



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 Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Present: Sara Ruckle Harms, Linda Robinson, Tom Cooney, Gaylan Harris, Rebecca Guider, Lou Scarpino and Larry Leaman. Also in attendance Bill Castro, Robin Mattocks, Tom Cooney and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: None

**I. The AREOC Board meeting was called to order at 11:13 PM by the AREOC President, Sara Ruckle Harms**

**II. Approval of Minutes for November 17, 2015**

*A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Rebecca Guider to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.*

**III. Treasurer's Reports**

**A. Proposed 2016 Budget**

Tom Cooney presented the proposed 2016 budget. We changed the Government Relations item, the legal representation, director training and additional income from REAOC. This item will be finalized at the February Annual meeting.

**B. November 2015, December 2015 Monthly Reports; Quarterly Report**

Tom Cooney presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 2015, the month ending December 2015 as well as the Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2015.

*Motion made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Rebecca Guider to accept the monthly Treasurer's report for November 2015 and December 2015 and the Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried.*

**IV. IRS Changes Impacting 501C4 Organization**

Sara Ruckle Harms discussed the changes in regulations for 501(c)(4) and the complications that can ensue. She also recommended that we hire a professional Accountant/Treasurer. That person would manage all the monies and he/she would keep the accounting of the funds. He/she would manage the bank account but our in-house treasurer would also be on the account. There would not be a requirement for two signatures on the checks and only the professional would write the checks. Professionals are familiar with all the State forms that need to be filed. We would still have an in-house treasurer who would report out the activity of the professional

treasurer. The cost of this would be approximately \$1,500 - \$2,000 per year. Several of the Act 37 counties are also 501(c)(4) organizations. She would suggest that we could utilize Gary Crommet who helped us during the Correa campaign.

*Action Items: Lou Scarpino will contact other CRCEA counties to determine if they do their own accounting/reports or if they use professionals.*

*Sara Ruckle Harms will reach out to Gary Crommet regarding this opportunity.*

*Motion made by Tom Cooney to move this item until next month; seconded by Linda Robinson. Motion carried.*

## V. Report out on AREOC Goals for 2015

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding the following goals:

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

- **OCEA – Jennifer Muir:**

**Outcome:** Sara Ruckle Harms, Doug Storm and Linda Robinson will be meeting with Jennifer Muir. Sara Ruckle Harms will make the contact to schedule a date.

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

**Outcome:** Linda Robinson has had discussion with Frank Kim’s Executive Secretary regarding a meeting with Mr. Kim and they are finalizing dates for a meeting and also looking into the opportunity for Mr. Kim to speak at future luncheon.

- **RPEA Local Chapter 040:**

**Outcome:** Lou Scarpino has not yet been able to discuss with CRCEA about their relationship with RPEA. This will still be done and Lou Scarpino will report back.

- **OCMA:**

**Outcome:** no further updates

### ***Goal: Building Partnerships – Statewide Level***

#### ***Educate Members and Public***

- **Ambassador Program:**

**Outcome:** no action on this item

- **Rapid Response Team:**

**Outcome:** no action on this item

## VI. Schedule Annual February meeting: Election of Officers/Adopt 2016 Budget

The next meeting will follow the February REAOC meeting.

## VII. Board Member Comments

No additional comments.

## VIII. Adjournment

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*A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Lou Scarpino to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 AM. Motion carried.*