



**MINUTES**  
**REAO Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**OCERS Hearing Room**  
**2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, June 10, 2015**  
**9:30 AM**

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

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

Absent: Rebecca Guider, Jan Grimes

**II. Approval of Minutes of May 2015 Regular Board meeting**

*A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms to approve the June 13, 2015 Board Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.*

**III. Treasurer's Report for May 2015**

Bill Castro presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that he transferred \$40 K into a Money Market Account from our regular savings account.

*Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Tom Beckett to approve the Monthly Operating Report for May 2015. Motion passed unanimously.*

**IV. Website Update**

Ilene Bárcenas stated that she looked into adding a counter to the website and there are many options. This will be a project this summer when Lori Vandemeir can advise as to which option is best.

**V. Meeting Reports**

**A. OCERS**

The last OCERS meeting was discussed at the last REAO meeting. Sara Ruckle Harms sent an updated report regarding the meeting. The current rate of return for the year is 3.87%. Segal will be providing an analysis of phasing at the next meeting. Tom Beckett reported that there has been shifting of the monies to search for a better rate of return.

There is talk that it may be appropriate to become more liquid so that monies are available to have purchasing opportunities when the stock market goes low.

Larry Leaman discussed the 2016 Pension Reform Initiative (known as the Reed Initiative). The impact could be for the future and provide to funding for a DB plan and there could be a shift to DC plans. It would be important to let our members know that they should not sign any petitions related to this initiative (this was discussed at the Hemet luncheon on June 9, 2015). This could be done by an e-mail, in the Informer and a posting on our website, discussion at our luncheon; we will need to wait until this is certified. We may also wish to consider doing a telephone bank to our members and/or a mailer to all retirees. This is being thoroughly evaluated throughout the State to determine the impact of this. Mike DeBord, CRCEA, also sent out his evaluation of the Reed Initiative that was shared with the REAOC Board.

*Doug Storm made a motion that was seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms to prepare an educational mailer regarding the Reed Initiative that is ready in mid-July. A subcommittee including Larry Leaman, Lou Scarpino, Sara Ruckle Harms, Robin Mattocks (for editing) and Doug Storm will be responsible for this process. Motion carried.*

#### B. CRCEA

Lou Scarpino attended the last committee meeting. There were discussions regarding the development of a new website and a new logo. Considering how to get a message about pensions to those who don't have them and have them ask why. The next meeting will be on July 1, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Ontario.

#### C. Scholarship Committee

Linda Robinson reported that all scholarships were distributed to the awardees.

### **VI. Committee Reports**

#### A. Membership

John Iagjian reported on the membership numbers as of June 1, 2015. The seminars have about 25-30 in attendance.

#### B. Board Watch

There have been no topics related to retirees from the most recent Board of Supervisors' meetings. Budget hearings started June 10, 2015 and will continue into today, June 11, 2015.

### C. Legislation

In advance of the meeting, Lou Scarpino shared a matrix of the pending legislation that he is monitoring. He also shared information of AB 241 (requires names and addresses to be provided by the County and/or OCERS to groups like REAOC) and AB 700 (modify the Political Reform Act to have disclaimers on their ads regarding contributors so that it is clear who really contributed the monies. These disclaimers would also be in a font that they can read and must remain on the screen long enough to read.). Additionally he shared a summary of the May revise.

## VII. Luncheon

Ilene Bárcenas reported that the next luncheon will be on September 23, 2015. We will be served fettuccini alfredo with chicken. Dr. Mark Patracia from UCI will be our guest speaker.

The next Hemet luncheon is October 13, 2015.

## VIII. The Informer

Robin Mattocks reported that the next deadline is July 29, 2015. Lou Scarpino provided an article on laughter and chocolate. There article is quite long and a shorter version will be included in the next Informer. The remainder will be included if there is room in the Informer. Victoria Heidelman will also provide an article regarding the City of Irvine's opportunities for seniors; and Robert Kinsler provided information regarding Social Security and Medicare. In the future, Robin Mattocks will interview Walt de Vries regarding his history with REAOC.

## IX. Presidents' Message

### A. Litigation Update

There has been no change in the status of the lawsuit.

### B. Other

Ilene Bárcenas attended a training regarding the new Healthier Tomorrow website. The system will provide statistics on Orange County population regarding many subjects but does not provide any new resources.

Employee benefits meeting will be coming up on July 21, 2015 (Gaylan Harris, Linda Robinson, Sara Ruckle Harms, Doug Storm will attend). We will also try to determine when we can have the informational meeting(s) regarding the open enrollment.

The OCEA Health Fair will be September 22, 2015.

*Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will add this topic to the agenda for July 2015.*

Ernie Stobel spoke at the CRCEA Conference regarding travel insurance. Steve Pettee also carries travel insurance. He is willing to compare the benefits between the two insurances and share that with our Board.

**X. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms, seconded by Tom Beckett to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 AM. Motion carried.*