

MINUTES
AREOC Board of Directors' Meeting
OCERS Hearing Room
2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana
Wednesday, September 8, 2010

I. Call to Order at 9:34 AM by Sara Ruckle Harms

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

II. Approval of Minutes 8-11-2010

There was a discussion on the motion made for the additional funds to be paid to MEQ. It should be made clear to the Treasurer the amount of funds that should be paid if they are not listed in the minutes. An executive session was called to verify the minutes.

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

III. Treasurer's Report

Nicole Macias presented and discussed the AREOC Treasurer's Report for August 2010.

Chuck Hulse made a motion which was seconded by John LaRoche to accept the August 2010 Treasurer's Report. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Legislative Update – Working Group Report - Meeting Review of August 27th and September 1st.

The Work Group held two meetings and work on mission, vision and value statements. The mission recommended by the Work Group for AREOC is:

“The mission of the Association of Retired Employees of Orange County is to protect retirees' rights and benefits”.

The new mission will be posted on the website.

A motion was made Larry Leaman and seconded Chuck Hulse to approve the Work Group's proposed mission statement. The motion passed unanimously.

The next discussion of the Work Group was to discuss the values of the organization. The recommended values are:

1. Integrity – honesty
2. Inclusive
3. Stable
4. Informed - knowledgeable
5. Dignity
6. Communicative

7. Effective

The values should be how we treat others and how we expect to be treated. On the website, this lead in should be used before the values are listed.

Larry Leaman made a motion which was seconded by John LaRoche to approve the values of the organization. The motion was changed to delete the value of “protective” and the other seven values will remain. The motion was approved unanimously with this change.

The final matter that is being discussed is the vision statement. A vision statement should be a long term vision. The workgroup will look at vision statements of other non-profit organizations to obtain ideas that will help AREOC determine the vision statement. Another meeting will be scheduled for this workgroup on October 21st from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Ilene Bárcenas will obtain a meeting room at OCERS and notify Larry Leaman of availability.

Other legislative discussion ensued. The Dave Jones legislation to protect the rates of the medical insurance premiums did not pass but it was close. The County of Orange did receive approval for the Obamacare funds available for pre-65 retirees. The County has not shared specifically what they will do with these funds. There is also pending legislation that may affect the Ventura decision and pensions paid to new retirees.

Old Business

V. Volunteer Outreach Committee

Sara Ruckle Harms would like to continue to work on clarifying what this committee needs to accomplish before we take this topic to our members.

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by John LaRoche, seconded by Linda Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Executive Session

Sara Ruckle-Harms called an executive session that was needed to clarify the minutes from August 11, 2010, item III and the motion made by John LaRoche regarding additional funds to be paid to MEQ. The Recording Secretary, Lou Scarpino, will keep a written record of any items discussed and motions made in Executive Session.

Motion made by John LaRoche and seconded by Larry Leaman to come out of executive session. Motion passed.