



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, August 14, 2013

**I. The AREOC Board meeting was called to order at 11:21 AM by the President, Sara Ruckle Harms**

Present: Sara Ruckle Harms, Larry Leaman, Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Gaylan Harris, John LaRoche, and Jan Stephenson. Also present was Bill Castro, Rebecca Guider and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager.

Absent: Faye Watanabe, Bob Griffith

**II. Approval of Minutes July 10, 2013**

*A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Linda Robinson to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 as written. Motion carried.*

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Jan Stephenson presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2013. Today's balance is \$7,553.55 and we owe RBGG \$2,775.75 for the initial 01 account with them. RBGG also sent an additional e-mail with a request for additional monies on the 02 account. Linda Robinson will send that e-mail to Sara Ruckle Harms and Jan Stephenson. If monies need to be spent for the campaign to elect Tom Beckett to the OCERS Board, we need to determine if they should be spent from the REAOC account or AREOC account. It may be helpful to contact Bob Austin to discuss this issue. We will also need to look at the income tax implications and responsibilities for supporting this campaign.

John LaRoche talked to Eddie Kist about costs for campaign material. His estimate is \$4,034 for a tri-fold; single sheet estimate \$4,300. This includes postage.

*Motion made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Doug Storm to approve the July 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

Action Item: Doug Storm will contact Bob Austin regarding the questions of expenditures for the campaign.

**IV. Legislative Report**

Lou Scarpino gave his legislative report in the REAOC Board meeting. There still is a need to provide information such as the "Train Wreck" document to the Board of Supervisors, others, and increase the effort to get the message out and built upon.

*Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by John LaRoche to accept the Legislative Report. Motion carried.*

**V. Communication Strategy**

Rebecca Guider has been officially appointed to the Voice of OC Communication Editorial Board. She will be attending their monthly meetings. Speakers at the next meeting of this board will include Supervisor Nelson and a Santa Ana City Councilman. Norberto Santana will be seeking some editorial writing from Rebecca Guider regarding retirees and seniors. Rebecca Guider will seek ideas for these editorials. One of the topics that may be relevant would be the true costs of health care coverage for retirees. Rebecca Guider will try to determine the audience of the Voice of OC and who the future target audience may be.

**VI. Discussion of Article – Rhode Island Central Falls Pension Shortfall**

This topic will be moved to the next meeting.

**VII. Board member comments**

Larry Leaman stated that he had a brief discussion with the new CEO of the County of Orange. Larry Leaman had a chance to let him know that the numbers that are being stated regarding health care plans and costs may not be accurate.

**VIII. Schedule next meeting**

The AREOC meeting will follow the next REAOC Board meeting.

**IX. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Linda Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 PM. Motion carried.*