

**MINUTES**  
**AREOC BOARD OF Directors' Meeting**  
**OCERS Hearing Room**  
**2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, July 14, 2010**

**I. Call to Order— 9:30 AM by Sara Ruckle-Harms**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes**

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Linda Robinson to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.*

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Nicole Macias presented and discussed the AREOC Treasurer's Report for June 2010 as well as the quarterly report.

*Linda Robinson made a motion which was seconded by John LaRoche to accept the June 2010 Treasurer's Report. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Chuck Hulse to accept the AREOC quarterly report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Linda Robinson discussed a conversion with our attorneys to possibly pay additional monies of the amount due. A discussion ensued regarding the excellent services provided by our attorneys at the hearing and preparing for the hearing.

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Linda Robinson that out of the balance in the AREOC litigation fund we pay the attorneys an additional amount this month in addition to the ongoing monthly payment previously approved by the Board. Motion passed unanimously.*

**IV. Audit Report – 2009 Litigation Fund Recommendations**

*Chuck Hulse reviewed the audit report prepared by Linda Boyd stating that the 2009 Litigation Monthly and Quarterly Reports were fairly stated. He then reviewed her recommendation that the Board either recognize the risk inherent in receiving and depositing monies that are received in the mail, or establish a procedure that provides additional controls. During discussions, the Board decided that additional controls can be achieved by making minor changes in the acknowledgment sent to each person sending contributions through the mail.*

*Chuck Hulse moved that the Office Manager continue acknowledging all contributions for AREOC and the litigation fund by sending out a thank you letter signed by the Co-Presidents, with addition of the amount contributed and retention of an electronic copy for auditing purposes; motion seconded by Gaylan Harris. Motion passed unanimously.*

**V. Legislative Update - National Public Pension Coalition (NPPC)**

Lou Scarpino discussed an e-mail he sent regarding his discussion with NPPC and NRIS. He will continue to investigate these organizations to determine if they may be helpful for either AREOC or CRCEA.

## Old Business

### VI. Discussion Relating to Proposed Letter to Editor

A committee of REAOC/AREOC Board members worked on a revision of a letter to the editor that was originally written by Larry Leaman. This letter was discussed. A decision was made not to send the letter to the editor but this topic may be revisited in the future. An article will be written for the *Informer* regarding this release of information and combating the myths of the retirees' pensions and benefits. Linda Robinson and John LaRoche will work on this article.

*Bob Griffith moved that a revised letter be sent to the OC Register, seconded by Lou Scarpino. Motion failed.*

### VII. Establish Committee Name for Volunteer Outreach work

There was a discussion regarding the name for the Volunteer Outreach work.

*Chuck Hulse moved that we call this committee "AREOC Community Advocacy Group: this motion was seconded by Linda Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.*

### VIII. Other Matters

Larry Leaman discussed a meeting with the informal EMA Management group. He educated this group about AREOC to determine if there was any interest in sitting on the Board. Several people expressed interest in obtaining more information about AREOC and possibilities and opportunities to work with our organization.

There is also a need to establish a mission/vision for AREOC and a committee should be established to work on these. Larry Leaman agreed to chair this committee. Jan Howard has also expressed an interest in working with AREOC. Linda Robinson, Sara Ruckle Harms, Doug Storm and Lou Scarpino said they would like to be a part of this committee. Larry Leaman will talk to the above mentioned people to determine if they would be willing to work on this committee.

### IX. Adjournment

*Motion made by Bob Griffith, seconded by Chuck Hulse to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM. The motion passed unanimously.*