



Association of Retired Employees of Orange County
A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation
Meetings Held at OCERS, 2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana CA
Minutes of the AREOC Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2015

I. Called to Order at 9:40 by AREOC President, Sara Ruckle Harms

Present was Sara Ruckle Harms, Linda Robinson, Lou Scarpino, Larry Leaman, Gaylan Harris, Jan Stephenson, Rebecca Guider and Bob Griffith. Also present was Faye Watanabe and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager.

Absent: Doug Storm

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes from the July 23, 2014 meeting

Motion made by Linda Robinson to approve the July 23, 2014 minutes from the AREOC Board meeting as amended; motion seconded by Jan Stephenson. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes from the January 14, 2015 meeting

Motion made by Linda Robinson to approve the January 14, 2015 minutes from the AREOC Board meeting as written; motion seconded by Larry Leaman. Motion carried.

III. Election of Officers

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding future planning. We truly need to find others who would be willing to join the AREOC Board or assist the other Board members with some of the duties. We also need to work on a succession plan for the future. All three of the current officers (Sara Ruckle Harms, President; Lou Scarpino, Secretary; Jan Stephenson, Treasurer) are willing to continue for a period of time. Jan Stephenson stated that she would like AREOC to find a replacement for her position as soon as we can.

A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded Larry Leaman to re-elect Sara Ruckle Harms the President, Lou Scarpino as the Secretary and Jan Stephenson as a limited-term Treasurer. Motion carried.

Rebecca Guider was nominated to replace John LaRoche's position on the AREOC Board as an AREOC Director.

Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Jan Stephenson to nominate Rebecca Guider into the position of an AREOC Director. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will make an AREOC and REAOC binder for the new directors of the organizations.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Monthly and Quarterly 12/2014

A. Monthly – Month for January 2015

Jan Stephenson presented the Treasurer's Report for the month January 2015.

A motion was made by Lou Scarpino and seconded by Larry Leaman to accept the January 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

B. Quarterly Report October – December 2014

Jan Stephenson presented the Treasurer's Report for the quarter of October through December, 2014. This presentation included all of the 2014 expenses and income.

Motion made by Lou Scarpino and seconded by Gaylan Harris to approve the Treasurer's Report for the quarter of October through December 2014. Motion carried.

V. Proposed 2015 Budget Discussion

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding the proposed budget. There are new budget items for monies for the Office Manager functions and contractor costs for a professional campaign director and support of mailers. There was a discussion to show a line for a reserve. Lou Scarpino suggested that we revise the format to start with a fund balance available from the previous year and then the balance would be a surplus rather than a negative. The membership line item was dropped as it had not been used in the past.

Bob Griffith made a motion that we approve the budget with the changes discussed; seconded by Larry Leaman. Motion carried.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will need to determine her final costs for the campaign that were paid by REAOC so that they can be reimbursed by AREOC.

VI. AREOC’s Advocacy Letter for Correa Campaign January 2015

The recount for the 1st District Supervisor position is now being done; they are concentrating on the provisional ballots. The specific item being looked at is the signatures on the envelopes to determine if they match the voter’s registration. In the community there were reports that people were giving movie tickets if they supported Do, there were phone calls from gang members threatening that the voters had to vote for Do, new bags of ballots that may have been inappropriately voted, etc. Of course these are rumors and have not been substantiated.

VII. Schedule stand-alone meeting to discuss 2015 Goals

There was a discussion regarding having a stand-alone meeting instead of a day with combined meetings. After discussion, it was decided that we will have a meeting in March on the 4th at 9:30 AM until 12:00 PM.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will arrange for the hearing room for this meeting.

VIII. Board Member Comments

There are no additional Board comments.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made Gaylan Harris and seconded by Linda Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM. Motion carried.