



MINUTES
REAO Board of Directors' Meeting
OCERS Hearing Room
2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
9:30 AM

I. Called to Order at 9:30 AM by REAO Co-President, Linda Robinson

Present: Doug Storm, Linda Robinson, Bill Castro, Larry Leaman, Rebecca Guider, Sara Ruckle Harms and John Iagjian. Also in attendance are Lou Scarpino and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Gaylan Harris, Tom Beckett, Jan Grimes

II. Executive Session called at 9:30 AM

A motion was made during the Executive Session for REAO to write an Amicus Brief in support of Vallejo Police Officers Association vs the City of Vallejo.

III. Execution Session adjourned at 9:40 AM

IV. Approval of Regular and Executive Minutes from March 2016

A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Rebecca Guider to approve the March 13 2016 REAO Board meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Rebecca Guider to accept the Executive Session minutes as written. Motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Reports

A. Operating Report for March 2016

Bill Castro presented the Operating Report for the month of March 2016.

Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Rebecca Guider to approve the Monthly Operating Report for March 2016. Motion carried.

B. Quarterly Report quarter ending 3-31-2016

Bill Castro presented the Quarterly Operating Report for the quarter of January through March 2016.

Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Larry Leaman to approve the Quarterly Operating Report for January - March 2016. Motion carried.

C. Retroactively approve reimbursement to Doug Storm for the purchase of locking storage cabinets for REAOC official records kept at OCERS.

Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Rebecca Guider to approve reimbursement to Doug Storm for the purchase of the storage cabinets. Motion carried.

D. Approve and accept REAOC audit for 2015

Bill Castro presented the REAOC audit for 2015 as prepared by Daniel Leonard.

Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Rebecca Guider to approve the REAOC audit for 2015. Motion carried.

E. Approve and accept REAOC Federal and State tax forms for 2015

Bill Castro presented the REAOC Federal and State taxes for 2015 as prepared by Daniel Leonard.

Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Rebecca Guider to approve the REAOC Federal and State tax forms for 2015. Motion carried.

VI. Website Update

Ilene Bárcenas reported that she received several comments at the Spring CRCEA Conference regarding our website and the great information we have on our site.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will update the membership numbers on the website.

VII. Meeting Reports

A. OCERS

In advance of the meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms sent a summary of the March 16, 2016 Investment-Energy Education Forum that she shared at the meeting. The STAR COLA was approved. The investment numbers are still down. Larry Leaman attended the Financial Update meeting and shared his notes in advance of this meeting. He stated that it is important to know that the monthly figures of the OCERS portfolio are not the full picture and he believes that the quarterly performance figures are more meaningful. Larry Leaman also stated that OCERS currently has 6% of their investments in energy; this will be increased to 10%.

B. CRCEA

Lou Scarpino reported that he attended the PRJ conference on behalf of REAOC. He sent notes from the conference to the Board. He summarized some of the highlights from the conference. He will be seeking information at the NCPERS conference regarding what is the new norm.

Linda Robinson, Doug Storm and Ilene Bárcenas attended the Spring CRCEA Conference. Several of the sessions were very good. One of the conference highlights was a presentation by Dr. Kumar, the Director of the Heart Center in Bakersfield, related to complications to the legs/feet due to diabetes. He said that there is no need for all of the amputations; the same opening of the arteries that are being done to the heart can be done to the legs.

Another presentation was regarding Advance Healthcare Directives and how it makes sense to have one on file. This was presented by a social worker from Kaiser. This would be an interesting topic for one of our future luncheons.

There was a special round table session regarding how the retiree association got along with the retirement offices. This was summarized in the notes from the meeting.

There was also a session from George Linn, the President of RPEA. They have a similar goal as CRCEA of protecting the pension and health care benefits of public employees and retirees. RPEA has many resources including legislative advocates, a health committee and a marketing PR firm.

Action Item: Lou Scarpino will discuss the RPEA and CRCEA relationship and see how that can continue and create an active working relationship.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Membership

In advance of the meeting, the membership report was sent to the REAOC Board and was presented by John Iagjian. The numbers continue to climb but so are the numbers of members who have passed. He had 21 attendees at the pre-retirement seminar this morning. Frank Eley was in the audience at the last seminar and he gave a huge pep talk regarding REAOC and the benefits we provide.

B. Board Watch

There have been no items of interest at the Board of Supervisors meeting this past month.

C. Scholarships

Ilene Bárcenas reported that there were 20 scholarship applications received. This year it seems that we have many excellent candidates. The scholarship committee is meeting today to review the applications.

D. Legislation

Lou Scarpino discussed the current legislative session. One of the highlights was AB 1812 (Waggoner) – that would limit retirees to \$100 if the retiree has no social security and \$80 K if they do have social security.

Lou Scarpino will update the legislative report and send it out to the REAOC Board.

IX. Luncheon

A. May luncheon

- The Good Cop/Bad Cop duo will entertain at the luncheon for May.
- Presentation of the scholarship awards
- Honoring the veterans

B. Monkey Survey

Sara Ruckle Harms explained the draft of the luncheon satisfaction survey. After a discussion, it was decided that the first survey will be handed out as a hard copy at the holiday luncheon. We will add this to the agenda for the luncheon.

Motion made by Doug Storm to purchase the Monkey Survey system at a cost of \$300; motion seconded by Rebecca Guider. Motion carried.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas and Sara Ruckle Harms will work on the survey form.

C. December luncheon – Harbor Singers have asked to perform at the luncheon. We will seek other options before responding to their letter.

X. The Informer

Robin Mattocks is out of the country at this time. Helen Lotos is helping with any Informer issues while she is away.

XI. Presidents' Message

A. Litigation Update

No update.

B. New cabinets

New storage cabinets for all of the REAOC files have been purchased and placed in the OCERS mail room. Ilene Bárcenas will keep a set of keys and a set of keys will be given to Linda Robinson. John Iagjian will no longer store the membership forms in the cabinets.

C. Health Insurance Issues

On Monday, Linda Robinson received an e-mail from Barbara Gonzo regarding the Health Care plans and rates. She would like to discuss specifics regarding the rates as soon as they are published and before it is agendaized for the Board of Supervisors' meeting. The plans will be presented at the BOS' June meeting and the rates will be presented in July. Linda Robinson will let Barbara Gonzo know that we would like to meet in May regarding the health care plans.

D. Other

The holistic mini-fair was held. Sara Ruckle Harms attended the fair. They had many healing scents, massage booths, etc. to try but they then got the names and contact information of those people and made follow-up calls to the attendees.

The County sponsored wellness fair will be held on May 4, 2016 in the morning. County employees will be the audience for this event. They would like REAOC to have a table at this event. We will need to provide a banner, tape and a tablecloth for the event as well as applications (membership and associates) or brochures if they are available. Rebecca Guider, Linda Robinson and John Iagjian will attend and represent REAOC.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will prepare 100 packets of handouts to include the front page of the new brochure, the supplemental health information page and the membership application.

E. Draft REAOC Brochure

We will change the panel so that the application is on the far right panel and can be cut out easily.

A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms that we approve the payment to Lori Vandemier's for her work on the REAOC brochure. Motion carried.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Bill Castro to adjourn the meeting in memory of Florence de Vries at 12:52 PM. Motion carried.