



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, April 10, 2013

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

Present: Sara Ruckle Harms, Faye Watanabe, Doug Storm, Lou Scarpino, Gaylan Harris, Larry Leaman, Jan Stephenson and John LaRoche. Also present Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager.

Absent: Linda Robinson, Bob Griffith

**II. Approval of Minutes March 13, 2013**

*A motion was made by Lou Scarpino and seconded by Larry Leaman to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 as written. Motion carried.*

**III. Treasurer's Report/Update on tax preparation and review**

A. Jan Stephenson presented the March 2013 Treasurer's Report. Subsequent to this report, payments to RBG have been made and a payment to Michael Brown will also be made shortly.

*Motion made by Doug Storm and seconded by John LaRoche to approve the March 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

*Motion made by John LaRoche and seconded by Gaylan Harris to authorize Jan Stephenson to make monthly payments within the first week of each month to RBG in the amount of \$5,000 until the balance is paid. Jan Stephenson will report back to the AREOC Board at the May meeting the outstanding balance of the RBG bill. Motion carried.*

B. Update on tax preparation

In advance of the meeting, a copy of the taxes was distributed. Jan Stephenson reported that the taxes match her records. Sara Ruckle Harms also talked to the CPA and all of the data reconciled. At the meeting, a copy of the audit was shared. There were no material deficiencies in the audit.

*A motion made by Doug Storm to approve and file the audit, seconded by Gaylan Harris. Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Doug Storm to approve and file the taxes and to make the payment of \$1,900 to the CPA as invoiced. Motion carried.*

Action Item: Jan Stephenson will follow up with the CPA regarding the spelling of Sara Ruckle Harms' name that is incorrect on the taxes for 2012 that must be filed by May 15, 2013. She will also let him know that we received a \$10 State Tax refund earlier in the year. She will ask about the disposition of this check.

#### **IV. Legislative Report**

Lou Scarpino stated that we do have options to take positions on pending legislation.

#### **V. Update on liaison with Voice of OC Editorial Board**

Sara Ruckle Harms had discussions with both Rebecca Guider and Norberto Santana regarding meetings with the Editorial Board. No notices regarding the meetings have been forthcoming.

#### **VI. Communication Strategy**

##### **A. Adopt Julie Wyne's recommendations**

Sara Ruckle Harms sent a copy of Julie Wyne's comments on the paper (Understanding Public Sector Retirement Basics). Sara Ruckle Harms also contacted Robert Kinsler for statistics that we may be missing. There are several officials with whom it may be appropriate to share this document. At the next meeting, we will determine how to facilitate the dissemination of this document.

##### **B. Schedule meeting with Coad business partner?**

Previously a decision regarding meeting with Coad's business partner was not made. After a new discussion, there was a consensus to follow up and schedule the meeting.

*Motion made by Lou Scarpino and seconded by Larry Leaman to authorize Lou Scarpino to meet with Coad's business partner. Motion carried with one nay.*

##### **C. Schedule meetings with Spitzer and/or other officials?**

At this time, no meetings are scheduled.

#### **VII. Meet and Greet with OCERS Board – May 20, 2013**

##### **A. Food**

Doug Storm has made arrangements for the food for this meeting. The OCERS Board meeting begins at 9:00 and generally breaks at about 11:30.

##### **B. Commendation for Julie's work on Retirement Basics**

At the event, it would be nice to recognize the members of the OCERS staff who have assisted us (including Julie Wyne, Robert Kinsler and Steve Delaney). They will be recognized and thanked for their efforts.

Action Item: The document (Understanding Public Sector Retirement Basics) will be finalized, copies made and the final report will be placed in a folder with their name will be given to each OCERS Board member who attend the meet and greet luncheon.

**VIII. OC Business Council**

Reaching out to Lucy Dunn, OC Business Council -

Sara Ruckle Harms would be willing to meet with Lucy Dunn and share our “train wreck” documents. She will follow up with this meeting.

**IX. Board member comments**

Lou Scarpino stated that he briefed Jim Spaulding of RPEA on the Train Wreck II Paper at the PRJ conference. Copies of the paper and related products were subsequently shared with Jim and with his help, Harvey Robinson, RPEA State President. Harvey then shared the package with all 18 regional representatives (the equivalent of CRCEA's 20 Member Counties) .

Sara Ruckle Harms will not be able to attend the OCERS Board meeting next week. Bob Griffith should be in attendance.

**X. Schedule next meeting**

The AREOC Board meeting will follow the next REAOC meeting.

**XI. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded Larry Leaman to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 PM. Motion carried.*