



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, October 13, 2015

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

Absent: None

- I. The AREOC Board meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by the AREOC President, Sara Ruckle Harms**
- II. Approval of Minutes for July 8, 2015**

A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Doug Storm to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.
- III. Treasurer's Report – July, August, September 2015 & Quarterly Report**

Tom Cooney presented the various Treasurer's Reports for the months of July, August and September of 2015.

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

Tom Cooney also stated that he copied items for the meeting and will provide a receipt to Sara Ruckle Harms for authorization of reimbursement.

Motion made by Rebecca Guider and seconded by Larry Leaman to accept the monthly Treasurer's reports for July, August and September 2015 as well as the quarterly report as of the end of September 30, 2015. We will also reimburse Tom Cooney for his expenses for copying. Motion carried.
- IV. Introduction to Proposed 2016 Budget**

The draft budget was shared with the AREOC Board. It will be finalized after the REAOC budget is complete. For 2016, our focus would be on costs for anti-initiative efforts.

Motion to receive and file by Rebecca Guider and seconded by Linda Robinson. Motion carried.

V. Report out on AREOC Goals for 2015

Many of the goals for 2015 will be carried over to 2016. Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding the following goals:

Goal: Building Partnerships- local level:

1. OCEA – Jennifer Muir:

Outcome: this item is still pending as Jennifer Muir is very involved in negotiations at this time. She is also creating new staff at OCEA and some of the old staff have left OCEA. This item will be pended until negotiations are completed.

2. 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.

Action Item: Sara Ruckle Harms will contact Jan Grimes to determine if she would still be able to set up a meeting with Frank Kim as an August meeting did not occur.

3. RPEA Local Chapter 040:

Outcome: the new president has been installed. Sara Ruckle Harms' understanding is that they are not very powerful and the power is at the State level. It may be more appropriate for CRCEA to work with the State level of RPEA regarding the initiatives. This may be a good way to open a relationship with RPEA.

Action Item: Lou Scarpino and Gaylan Harris will talk to Skip Murphy to determine if they have a regular contact with RPEA and determine how CRCEA is working (or not working) with RPEA.

4. OCMA:

Outcome: Linda Robinson had a discussion with the Executive Director, Mark McCormick. They talked about the Reed Initiative and OCMA is following the initiatives but do not have active plans. Mr. McCormick is very willing to work with REAOC in the future.

Building Partnerships – Statewide Level

Alameda County Employees Retirement Association

Outcome: Sara Ruckle Harms has not yet contacted Alameda; she does not believe the exchanges are near for Orange County. At the CRCEA conference, Alameda may share the status.

Educate Members and Public

Ambassador Program: create a small committee to educate our members so that they bring in new members into REAOC. There may be incentives for bringing in new members. The plan would be to also educate employees who are near retirement and those who are retired about the benefits of REAOC.

Outcome: Robin Mattocks had volunteered to chair this committee. Now that she is back to work, Sara Ruckle Harms will determine if she can still carry this responsibility. We still need to work on the three-fold to share information about REAOC (PGA is still willing to pay the costs for this form as well as the postage). Tom Cooney stated that he would be willing to work on this document. AREOC/REAOC Board members will send Tom Cooney items that may be helpful to include in the tri-fold. John Iagjian was also going to work on this document. This flyer is to be directed to current retirees as well as current employees who we know are considering retirement in the near future.

Action item: Board members and Ilene Bárcenas will send information for Tom Cooney to utilize for the tri-fold flyer. Tom Cooney will provide a draft of this document in mid-November.

Action Item: Rebecca Guider will discuss working with several SSA retirees that she knows to see if they would be interested in working in this Ambassador Program. They would also look at arranging entertainment for our future luncheons.

Rapid Response Team:

Outcome: at this time, we do not have the resources to work on this goal. Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion about resources who could assist us in this endeavor. Jennifer Muir has an excellent relationship with the Register and may be a resource as well Harvey Leiderman.

Action Item: Sara Ruckle Harms will explore a relationship with Harvey Leiderman and/or OCEA (Jennifer Muir) to assist with a Rapid Response for articles/editorials published that are negative or inaccurate regarding public employee retirees.

VI. Schedule next meeting

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

VII. Board Member Comments

There was a discussion about determining how we can get Silver Sneakers for retirees. At the current time, only Scan and Anthem have this available. We could ask the county to add this as a benefit in the RFP process.

Action Item: Doug Storm will talk to Stephen Pettee about Senior Sneakers and determine if this is something he could provide to retirees at a minimal cost.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Rebecca Guider to adjourn the meeting at 1:18 PM. Motion carried.