



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

**I. Called to Order at 9:34 AM by REAO Co-President, Doug Storm**

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

Absent: Tom Beckett, John LaRoche, Bob Griffith

**II. Approval of Minutes June 11, 2014**

*A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Faye Watanabe to approve the June 2014 Board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.*

**III. Treasurer's Reports**

A. Review and approval of REAO June Monthly Operating Report.

*Motion by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Linda Robinson to approve the June Monthly Operating Report as presented. Motion carried.*

B. Review and approval of REAO Quarterly Report for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014.

*Motion by Gaylan Harris and seconded by Linda Robinson to approve the Quarterly Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014 as presented. Motion carried.*

Sara Ruckle Harms stated that she contacted Lori Vandemeir our web designer. She is available to work on the new website. She will charge us approximately \$1,000 to revamp the website to a new platform.

Action Item: Sara Ruckle Harms will contact Lori Vandemeir to arrange the transfer to the new platform, obtain a W4 and an invoice when the work is completed.

#### **IV. Meeting Reports**

##### **A. OCERS**

In advance of the meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms sent out a summary of the June 16, 2014 OCERS meeting. Sara Ruckle Harms provided a link in this summary to an Economic Dashboard that was authored by Girard Miller and is available for us to read.

##### **B. CRCEA**

Doug Storm attended the last CRCEA Executive Board meeting. Mike Sloan is working on the conference manual and it will be updated based on suggestions by counties. One of the topics discussed was obtaining a new affiliate. They have an insurance agent wanting to become an affiliate of CRCEA. At the meeting, the Board turned him down as they thought it would be a conflict with Pacific Group Agencies. This decision is now being reconsidered.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Membership**

John Iagjian shared a copy of the membership report through June 30, 2014. The numbers continue to increase. At the last retirement seminar, there were only 14 attendees. A discussion ensued about ways to increase membership in REAOC.

##### **B. Board Watch**

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

##### **C. Scholarship**

Faye Watanabe shared a draft update of the desk guide for scholarship.

*Sara Ruckle Harms would like to move the scholarship committee's recommendation that all eligible high school or college students be able to apply and everyone be limited to receiving only one award; seconded by Gaylan Harris. Motion carried.*

##### **D. Legislation**

Lou Scarpino did not attend the meeting. In advance of the meeting, he sent an e-mail that stated "as I do each month I'm reviewing the input and bills I'm tracking and will send a report if anything critical pops up".

**VI. Luncheon**

No report as John LaRoche not in attendance.

**VII. The *Informer***

No report as John LaRoche not in attendance.

**VIII. Presidents' Message**

A. Litigation Update

There has not been any word from the court regarding the class action lawsuit.

B. Other

Larry Leaman discussed a copy of a letter from the news clipping last week. This article was written by Mark Bucher, an attorney from Tustin, who is a very strong advocate against public pensions and who is on the Board of the California Public Policy Center. Larry Leaman prepared a draft response to the article that he shared with Sara Ruckle Harms and Lou Scarpino as well as Mike Sloan from Contra Costa County.

Health Fair – we are scheduled to attend the OCEA Health Fair on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. John LaRoche will attend but Faye Watanabe and Sara Ruckle Harms cannot attend this year. John Iagjian stated he would attend as will Linda Robinson and Doug Storm. For a handout, Linda Robinson suggested giving out a toothbrush to the fair attendees. As there is a raffle at the health fair, Linda Robinson suggested that we should also consider giving a contribution to the raffle.

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms to purchase toothbrushes for handouts at the health fair as well as to purchase two \$50 gift cards for the raffle with a maximum expenditure of \$600; motion seconded by Larry Leaman. Motion carried.*

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will provide 1,200 Associate Member applications to distribute at the health fair.

The meeting with the County Employees Benefits on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, went very well. No health care rates were distributed. It is likely that the increase will be a single digit for many plans. The ERRP monies will not be available for 2015. The increase for Kaiser Post 65 could be approximately 20%. The rates will go to the Board on July 22, 2014.

Action Item: When the health care rates are approved by the Board of Supervisors, they will be shared with the REAOC Board and posted on the REAOC website.

**IX. Executive Session called at 12:45 PM**

**X. Executive Session adjourned at 12:55 PM**

During the Executive Session, one motions was made. The motion would direct Bill Castro to suspend the payment of \$1.35 per month, per member transferred to AREOC each month. There was also discussion about sending a letter to the regular contributors to the litigation fund to let them know that they no longer need to contribute. Sara Ruckle Harms will draft a letter to this effect.

**XI. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John Iagjian to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 PM. Motion carried.*