



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, March 9, 2016

Present: Sara Ruckle Harms, Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Rebecca Guider, Lou Scarpino, and Tom Cooney. Also in attendance is Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Larry Leaman

I. The AREOC Board meeting was called to order at 1:53 PM by the AREOC President, Sara Ruckle Harms

Sara Ruckle Harms wanted to state that she was happy that we are following our mission and reaching out to our collaborative partners.

II. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2016

A motion was made by Lou Scarpino and seconded by Rebecca Guider to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

Tom Cooney presented the February AREOC Treasurer's Report and the AREOC budget. He shared the changes to the budget that were made.

Motion made by Rebecca Guider to move the February AREOC Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Lou Scarpino. Motion carried.

IV. Report out on AREOC Goals for 2015/2016

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding the following goals:

- **OCEA – Jennifer Muir:**

Outcome: this was discussed at the REAOC meeting.

- **County CEO – Frank Kim:**

Outcome: there will be quarterly meetings with Mr. Kim as discussed at the last REAOC Board meeting.

- **RPEA & CRCEA Collaboration:**

Outcome: this was also discussed at the REAOC meeting. Sara Ruckle Harms would still like to see our collaborative groups have a legislation day to meet with the staff in Sacramento.

- **Rapid Response Team:**

Outcome: at the next meeting, we may strategize how we could work with OCEA for this purpose. Larry Leaman would take the lead on this.

- **Contact with Rita Copeland, Professional Treasurer**

Outcome: Sara Ruckle Harms contacted Ms. Copeland to determine what type of indemnity insurance she has. She is bonded as a Professional Treasurer and is not a CPA. She would keep the bank accounts, file the taxes, etc. if hired. There is a feeling that it would be good to have continuity for the treasurer position and the AREOC Board treasurers change from time-to-time. We would need to look at our Articles of Corporation to determine if we may have professional staff. Tom Cooney also stated that we need to look at archiving our records so that they are available to future.

Linda Robinson made a motion and seconded by Doug Storm for Sara Ruckle Harms to contact Rita Copeland for a proposal for her work including the value of the bond for her work as a contracted treasurer. Motion carried.

V. **County of Orange, BOS Elections Discussion**

Sara Ruckle Harms stated that the elections for the Board of Supervisors' positions will be coming up later this year. We should begin thinking if we want to actively participate in this election.

VI. **Board Member Comments**

Tom Cooney asked if there was a group of other County's retirement treasurers so that they can share information. Linda Robinson responded that while there is not such a group, CRCEA serves as sharing information between the 20 Act 37 CRCEA counties. Sara Ruckle Harms stated that it would be possible to ask for an ad hoc committee to share information between the counties. Tom Cooney also inquired about obtaining business cards.

Action Items: Tom Cooney will create a paper describing what he would like to accomplish by having this ad hoc committee.

Sara Ruckle Harms will ask Larry Leaman about obtaining the business cards for Tom Cooney and Rebecca Guider.

VII. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lou Scarpino and seconded by Tom Cooney to adjourn the meeting at 1:23 PM. Motion carried.