



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

Annual Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Vision Statement

~To be a recognized unifying voice for the protection of retiree rights and benefits~

- I. The AREOC meeting was called to order at 11:34 AM by the President, Sara Ruckle Harms**
Gaylan Harris, Sara Ruckle Harms, Lou Scarpino, Larry Leaman, Chuck Hulse, John LaRoche, and, by conference call, Doug Storm. Also present is Bill Castro and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Linda Robinson

II. Approval of Minutes 12-14-2011

A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Lou Scarpino to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting as written. Motion unanimously approved.

III. Election of Officers

Nominations were opened for AREOC officers for 2012.

President – Sara Ruckle Harms was nominated.

Chuck Hulse moved that the nomination for President be closed. Sara Ruckle Harms was elected by acclamation.

Secretary – Lou Scarpino was nominated.

Bob Griffith moved to close nomination for Secretary be closed. Lou Scarpino was elected by acclamation.

Treasurer-Chief Financial Officer – Nicole Macias was nominated.

John LaRoche moved to close nomination for Treasurer-Chief Financial Officer. Nicole Macias was elected by acclamation.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Sara Ruckle Harms presented the Treasurer's Reports including the December 2011 report and the last quarterly report for 2011.

John LaRoche made a motion to accept the December 2011 Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Larry Leaman. Motion passed.

Gaylan Harris made a motion to accept the 4th Quarter 2011 Treasurer's Report which was seconded by John LaRoche. Motion passed.

V. Proposed 2012 Budget Discussion

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding the proposed budget for AREOC. Chuck Hulse sent comments to Nicole Macias for consideration including having a balanced budget, direct contributions from REAOC shown, eliminating the transfer of monies from REAOC that have not yet been approved, and other changes.

A motion was made by Bob Griffith and seconded by Larry Leaman to adopt the budget for 2012 as discussed. Motion carried.

The OCERS Regular Board meeting will be on January 17th. There was a discussion at a previous meeting about a “meet and greet” with the OCERS Board and the AREOC/REAOC Board with the AREOC/REAOC Board providing refreshments. Bob Griffith stated that someone would need to talk to Steve Delaney to arrange this. This will be done at the February meeting rather than the January meeting. Doug Storm, Linda Robinson, Sara Ruckle Harms and Bob Griffith will meet with Steve Delaney to discuss.

Sara Ruckle Harms also brought in information received from other AREOC Board members regarding potential conferences that may be attended by Board representatives. Larry Leaman is interested in attending the Public Retirement Journal conference that will be held in February in Lakewood as is Lou Scarpino. The cost is \$190 per person.

The Trustee Roundup conference (in Los Angeles) was attended last year by Larry Leaman. He stated that the second day of the conference was worthwhile. The cost is \$80 per day; the 2nd day of the 2012 conference (March 1st) again seems to be worth attending. Sara Ruckle Harms will plan on attending this conference.

There is also a UCI Healthcare Conference – the cost is approximately \$550. The conference is February 23 & 24th and will be held at UCI. Gaylan Harris is interested in attending; the monies need to be paid by February 10th.

A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by John LaRoche to authorize attendance and payment for the above named conferences. Motion carried.

VI. 2012 Goals Discussion

Sara Ruckle Harms distributed the vision/mission/goals statement that was approved previously by the AREOC Board. We will schedule a future stand-alone meeting to discuss the goals of AREOC.

VII. Review of Assignments: Liaison and Coalition Building Table

- STAR COLA representation with the BOS – Bob Griffith
- Swearing in ceremony at the BOS meetings – Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Sara Ruckle Harms; this will be January 24, 2012.
- HR Director – Gaylan Harris, Sara Ruckle Harms, Linda Robinson, and Doug Storm, the REAOC Medical Sub-Committee

Priority discussions include retirees' medical benefits, Early Retiree Reinsurance Program and Fund 292. Medical sub-committee will meet on January 25, 2012 following the luncheon and will include Michael Brown (by telephone) to discuss some of these issues.

- OCERS meetings include the Regular Board and the Investment meetings, the Plan Sponsors and the Audit Committee meetings. An annual “meet and greet” with the OCERS Board will be held each year (January/February) to include the REAOC and AREOC Boards. Additionally a REAOC member may be solicited to attend some or all of these meetings similar to the BOS Watch Committee.

A motion was made by John LaRoche to move the assignments, seconded by Chuck Hulse. Motion carried.

VIII. AREOC Communications Committee

Receive and File until February AREOC meeting.

IX. Board Member Report on OCERS new data collection system

Doug Storm discussed this with OCERS and there appears to be an ability to “mine” information from the OCERS system if approved by their Board. One of the items that would be helpful to have is the number of retirees since 2008. The AREOC/REAOC Board would need to identify information that would be helpful and share this with OCERS. Doug Storm stated that there would be no cost since they have an in-house person who could do this for AREOC/REAOC. We would need to know what fields/information is available so that we can determine what would be helpful for us. The new system will not be available for about another year.

A motion was made by Larry Leaman and seconded by Lou Scarpino to receive and file this item until the June AREOC Board meeting.

X. Executive Session called at 12:40 PM.

A motion was made during the Executive Session to authorize the AREOC Treasurer to pay RBG up to a maximum of \$15,000 for additional REAOC authorized legal services as billed.

Executive Session Adjourned at 12:52 PM

Motion made by Chuck and seconded by Gaylan Harris to adjourn the Executive Session at 12:52 PM. Motion carried.

XI. Next AREOC Board meeting

The next regular AREOC Board meeting will be held on March 21, 2012 to begin at 10:00 AM. This will be a stand-alone meeting.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Gaylan Harris to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 PM. Motion carried.