



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 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

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

Absent: Tom Beckett, Lou Scarpino

I. The AREOC Board meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM by the AREOC President, Sara Ruckle Harms

II. Approval of Minutes for June 10, 2015

A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Larry Leaman to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report – June 2015

Tom Cooney presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2015. He also stated that he and Sara Ruckle Harms met with the Credit Union and they are now on the account as signatories.

Tom Cooney presented the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending June 2015.

Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Rebecca Guider to accept the monthly Treasurer's report for June 2015 as well as the quarterly report as of the end of June 30, 2015. Motion carried.

IV. Report out on AREOC Goals for 2015

Goal: Building Partnerships- local level:

OCEA – Jennifer Muir:

Sara Harms, Linda Robinson, and Doug Storm *will contact OCEA General Manager, Jennifer Muir, to discuss the Rapid Response plan, impact of future Cadillac Tax, proposed Pension reform initiative.*

Outcome: this topic is on hold as Jennifer Muir will not be able to meet for a few more weeks.

County CEO, HR Director and BOS:

Jan Grimes, Gaylan Harris, Linda Robinson and Doug Storm *will schedule to meet with Frank Kim as the new CEO sometime after the budget hearings.*

Outcome: Jan Grimes will set up a meeting with Frank Kim during the month of August.

RPEA Local Chapter 040:

Sara Harms and Larry Leaman *will meet with the local representative of RPEA to learn about their mission, structure, and whether or not RPEA sponsors or participates in a Senior Legislative Day.*

Outcome: There is a new president with RPEA (Mercedes) who has taken the place of Estela Pena. Sara Ruckle Harms has been in contact with them. The local chapter has been in touch with the Sacramento chapter who was given our contact information. She is waiting for a telephone call from them to set up a meeting. Sara Ruckle Harms did discover that there is a Senior Legislative Day in Sacramento but there appears to be nothing that speaks about retirement security in the current structure. There are other points of contact including the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council that Sara Ruckle Harms shared. Doug Storm will ask Skip Murphy if there has been effort in the past to either attend or have a Senior Legislative Day.

OCMA:

Sara Harms *will talk with Linda Robinson to see if it would be appropriate to talk to OCMA regarding this topic.*

Outcome: Linda Robinson has not yet reached out to OCMA. She did do research and determined that they have not had a contract since January of 2014. Mark McDermat is the current Executive President of OCMA and she will talk to him about the REED initiative and their stand on this.

Building Partnerships – Statewide Level

Alameda County Employees Retirement Association has implemented a Healthcare Exchange for their post-65 retirees and is exploring establishing an exchange structure for the pre-65 retirees per Kathy Foster's discussion at the CRCEA Conference.

Sara Harms, Lou Scarpino, Linda Robinson and Gaylan Harris *will reach out to Kathy Foster in July (through a conference call). Sara Ruckle Harms will contact Foster to arrange the conference call meeting.*

Outcome: action pending. They will conference call in September.

Educate Members and Public

Ambassador Program:

Sara Harms: *Is Robin Mattocks interested in the leading the implementation of an Ambassador program to increase membership?*

Outcome: Robin Mattocks has agreed to lead the Ambassador Program. She will use the log-in sheets from the retirement seminars to identify retirees/potential retirees that could be contacted.

Rapid Response Team:

Doug Storm stated that we should look at the material that has already been written by the Retirement Security Committee of CRCEA to update and utilize for the Op-Ed pieces. The second white paper (Train wreck II) may be the best document to utilize at this time for the first letter.

Outcome: Doug Storm has drafted an editorial that was distributed to the Board. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Item: Doug Storm will e-mail the draft to Ilene Bárcenas who will distribute the electronic copy to the Board.

V. Schedule next meeting

The next meeting will follow the REAOC meeting.

VI. Board Member Comments

None

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Gaylan Harris to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 AM. Motion carried.