

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

**I. Call to Order— 9:00AM by Sara Ruckle-Harms**

In attendance officers and directors: Sara Ruckle, Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Chuck Hulse, Gaylan Harris, John LaRoche, Lou Scarpino, Nicole Macias, Larry Leaman. There is a quorum. Also present 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 April 2010.

*Linda Robinson moved the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Chuck Hulse. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**IV. Elect New Director to fill vacancy created by resignation of Robert Austin**

*A motion was made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Gaylan Harris to appoint Larry Leaman to replace Robert Austin as an AREOC Director. Motion passed unanimously.*

**V. OCEA Request for AREOC Assistance**

OCEA requested assistance with a mailer regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisorial seat. Two of our members assisted with the flyer. A discussion ensued regarding a misconception by REAOC members that we may support political candidates. An article will be written to clarify that this is not the case and the web site will be updated with this same clarification.

**VI. Developing Volunteers for Community Actions**

John LaRoche spoke to some of our members who may be interested in volunteering to assist in community actions. These volunteers would gather information related to retirement issues to assist and advocate for our members and our organization. We should be able to solicit volunteers through our newsletter, web site, e-mails and at our luncheon. Linda Robinson stated that she will draft an article for the *Informer* to share this information.

Discussion ensued about the description of these activities and will be continued at the next meeting to give Board members more time to consider it.

**Old Business**

**VII. Update regarding completion of legal documents**

New forms have been received but they are not up-to-date with the correct name of AREOC's Financial Officer. Sara Ruckle Harms will meet with our attorney to update the forms. These forms include the IRS Change of Address form 8822, the FTB Change of Address form 3533 as well as the Statement of Information (amendment).

**VIII. Other Matters**

Gaylan Harris discussed monies being paid to employers to compensate for health insurance costs. It may be necessary to develop a strategy for the monies that will be received by the County for the new federal Early Retirement Reinsurance Program to ensure that these monies are going to the retirees and not into the general county coffers. It may be helpful to have our attorneys write a letter on REAOC's behalf with copies to the individual Board of Supervisor's offices to determine their plans. Gaylan Harris will contact our attorney to discuss this issue with him.

*A motion was made by Doug Storm to have Gaylan Harris contact our attorney to discuss the issue of the Early Retirement Reinsurance Program, seconded by Lou Scarpino. Motion passed unanimously.*

Doug Storm led a discussion regarding the need for retirees to be identified as a large group of people with power. A suggestion was made to have a way to identify those retirees including a possible bumper sticker that could be used by 37 Act Counties to identify their retirees. Doug Storm will explore options.

Larry Leaman will work with Gaylan Harris on an editorial letter regarding the anticipated response to the *Register's* request to release specific information regarding pensions received. A draft will be sent to Sara Ruckle Harms in two weeks.

**IX. Adjournment -**

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