



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, June 10, 2015

Present: Sara Ruckle Harms, Tom Beckett, Bob Griffith, Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Lou Scarpino, Larry Leaman, Jan Stephenson and Gaylan Harris. Also in attendance are Tom Cooney, Robin Mattocks and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Rebecca Guider

- I. The AREOC Board meeting was called to order at 11:26 AM by the AREOC President, Sara Ruckle Harms**
- II. Approval of Minutes for May 13, 2015**

*A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Lou Scarpino to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.*
- III. Treasurer's Report – May 2015**

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

*Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Larry Leaman to accept the monthly Treasurer's report for May 2015. Motion carried.*
- IV. Treasurer's Position**

Jan Stephenson has stated that she would like to have more of her own time and would like to retire as the AREOC Treasurer. Tom Cooney has been nominated to become the AREOC Treasurer elect. Tom Cooney pointed out that we need to have new signature cards for the bank accounts. He will be on the cards as well as Sara Ruckle Harms.

*Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Larry Leaman to accept the nomination of Tom Cooney as the new AREOC Treasurer. Motion carried.*

*Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will add Tom Cooney to the AREOC roster.*
- V. Report out on AREOC Goals for 2015**

***Goal: Building Partnerships- local level:***

**OCEA – Jennifer Muir:**

Sara Harms, Linda Robinson, and Doug Storm *will contact OCEA General Manager, Jennifer Muir, to discuss the Rapid Response plan, impact of future Cadillac Tax, proposed Pension reform initiative.*

**Outcome:** Sara Ruckle Harms reached out to OCEA and determined that Jennifer Muir is in charge at OCEA. Jennifer Muir is looking forward to working with REAOC per Cathy Yatch at OCEA. They also would like us to work with them regarding the Reed Initiative and providing information to retirees about not signing the petitions. Sara Ruckle Harms did determine that Jennifer Muir has a chance to provide an article/op ed each week to the OC Register. Additionally, REAOC is welcome to participate in the Health Fair for 2015. The Cadillac Tax is on OCEA's radar and they are willing to discuss this with REAOC.

**County CEO, HR Director and BOS:**

Jan Grimes, Gaylan Harris, Linda Robinson and Doug Storm *will schedule to meet with Frank Kim as the new CEO sometime after the budget hearings.*

**Outcome:** this is still pending and Jan Grimes will take the lead and determine when they can meeting.

**RPEA Local Chapter 040:**

Sara Harms and Larry Leaman *will meet with the local representative of RPEA to learn about their mission, structure, and whether or not RPEA sponsors or participates in a Senior Legislative Day.*

**Outcome:** Sara Ruckle Harms made contact with RPEA and they (Estella Pena, President is the current president but will be replaced by another individual, Mercedes, next month) are very willing to work with REAOC. She did acknowledged that she knows about CRCEA and has worked with them in the past. There are only about 500 members of RPEA in Orange County. Sara Ruckle Harms stated that RPEA is not aware of a Senior Legislation Day either. Aaron Reed also works with RPEA on the legislative side. We may wish to consider working with him in the future as he represents many organizations that have mutual interests. Larry Leaman and Sara Ruckle Harms will meet with the new RPEA president. They will determine what RPEA has accomplished and also determine if they have social functions as well as a political aspect.

**OCMA:**

Sara Harms *will talk with Linda Robinson to see if it would be appropriate to talk to OCMA regarding this topic.*

**Outcome:** Linda Robinson may reach out to OCMA. A part of the discussion will be related to the Cadillac Tax. Linda Robinson will determine if it would be appropriate to reach out to OCMA.

***Building Partnerships – Statewide Level***

**Alameda County Employees Retirement Association** has implemented a Healthcare Exchange for their post-65 retirees and is exploring establishing an exchange structure for the pre-65 retirees per Kathy Foster's discussion at the CRCEA Conference.

Sara Harms, Lou Scarpino, Linda Robinson and Gaylan Harris *will reach out to Kathy Foster in July (through a conference call). Sara Ruckle Harms will contact Foster to arrange the conference call meeting.*

**Outcome:** no one has reached out to Kathy Foster as of this date. This is still a pending action. Sara Ruckle Harms will attempt to call Kathy Foster.

***Educate Members and Public***

**Ambassador Program:**

Sara Harms: *Is Robin Mattocks interested in the leading the implementation of an Ambassador program to increase membership?*

**Outcome:** Sara Ruckle Harms explained what is expected in an Ambassador program. We would like a few people from each department/agency who would be willing to reach out and share information about REAOC and membership in REAOC. Robin Mattocks will decide if she has the time to lead this program and report back at the next meeting.

**Rapid Response Team:**

Doug Storm stated that we should look at the material that has already been written by the Retirement Security Committee of CRCEA to update and utilize for the Op-Ed pieces. The second white paper (Train wreck II) may be the best document to utilize at this time for the first letter.

Doug Storm and Lou Scarpino *will work on the talking points to reduce them to an editorial. They will bring this back to the June AREOC meeting.*

**Outcome:** a report will be made by Doug Storm and Lou Scarpino at the July meeting.

**VI. Schedule next meeting**

**The next meeting will follow the REAOC meeting.**

**VII. Board Member Comments**

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Jan Stephenson and the contributions she has made to AREOC.

*A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Jan Stephenson adjourn the meeting at 12:11 PM. Motion carried.*