



MINUTES
REAO Board of Directors' Meeting
OCERS Hearing Room
2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana
Wednesday, August 12, 2015
9:30 AM

I. Called to Order at 9:32 AM by REAO Co-President, Linda Robinson

Present: Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Tom Beckett, Rebecca Guider, Bill Castro, John Iagjian, Jan Grimes and Larry Leaman. Also in attendance are Robin Mattocks and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Sara Ruckle Harms, Bob Griffith, Gaylan Harris

II. Approval of Minutes of July 2015 Regular Board meeting

A motion was made by John Iagjian and seconded by Larry Leaman to approve the July 8, 2015 Board Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report for July

Bill Castro presented the monthly operating report for July 2015. On August 1, 2015, Bill Castro transferred \$25,000 into the money market account from the operating account.

Motion made by John Iagjian and seconded by Tom Beckett to approve the Monthly Operating Report for July 2015. Motion carried.

IV. Website Update

Linda Robinson stated that LA County is considering a Facebook account. San Diego County is doing the same. Jan Grimes said that we could have a Facebook account that would be informational only and not with the ability to have comments. Skip Murphy also discussed with Doug Storm the ability to have a page within our website for our CRCEA members to utilize to add Reed Initiative information. They would create a listing of those who would need access to this page.

Rebecca Guider made a motion which was seconded by John Iagjian to create a new page in our website that would be accessed by Act 37 counties to utilize for posting and sharing of the Reed initiative material. Motion carried.

Action Item: Jan Grimes will investigate the ability to easily create a Facebook account for REAO.

V. Meeting Reports

A. OCERS

In advance of the meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms sent out her summary of the July 2015 OCERS Board meeting. Tom Beckett also shared information regarding the meeting. He reported that OCERS had a 3.35% earning rate through June 2015; for the past 12 months, the earnings are 2.72%. There is a workshop on September 9-10; Jan Grimes and John Iagjian will try to attend. Currently there is the ability for OCERS to give a discount for prepaid contributions from Plan Sponsors; at the past meeting, this discount was reduced to 5.8% rather than the normal assumed rate of return.

B. CRCEA

The RSC has been doing a significant amount of work (led by Mike deBord) regarding the Reed Initiative (Initiative 15-0033). They are very concerned about the proposal measure that states it is “to eliminate constitutional protections for vested pension and retiree healthcare benefits for current public employees”.

Action Item: The fall conference will be hosted by San Joaquin County in October. We will need a motion at the next REAOC Board meeting for approval for Board members to attend the conference.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Membership

John Iagjian reported on the membership numbers as of July 1, 2015. Our membership numbers were increased but our membership numbers have dropped significantly this year due to the passing of our members. John Iagjian will start working on a new handout that Pacific Group Agencies is willing to print for REAOC. One side of the glossy handout would be information about REAOC and the other side would be information about the PGA benefits.

B. Board Watch

Linda Robinson reported that the new health care plan rates were approved on August 4, 2015 by the Board of Supervisor. They were posted on the website and there will be a line in the Informer to refer our members to the website to see the new rates.

C. Legislation

In advance of the meeting, Lou Scarpino shared a matrix of the pending legislation that he is monitoring. There was a bill, SB222 that was passed regarding bondholders being first in line during a bankruptcy. One of Larry Leaman’s news article was about this legislation.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will add this last issue to the next agenda.

Proposed Initiative Plan – Larry Leaman shared the latest article regarding the Reed Initiative that was in the Sacramento Bee on August 11, 2015. He also submitted to draft versions of alerts that could be sent to our members. Linda Robinson and Doug Storm stated that anything that would be sent to retirees should be a message that is the same message sent to all Act 37 retirees and will coordinate a message with CRCEA. The unions in the State are still quiet about this issue but it could be because it is early and also, in Orange County, because they are in negotiations. It would be helpful to have a flyer to hand out at the Health Fair as well as at our September luncheon.

VII. Luncheon

Ilene Bárcenas reported that she contacted Helen Lotos and all is set for Dr. Mark Petracca from UCI to be our guest speaker. Helen Lotos also obtained a bio for Dr. Petracca. It may be appropriate to pay an honorarium to Dr. Petracca.

Motion made by Larry Leaman and seconded John Iagjian to pay \$350 to Dr. Petracca as an honorarium for his speech at the luncheon. Motion carried.

Bob Griffith announced to Doug Storm and Linda Robinson know that he is retiring from REAOC and AREOC effective the end of the year. He will not be able to attend the meetings for the remainder of the year due to vacation conflicts. He will attend the September luncheon.

A motion was made by Larry Leaman to purchase a gift certificate for \$250 at an appropriate store for Bob Griffith to celebrate his retirement. Motion seconded by Rebecca Guider. Motion carried.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will send Bob Griffith's nametag to Doug Storm.

VIII. The Informer

The first Informer edited by Robin Mattocks was completed. She stated that she is working on a better method for editing suggestions. Also, there is not room for pictures for the Irvine volunteer and services article as provided by Vicki Heidelman. Larry Leaman and Lou Scarpino also have articles in the newsletter.

Action Item: Robin Mattocks will contact Vicki Heidelman to let her know that we are unable to add the photos to her article.

IX. Presidents' Message

A. Litigation Update – no update

B. Other

The OCEA Health Fair will be held on September 22, 2015 from 10:00 to 1:30. Sara Ruckle Harms, Robin Mattocks, Doug Storm, Rebecca Guider and maybe John La Roche will help at the Health Fair.

A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Jan Grimes to purchase See's candy up to a maximum of \$400. Motion carried.

Health Insurance issues – the County provided Linda Robinson and Doug Storm all of the handouts regarding the health insurance plans and rates for 2016. We need to encourage our members to attend the open enrollment seminars. The County will send out the packets in mid-October and the deadline for electing the health care coverage will be November 16, 2015.

A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Tom Beckett to have REAOC work with the County to have our own meetings on November 4, 2015 at Mile Square Park at a cost of \$900 to use the facility. One meeting will be for pre-65 and one for post-65 retirees. Motion carried.

There will be no refreshments at the meeting. Vendors will have tables and staff to answer questions. We will also invite Susan Zajfen, RN from HICAP, to attend the meetings to assist in explaining Medicare to our members as she did in 2014. Rebecca Guider, Robin Mattocks and Sara Ruckle Harms volunteered to work with the County to plan the meetings if that is possible.

Pacific Group Agencies would like to work with OCERS to send the open enrollment packets to all retirees again utilizing the mailing lists provided by OCERS and the publishing house they used last year.

Larry Leaman made a motion to have Doug Storm meet with OCERS to ask for them to again mail the open enrollment packets; seconded by John Iagjian. Motion carried.

Ilene Bárcenas will be on vacation from August 24-28. A message will be placed on our answering machine and website to notify our members that any messages will be returned the following Monday.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Leaman, seconded by Rebecca Guider to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 AM. Motion carried.