



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

Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2012

I. The AREOC meeting was called to order at 12:21 PM by the President, Sara Ruckle Harms

Present: Sara Ruckle Harms, Linda Robinson, Larry Leaman, Lou Scarpino, John LaRoche, Chuck Hulse, Bill Castro, Gaylan Harris, and Bob Griffith. Also present was Faye Watanabe and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Doug Storm

II. Approval of Minutes September 12, 2012

A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Larry Leaman to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2012 AREOC Board Meeting as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Reports

A Treasurer's Report is not available as one was not provided by Nicole Macias. Nicole Macias again asked Sara Ruckle Harms to try to find someone to assume the position as the Treasurer for AREOC. Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding a replacement for Nicole Macias. One of the Board members said that he may have a lead on someone who may be interested and he would contact her about the position.

Action Item: John LaRoche will add an article in the next Informer regarding the two openings on the AREOC Board and will add that we would like someone who has some accounting background.

IV. Legislative Report

This topic was covered at the REAOC meeting.

V. Update on liaison with Voice of OC Community Editorial Board.

Sara Ruckle Harms stated that Rebecca Guider is still interested in participating. After the November election, she plans on having a luncheon with Norberto Santana, Jr. and Rebecca Guider to discuss this issue.

VI. Final Review of FACT Sheet – Talking Points draft

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding the FACT sheet. Lou Scarpino made some suggestions regarding the Talking Points. He would like to know the audience, he would like to group items into headings and he suggested that this would be posted on the website or even the website of other counties. He also said that some information regarding pension reform should be added and/or clarified. Larry Leaman stated that the original thought would be that this would be used by our Board members. As he worked through the document, he realized that all retirees may be interested in this material. He agreed that this may be a document that we want to share and post on our website. It is suggested that the document be continued to be updated as suggestions are made and have this topic as an agenda item for the November AREOC meeting. Significant time should be spent discussing this at that meeting.

Motion made by John LaRoche and seconded by Linda Robinson to move this discussion to the next meeting. Motion carried.

VII. Discussion on CRCEA article, “Public Employees Really Are Paid Less”

This topic was discussed at the REAOC meeting and a decision was made that this article will be published in the Informer if there is space available. Larry Leaman also made a suggestion that this article be shared with members of the OCERS Board. This can be done in a public session at an OCERS Board meeting. It is important that we validate the article information and the authors. Sara Ruckle Harms would be agreeable to make the presentation once the article/authors are vetted.

Motion made by Linda Robinson, seconded by Chuck Hulse, that we will publish the article in the Informer and will follow-up with vetting the article to determine if it is appropriate to share this with the OCERS Board. Motion carried.

VIII. No on Prop 32 campaign ~ Is further education needed?

At the present time, it appears that Yes on Prop 32 is slightly ahead.

IX. Schedule next meeting

The next AREOC Board meeting will follow the next REAOC Board meeting.

X. Adjourn

A motion was made by Chuck Hulse and seconded by Gaylan Harris adjourn the meeting at 1:23 PM. Motion carried.