approved**).

B) Office Operations

Whitlock

- Chromebook Application “**ivolunteer**,” \$15.00/month, continues to offer on-line sign-ups for volunteers to work in the office.

C) Tours—absent

Piazza

9) **Committees/Activities**

A)Activities Committee Chair

Hirasuna

• **2025 Synopsis (hard copy distributed):**

- 2025 New Activities—Singing for the Brain, Card Play, Ping-Pong, Beginning Hula, Artful Escape; Cancelled Activities—Italian Cooking (March) and Ping-Pong (November).
- 2025 Sponsored Events—**06.14.25** Pancake Breakfast (raising funds for MAF), **06.27.25** ASI Volunteer Pizza and Beer, **08.09.25** Summer Dance with DJ (raising funds for MAF), **09.05.25** Activities’ Leaders Recognition,**09.27.25** Potluck Social,**10.03.25** Informational Session on Choking, **09.26.25** Drive Safe, Drive Well Program, **10.23.25** VNA Flu/Cold Shots, coinciding with Annual Resource Event **11.04.25** California Special Election Polling Site, **11.08.25** Craft Faire.**11.26.25** Friends Turkey Day

- New Member Handbook updated and **05.27.25** New member Orientation.
- Motion to Approve Change Hula Dancing: 9:30 AM – 10:45 A.M, 2nd & 4th Saturdays (**Hirasuna/2nd/Approved**).
- Motion to Approve Change Singing for the Brain 2:00 PM 3rd Thursday of the Month (**Hirasuna/2nd/Approved**).
- Presented Certificate of Appreciation from President Whitlock

B)Food Distribution

Freedman

- **400 Bags** given out in December
- Gerry Reynolds and Tina England to lead Food Drive in 2026
- Some members are proposing Delivery of Food Parcels to Shut ins. Referred to Executive Committee.

C) Membership

Freedman

- Current Membership 999
- 286 new members since January 1, 2025 (mostly by word-of-mouth)
- 2026 Membership Committee—Freedman, Hirasuna, Piconi, Mendoza, Towle, Tsukamoto

D) Information Technology

Freedman

- Patch cords re-ordered and 2nd Wi-Fi Router.

E) Kitchen-

Gill/Neal

- 2026 Lunch Menu presented
- noted approved Luncheon Fee increase for 2026 to \$15.00 (higher for Nov/Dec. as well).
- Recognition /ID New Members and securing seating at Luncheons for them.

F) Luncheon Program

Ruggieri

- Laura Ruggieri will continue to serve as Chair for 2026
- January Program—introduce new Board Members
- February Program-A Flying Lesson-McGregor

G) Maintenance

Neal for Doolittle

- Need more clip-on microphones for Activity Leaders (e.g. Chair Yoga, Zumba).

H) Membership Assistance

Wallace

- **Next MAF meeting 01.22.26 11:00 AM-Noon**
- Pilot Project on-going--MSC Wallet, Kiosk Sign-in, coordination.
- Anticipated donation to MAF forthcoming.

I) Newsletter

Freedman for Niesen

- Going forward, Newsletter editor George Niesen will use personal I-MAC (Pages) to create newsletter. Can change to Word Perfect or PDF format as needed.
- Copy Mat will continue to produce hard copies Newsletter for members without e-mail addresses and/ot overflow (approximately 80 copies).

J) *Safety

Piekarski

- **01.14.26** Next Safety Committee meeting.
- Pending Decision if Bathroom Emergency Signal should be battery-operated vs. hard-wired.
- All outstanding CPR/AED Certificates have been received by participants.

K) Sunshine Club Committee

Elder-Holifield

- Four (4) cards sent out past month. Second card signed by BOD for Robert Rossi collected.
- Committee expanded to Donna Elder-Holifield, Ellen Ho, Virginia Nadler, and Christine Higgins.

L) Webmaster

Tripp

- Pending Bylaws Amendments (awaiting General Membership approval at General Membership/Election/Luncheon, January 15, 2026) added to Webpage.

10) Adjournment:

2:23 P.M.

Whitlock

Motions Made:

Approval 12.40.25 minutes

Approval 01.08.26 amended agenda

Adoption 2026 Master Schedule

Adoption 2026 Major Federal Holidays to close ASI office. ASI still open for activities.

Ratification 2026 Standing Committees and Chairs

Appoint 2026 Ad Hoc Committees

Approval 2026 Budget

Approval Activity Changes: Hula Dancing 2nd & 4th Saturday, Singing for the Brain 3rd Thursday.

Respectfully Submitted

Original signed

Michael Beck, BOD Secretary 01.09.26

DOB Adopted Date: February 5, 2026