



MINUTES
REAO Board of Directors' Meeting
OCERS Hearing Room
2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana
Wednesday, August 13, 2014
9:30 AM

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

Present: Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Faye Watanabe, Gaylan Harris, Tom Beckett, Bill Castro, Larry Leaman, Sara Ruckle Harms, John Iagjian, John La Roche and Bob Griffith. Also in attendance is Lou Scarpino, Rebecca Guider, Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: none

II. Approval of Minutes July 9, 2014

A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Larry Leaman to approve the July 2014 Board meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report – Operating Report for July 2014

Bill Castro presented the July 2014 Operating Report for REAO.

Motion by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John La Roche to approve the July Monthly Operating Report as presented. Motion carried.

IV. Website Update

In advance of the meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms sent out a link to the new website that was created by Lori Vandemeir with guidance from Sara Ruckle Harms and Ilene Bárcenas. Sara Ruckle Harms asked the Board members to review the draft site, look at style, colors, font, etc. and provide comments.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will correct the amount of the ERRP funds on the draft and current website. All REAO Board members should review the draft website as soon as possible. All comments should be sent to Sara Ruckle Harms and Ilene Barcenas by August 20, 2014.

V. Meeting Reports

A. OCERS

In advance of the meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms sent out a summary of the July 21, 2014 OCERS meeting. OCERS reported a trailing return of 14.3% for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Sara Ruckle Harms and Tom Beckett shared the highlights of the meeting and discussions that ensued at the meeting. The next meeting will be on August 27, 2014; Sara Ruckle Harms will not be available to attend the meeting. She will also not be able to attend the August 20, 2014 Planned Sponsors' meeting. Additionally, there will be a Strategic Planning meeting later in the month. Linda Robinson and Doug Storm will attend this meeting. Larry Leaman will attend the meeting on the 27th of August.

B. CRCEA

The packets for the next conference were sent out by Sacramento County. Lou Scarpino, Ilene Bárcenas, Linda Robinson, and Doug Storm will attend the conference. Southwest Airlines has a special rate for the time of the conference. Doug Storm will coordinate the airline reservations. Each individual who will attend should register for the conference and make hotel accommodations.

John La Roche moved that we send a maximum of five attendees for the CRCEA Conference including REAOC/AREOC Board members and the Office Manager; motion seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms. Motion carried.

CRCEA is in the process of completing a 20 county health information survey. REAOC's response has not yet been completed. Lou Scarpino is drafting the response for the REAOC Board's approval. On the RSC committee, a decision has been made to complete a Strategic Plan to share at the October conference. A progress report will be made. The plan may or may be complete, though that would be the goal. The website for CRCEA is still in the process of being redone. Sandy Teague sent out a request for news articles for the CRCEA newsletter. Linda Robinson will forward the request to John La Roche so that he may share an article(s) with CRCEA for their newsletter.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Membership

John Iagjian shared a copy of the membership report through July 31, 2014. The numbers increased slightly over last month. He is still having about 25 pre-retirees attend the seminar.

B. Board Watch

Ilene Bárcenas reported that there were no topics discussed at the Board of Supervisors' meetings this past month related to retirees.

C. Scholarship

Faye Watanabe shared the final updates of the desk guide for scholarship; a soft copy was sent out to all the REAOC Board prior to the meeting. The updates include that a student can only receive a scholarship one time rather than two times as in the past. All of the applications will continue to be requested by e-mail or by calling the REAOC office. All of the applications will still be electronic with the transcripts and reference sent by mail.

John La Roche made a motion to accept the changes to the Scholarship Desk Guide; seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms. Motion carried.

D. Legislation

The last day to pass bills is August 31, 2014. It has been a rather slow legislative cycle.

VII. Luncheon

Our next luncheon is September 24, 2014. Health Care will be the featured topic with the HICAP counsel, Julie Schoen from the Council on Aging, as our guest speaker. She will bring handouts to the session and will be available for questions and answers after her presentation. Rebecca Guider will be happy to introduce Julie Schoen at the luncheon.

Action Item: Ilene Barcenas will notify Julie Schoen of the numbers of attendees and coordinate her appearance.

We will also have the nominations for the 2015 REAOC Board. John La Roche will not continue on the Board in 2015. He would be willing to work with the person(s) who would be responsible for the luncheon and the newsletter during a training period. The person who takes these responsibilities does not have to be a REAOC Director. As a reminder, appointments to the Board are made by the Board.

Action Item: at the next meeting, we will need to discuss the replacement of John La Roche. John La Roche will contact Sharon Sedgwick to see if she will attend the next Board meeting to determine how she can assist us in the future.

Larry Leaman will announce the news service available to REAOC members. Larry Leaman would send the news articles to Ilene Bárcenas who would send out the mass e-mails through our regular e-mail provider (Constant Contact). We would start out with sending this to all members who could then unsubscribe if they were not interested in receiving the news information.

The Harbor Singers will again sing for us at the Holiday luncheon. They have asked not to have a riser but rather be at one end of the room near their piano.

VIII. The Informer

John La Roche received the draft of the September/October edition of the Informer. He will send the draft out to Linda Robinson, Doug Storm and Ilene Bárcenas for comments. The luncheon form was revised to take off the area for AREOC contributions. This will be mailed about August 27th. Operation Santa Claus stated that they are in need of toddler toys. The information will be posted on the REAOC website.

IX. Presidents' Message

A. Litigation Update

No information on the class action lawsuit or the hearing that was held earlier this year.

B. OCEA Health Fair

The toothbrushes have been ordered for a hand-out at the health fair on September 9, 2014 at OCEA. We will use the same decorations as last year (fall theme). Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, John La Roche, and John Iagjian will be working at the event. We will be contributing two \$50 Trader Joe's gift cards (purchased by Doug Storm) for the raffle as well as the toothbrushes.

A motion was made by Gaylan Harris and seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms to increase the maximum amount to be spent on the Health Fair to \$750. Motion carried.

C. 2015 Open Enrollment Outreach

On November 6, 2014 REAOC will host an Open Enrollment Outreach, Health Insurance Workshop. This will be an all-day affair. We can break this out by pre-65 and mixed (Medicare and non-Medicare) and post-65 sessions. The enrollment packets will be mailed by the County at the end of October.

This workshop will be held at OCERS in the Board room. The service providers will all be available for this event and they will be available for questions. The County has still not provided the chart with the consideration of ERRP monies compared to the new rates for 2015. Linda Robinson shared data regarding the new rates and benefits. There may be an advantage of having HICAP attend the post-65 session.

Action Item: an e-mail will be sent to our members to notify them about the Outreach meeting once more details are settled. We could start with a "Save the Date" and then a follow-up regarding more details. Rebecca Guider will contact Julie Schoen to see if she would be willing to work with REAOC on this outreach.

X. Adjournment

Retired Employees Association of Orange County (REAOC)
August 13, 2014
Regular Board Meeting – Minutes

A motion was made by John La Roche and seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 PM. Motion carried.