

MINUTES

**Association of Retired Employees of Orange County
A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation
OCERS, 2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana CA
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 10, 2011**

I. Call to Order at 9:20 AM by President Sara Ruckle Harms

In attendance officers and directors: Sara Ruckle Harms, Gaylan Harris, Larry Leaman, John LaRoche, Lou Scarpino and Bob Griffith.

Also present were John Iagjian and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager.

Absent: Chuck Hulse, Linda Robinson, Nicole Macias

II. Approval of Minutes – July 2011.

A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by John LaRoche to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2011 meeting as written. Motion unanimously approved.

III. Treasurer Reports for July 2011

Sara Ruckle Harms presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2011. As there will be changes in the expenditures shown on the Treasurer Report starting next month, Doug Storm gave a summary update regarding the termination of the MES firm that was representing REAOC with the lawsuit. Doug Storm and Linda Robinson are seeking a firm that can represent REAOC at the State Supreme Court. Michael Brown was retained to continue to represent REAOC in the lawsuit. Payments to MES have been suspended at the current time.

Lou Scarpino made a motion to accept the July 2011 Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Lou Scarpino. ??Motion passed.

Action Item: a statement from Michael Brown needs to be sent to Nicole Macias for payment.

IV. CPA Contract with Daniel Leonard III

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding the proposed contract with Daniel Leonard III for a potential audit and or tax returns for AREOC.

Doug Storm moved to approve having Treasurer Nicole Macias contract with Daniel Leonard III to complete tax returns on the 2011 books in 2012 at a cost of \$500 utilizing the proposal provided to REAOC; the motion was seconded by Bob Griffith. Motion carried.

V. Liaison and Coalition Table

Larry Leaman led a discussion regarding the draft Liaison and Coalition Table. The table lists individuals and organizations identified for potential work by the AREOC Board of Directors to build a working relationship in furtherance of the mission of AREOC. Included in the table is a recommendation to join the Retired Employees Association of California (RPEA) at the

cost of \$54.00 per year for an Associate Membership. There was also a discussion to have the NCPERS membership change from REAOC to AREOC. There was also a suggestion to have a web link to the Retirement USA site at some point in the future. The table lists priorities for AREOC for each item; some of the top priority items currently have work in progress.

A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Bob Griffith to adopt the Liaison and Coalition Building document dated July 28, 2011 as presented as a strategic planning tool including authorizing a membership in RPEA at an approximate annual cost of \$54.00 and that AREOC become a member of NCPERS in cooperation with REAOC. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: the table will be reviewed once again to determine what can be shared with outside organizations. Ilene Bárcenas will make some changes to the document that may be shared outside of AREOC. The numbers in the “Importance” column will be cleared as well as the lead in the “Lead” column. The document for AREOC will be updated to remove “draft” from the pages.

VI. Legislative Action for 2012 – CRCEA

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion of the legislative agenda to be pursued by AREOC and CRCEA in 2012. Lou Scarpino also shared potential legislative interests for AREOC. Suggested activities include:

- Sara Ruckle Harms, Lou Scarpino and Gaylan Harris will plan on meeting with Julie Wyne from OCERS regarding our common legislative needs;
- We will need to have a discussion of legislation to regulate self-insured medical plans; and
- We will need to review the constitutional issue of having a single rate for all the Counties.

A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Larry Leaman to receive and file the CRCEA report. Motion carried.

Lou Scarpino led a discussion regarding potential new legislation for 2011 that might be channeled through CRCEA.

VII. AREOC Communication Committee

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding names of volunteers each Board member has identified as interested in participating on this committee. The AREOC Board will need to continue to identify leaders for this committee and outline future actions. Larry Leaman and Sara Ruckle Harms have both been actively pursuing some potential volunteers. Other Board members should also identify volunteers for this committee. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

VIII. Schedule AREOC future meetings

Next meeting will be Monday, August 29, 2011 at 9:30 am until approximately 12:30 pm.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will contact OCERS to determine if the room is available.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Gaylan Harris to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 AM. Motion carried.