

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, November 9, 2011**

I. Call to Order at 10:55 AM by Sara Ruckle Harms

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

Absent: Doug Storm

II. Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2011.

A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Linda Robinson to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting as written. Motion unanimously approved.

III. Treasurer Reports for October 2011

Nicole Macias presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2011. A discussion followed regarding the legal bills that were paid during the month. The monies paid to Michael Brown were based on his billing hours and expenses for the Supreme Court hearing. The RBG payments were for their representation at the Supreme Court.

Bob Griffith made a motion to accept the October 2011 Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Linda Robinson. Motion passed.

IV. Liaison and Coalition Building Table

This table was reviewed and discussed at the last AREOC Board meeting. There are a total of six items that have been designated as top priority (level 5). Sara Ruckle Harms would like to have a stand-alone meeting to discuss the top priority assignments.

A motion was made by Linda Robinson to have the Table revised for discussion at the December AREOC meeting with just the top priorities listed; motion seconded by Chuck Hulse. Motion carried.

Action Items: Ilene Bárcenas will consolidate the document to list only the "5" priorities and will send this document to Board members. Additional a column will be added for estimated time commitments for each item.

V. AREOC Communications Committee

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion of the Board members regarding solicitation of volunteers for this committee.

Lou Scarpino discussed the white papers that are being created at CRCEA to be shared with the member counties and how they are communicating issues. It may be helpful to use the top priorities from the liaison table to determine the tasks we would like to have volunteers assist with.

Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by John LaRoche to receive and file until the liaison table is more refined. Motion passed.

VI. Budget Planning for next fiscal year

Sara Ruckle Harms would like to set up a workgroup meeting to work on the budget as well as the top priority table. This meeting will be held on December 14, 2011 beginning at 10:00 AM.

VII. Executive Session

The regular meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 11:43 AM.

Lou Scarpino made a motion to end the Executive Session, seconded by Chuck Hulse. Motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 11:57 AM.

Sara Ruckle Harms affirmed a motion made during Executive Session by John LaRoche and seconded by Chuck Hulse. This motion stated that upon AREOC's receipt of a REAOC approved invoice from the law firm of Michael Brown, AREOC's treasurer is authorized to make payment from available funds. This motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Griffith and seconded by Larry Leaman to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 AM. Motion carried.