

MINUTES
AREOC Board of Directors' Meeting
OCERS Hearing Room
2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2011

I. Call to Order at 10:15 AM by Sara Ruckle Harms

In attendance officers and directors: Sara Ruckle Harms, Nicole Macias, Chuck Hulse, John LaRoche, Larry Leaman, Gaylan Harris, Bob Griffith, Lou Scarpino, Doug Storm, Linda Robinson,. There is a quorum. Also present were June Marcott, John Iagjian and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager.

II. Approval of Minutes – September and October 2010

A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Bob Griffith to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2010 meeting. Motion approved unanimously. A motion was made by Lou Scarpino and seconded by John LaRoche to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting. Larry Leaman abstained from voting as he did not attend. Motion approved.

III. Election of Officers

A. President – Sara Ruckle Harms was nominated as the sole candidate.

B. Secretary – Lou Scarpino was nominated as the sole candidate.

C. Treasurer- Nicole Macias was nominated as the sole candidate.

Chuck Hulse moved that nominations be closed for Treasurer which was seconded by Linda Robinson. Motion approved.

Chuck Hulse moved that nominations be closed for Secretary which was seconded by Bob Griffith. Motion approved.

Chuck Hulse moved that nominations be closed for President which was seconded by Bob Griffith. Motion approved.

Motions approved for the election of each officer as nominated.

IV. Treasurer's Report for October, November and December 2010 and 4th Quarter Report

All of the reports were presented and discussed by Nicole Macias.

Motion made by Bob Griffith and seconded by Gaylan Harris to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Motion approved.

Motion made by Bob Griffith and seconded by Chuck Hulse to approve the November Treasurer's Report. Motion approved.

Motion made by Bob Griffith and seconded by Gaylan Harris to approve the December Treasurer's Report. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the quarterly report made by Chuck Hulse and seconded by Larry Leaman. Motion approved.

V. Proposed Budget Discussion

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding the AREOC Proposed Budget. Following the discussion, Sara Ruckle Harms stated that the AREOC Board Officers will work on the budget and present it to the full Board at the next AREOC meeting.

VI. Vision Statement

Recommendation: Adopt the proposed vision statement -

“To be a recognized unifying voice for the protection of retiree rights and benefits.”

Larry Leaman made a motion which was seconded by Bob Griffith to approve the proposed vision statement. Motion approved.

Larry Leaman also shared a draft document with the proposed Mission, Values and Vision Statements.

A motion was made by Bob Griffith which was seconded by Larry Leaman to approve the Mission Statement, Values and Vision Statement. Motion unanimously approved.

VII. 2011 Goals Discussion

The workgroup identified future strategic goals for 2011. The workgroup consists of Larry Leaman (Chair), Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Gaylan Harris, Lou Scarpino and Sara Ruckle Harms. The workgroup asked the AREOC Board to authorize them to work on the remaining goals. One of the identified goals has already been met. This goal was to represent the AREOC Board at the Board of Supervisors swearing in ceremony (Bates, Moorlach and Nelson). Sara

Ruckle Harms and Lou Scarpino were the AREOC representatives. The second goal relates to liaison/coalition building. The work group was authorized to develop a plan for establishing liaison and coalition with groups. The last goal identified was “branding” of AREOC including a logo to identify AREOC. Larry Leaman has a contact that he will meet with to explore developing a new logo. Doug Storm also stated that AREOC should have a goal to identify potential strategies to defend County actions.

VIII. Other Matters –

A. Bloomberg article, Vallejo’s Bankruptcy ‘Failure’ Scares Cities into Cutting Costs - submitted to AREOC Board for discussion by Director Leaman

B. Liaison with Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones regarding establishment of oversight regulations relating to self-insured plans – submitted by Gaylan Harris and Lou Scarpino for discussion. The workgroup (Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Gaylan Harris, Lou Scarpino and Sara Ruckle Harms) will continue to work on this issue.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by Larry Leaman, seconded by John Iagjian to temporarily adjourn the meeting at 11:52 AM. The motion approved unanimously.

X. Meeting was reconvened at 2:29 PM

XI. Payment of Legal Fees

Motion made by Chuck Hulse to continue to pay \$7,500 a month towards our legal expenses for the remainder of 2011 or until this motion is revised. The motion was seconded by Doug Storm. Motion approved unanimously.

XII. Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.