



**MINUTES**  
**REAO Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**OCERS Hearing Room**  
**2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, April 2, 2014**  
**9:30 AM**

**I. Called to Order at 9:33 AM by REAO Co-President**

Present: Doug Storm, Larry Leaman, Linda Robinson, Gaylan Harris, Faye Watanabe, Bill Castro, John LaRoche, John Iagjian and Sara Ruckle Harms. Also present is Jan Stephenson and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Bob Griffith, Tom Beckett

**II. Approval of Minutes from March meeting**

*A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by John LaRoche to approve the March Board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.*

**III. Review and approval of 2013 audit**

Bill Castro summarized the audit report that was prepared by the CPA, Daniel Holland.

*Motion by John LaRoche and seconded by Faye Watanabe to approve the audit as presented. Motion carried.*

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Membership**

The membership report was distributed and discussed by Ilene Bárcenas. The membership has continued to increase this past month.

**B. Board Watch**

Ilene Bárcenas reported that there have been no issues discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting that impacted the retirees.

**C. Scholarship**

Faye Watanabe reported that there have been 23 applicants for the scholarship. The scholarship process is moving along and the committee is ready for the review of the applications. At the May luncheon, the recipients will be honored.

D. Legislation

There is no report.

**V. Meeting Reports**

A. OCERS

In advance of the meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms shared a report summarizing the OCERS meeting of March 17, 2014. No earnings were shared at the meeting.

B. CRCEA

At the conference, the Retirement Security Committee will be discussed to change the status to a standing committee from an ad hoc committee. Lou Scarpino shared a report from this ad hoc committee.

**VI. Luncheon**

Our next luncheon is May 28, 2014. We will honor the scholarship recipients at the luncheon. John LaRoche will contact Walt de Vries to see if he willing to honor the veterans at this luncheon. John LaRoche will contact a recommended vocalist to see if he can hear her sing.

**VII. The Informer**

The next edition is the May/June edition and it will be mailed May 7, 2014. All articles are due at this time. The edition will be full and will include articles written by Rebecca Guider (“UCI’s Annual Health Care Forecast Conference”), Helen Lotos’ “In the News” and an article written by Lou Scarpino, “Public Retirement Seminar”.

**VIII. Presidents’ Message**

A. Litigation Update

The rehearing efforts were denied by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals without comments. In the class action suit, there is still not a response from the 9<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals. Based on the discussion and suggestion of the Court at the hearing, there may a certification request to the CA Supreme Court.

B. CRCEA 2014 Spring Conference Planning updates

Diane Oakley will need to stay at the Hilton. Ilene Bárcenas was able to obtain a room at the conference rate for Monday night. Only Bill Castro and Shelly Rollins will be authorized to approve conference expenses during the conference. All of the items need to be secured during the conference after hours such as the backpacks, food, ice chests,

etc. Doug Storm offered to have the items stored in his room. Sponsors for the break include John Robinson, the Orange County Credit Union and Pacific Group Agencies. The poster boards will be in black and white; they will include directional signs and signs recognizing sponsors for the breaks and a daily bulletin board.

*Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will need to call PGA to clarify what they want on their sponsor board. She will also need to make name tags for the speakers. The speakers will be given a thank-you card with a Starbucks gift card. They will also be given a conference program.*

*Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John LaRoche to approve the costs of Diane Oakley's room. Motion carried.*

Information was received during the meeting that Diane Oakley will not be staying the night at the hotel. Ilene Bárcenas sent an e-mail to Erin Chaney to let her know that we will need to cancel the hotel room.

Larry Leaman will pick up Diane Oakley from the Orange County airport on Monday. No other expenses will be paid by REAOC for Diane Oakley.

CRCEA Conference Budget – at the end of each day, we will meet with the hotel to square up the daily charges. Bill Castro discussed the draft budget for the conference. It appears that there will be a cost to REAOC of about \$4,000. Copies will be made tomorrow. Ilene Bárcenas will need to have internet access at the hotel. Sara Ruckle Harms obtained a sample of linens from Erin Chaney; the cost will be \$275. We still do not have the receipts for the final costs of the baskets and decorations.

*Sara Ruckle Harms made a motion to authorize the additional expenditures for linens, internet access for Ilene Bárcenas and additional costs of the baskets; motion seconded by John LaRoche. Motion carried.*

The hotel asked if we have any VIPs staying at the hotel. There will be extra services at no cost. The persons identified are Ilene Bárcenas, Sara Ruckle Harms, Sandy Teague, Linda Robinson and Dorothy Lueking. June Marcott reported that she and her committee stuffed that backpacks. She will bring one-half of the backpacks on Sunday and the remainder early Monday morning. Doug Storm, Linda Robinson, Ilene Bárcenas and June Marcott will arrive at the hotel at noon.

Ilene Bárcenas stated that Dorothy Lueking discussed the possibility of having Ilene Bárcenas travel to the Northern CRCEA Conferences to be the minute taker as she may not be able to attend these conferences. CRCEA would pay all of the expenses for Ilene Bárcenas.

**IX. Executive Session called at 12:13 PM**

A motion was made by Larry Leaman during the Executive Session that on behalf of all Orange County retirees including REAOC members REAOC authorizes the Co-presidents to consult with Attorney Michael Brown about the filing of a certification request with the CA Supreme Court and to assess any impact of making such a certification filing. The motion will also allow the Co-Presidents to exercise their judgment regarding whether to authorize Attorney Michael Brown to make the certification filing at REAOC expense. If such a filing is pursued, to authorize AREOC to make REAOC approved payments to Attorney Michael Brown; motion seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms. The motion was carried.

**Executive Session adjourned at 1:05 PM.**

**X. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by John Iagjian and seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms to adjourn the meeting at 1:06 PM. Motion carried.*