



Association of Retired Employees of Orange County  
A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation  
OCERS, 2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana CA

Regular Board Meeting  
Friday, April 20, 2012

**I. The AREOC meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM by the President, Sara Ruckle Harms**

Sara Ruckle Harms, Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Chuck Hulse, John LaRoche, Lou Scarpino and Gaylan Harris. Also present is Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Nicole Macias

**II. Approval of Minutes March, 21, 2012**

*A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by John LaRoche to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2012 AREOC Board Meeting as written. Motion unanimously approved.*

**III. Treasurer's Reports**

Sara Ruckle Harms presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2012. There was also a discussion regarding the April expenses.

*Chuck Hulse made a motion to accept the March 2012 Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Linda Robinson. Motion passed.*

Sara Ruckle Harms presented the AREOC Quarterly Report for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2012.

*A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Gaylan Harris to receive and file the AREOC Quarterly Report.*

**IV. Reporting on CRCEA Conference**

The CRCEA Conference attendees presented the highlights of the conference.

Lou Scarpino also shared a copy of his presentation during the public comments session of the Conference Committee on Public Employee Pensions hearing held on April 13, 2012 in Chino. A brief article regarding the presentation will be drafted by Lou Scarpino for the *Informer* to share with the REAOC members. Additionally, a summary of the conference will be written to be included in a future edition of the *Informer*. Gaylan Harris shared information regarding lawsuits in San Diego and Stanislaus Counties.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will scan Stanislaus decision and send a copy to Michael Brown. In addition, the decision will be posted on a new page for Board members on the REAOC website.

**V. Liaison with County Benefits**

Sara Ruckle Harms e-mailed Barbara Voekel from the County Employees Benefits but has not yet had a response back from her. A discussion ensued regarding the status of the EERP monies for pre-Medicare retirees that were made available from the federal government. The last comment from the county was that they were waiting on an opinion on how to utilize these funds.

*A motion made by Larry Leaman and seconded by John LaRoche to recommend that in May the REAOC leadership discuss with our legal staff strategy as it relates to Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (EERP). Motion carried.*

Ilene Bárcenas will contact Barbara Voekel regarding the health education classes that will be held. Once the information regarding the classes is obtained, the information will be posted on the REAOC website.

**VI. Develop Strategy for dissemination of CRCEA White Papers**

*Doug Storm made a motion which was seconded by Linda Robinson that Lou Scarpino be named as the coordinator representing REAOC/AREOC for the Rapid Response Program within the CRCEA Retirement Security Committee. Motion unanimously carried.*

Lou Scarpino shared an abbreviation of “Transitioning to 401(k) Plans – a Train Wreck in the Making” on 5 x 8 card and Larry Leaman also shared a proposal regarding the Communications Committee. A discussion ensued regarding both of these documents.

Action Items: Ilene Bárcenas will prepare sign-up forms for each table at the next luncheon to identify potential members for our Communication Committee and to solicit members to work with the Rapid Response Team. The Train Wreck card will also be scanned and posted on the website.

Doug Storm will have the cards duplicated for each attendee at the luncheon meeting.

John LaRoche will have the cards available for each attendee at the May luncheon and these cards will be utilized to award the centerpieces.

**VII. Discussion of AB 1648, the California Disclosure Act and CA Insurance Commissioner’s Health Insurance Premium Regulation Initiative**

A discussion was held regarding AB 1648. It may be helpful to share information about this legislation with the membership at the next luncheon.

**VIII. Meet and Greet with OCERS Board**

This item is still pending and will be received and filed.

**IX. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by John LaRoche to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 PM. Motion carried.*