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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees holds its final meeting of the calendar year tonight at seven in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St. Trustees will elect a new board president, vice president, and secretary; consider approval of a raft of new board policies; and look at engaging Alliant as the new district benefits broker. Also on tap: \$202K in various consulting contracts and a long list of Measure A expenditures. The board won't return to the boardroom until Jan. 26.

Elsewhere:

*Island PFT reps Mary Shaugnessy and Maurice Jones welcomed some 30 CoA faculty members—including President Ed Jaramillo, longtime A-Tech instructor—to a Dec. 3 chapter meeting. Discussion ranged from ongoing contract talks to part-timer rights. Look for news about upcoming chapter meetings on the other campuses in early 2016.

*Spring scholarship season at the Peralta Colleges Foundation opens for students on Jan. 15, 2016. Michael Mills, former PFT president and current PCF board member, urges faculty to remind their students to explore scholarship opportunities on the foundation website. Contact PCF Executive Director Kevin Kosik at kkosik@peralta.edu for more information.

*PFT hosts its annual holiday party Th., Dec. 10, 3-5 p.m., at union HQ, 500 E. Eighth St., Ste. B, Oakland, just across the intersection from district A&R. Faculty, staff, administrators, and board members are all invited. Count on ample food, drink, and seasonal cheer. RSVP to union@pft1603.org or 510.783.8820. It's always Peralta's biggest and best shindig—don't miss it!

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