



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

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

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

Absent: Doug Storm, Rebecca Guider, Jan Grimes

I. The AREOC Board meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by the AREOC President, Sara Ruckle Harms

II. Approval of Minutes for October 13, 2015

A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Larry Leaman to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.

The Plan Sponsor's meeting is tomorrow. Sara Ruckle Harms asked if anyone would like to attend.

III. Treasurer's Report – October 2015 & Quarterly Report & the Proposed 2016 Budget

Tom Cooney presented the various Treasurer's Reports for the month of October 2015.

Motion made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Linda Robinson to accept the monthly Treasurer's report for October 2015. Motion carried.

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

There was a discussion on the proposed 2016 budget. There was a discussion to add an additional \$15 K in the line-item for Government Relations to utilize for rapid response issues to negative press articles (for a total of \$22 K). We will keep the line-item for legal fees at \$20 K as was budgeted in 2015. We will also keep the \$1 K in the Director's training line. Special transfers from REAOC would show \$20 K in income.

IV. 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 will be seeing Jennifer Muir soon but it will be at a personal function. She believes that she will probably follow up on a more formal basis in January.

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

Outcome: this item is still pending. The Board would like to have Frank Kim attend a luncheon early in the year to discuss the State of the County.

Action Item: Linda Robinson will reach out to Frank Kim to determine if he can attend a future luncheon.

- **RPEA Local Chapter 040:**

Outcome: it is unknown if Lou Scarpino discussed a strategic relationship between CRCEA and RPEA. This item is still pending.

- **OCMA:**

Outcome: no further updates

Goal: *Building Partnerships – Statewide Level*

Educate Members and Public

- **Ambassador Program:**

Outcome: this topic was discussed at the REAOC meeting.

- **Rapid Response Team:**

Outcome:

Action Item: Linda Robinson will reach out to Doug Pipes regarding our desire to have someone who could respond to negative publicity.

V. Tri-fold document

Tom Cooney drafted a tri-fold informational document to share information about REAOC. We should add information about how a retiree would join REAOC and who to contact. AREOC Board members reviewed and provided suggestions. This will be discussed at the next REAOC meeting.

VI. Schedule next meeting

The next meeting will follow the January REAOC meeting if an AREOC meeting is needed.

VII. Board Member Comments

No additional comments.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Gaylan Harris to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 PM. Motion carried.