

REAOC
MINUTES – BOARD OF Directors’ Meeting
OCERS - 2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana
Wednesday, April 14, 2010

I. Call to Order at 10:09 AM by Co-Presidents Doug Storm and Linda Robinson

In attendance officers and directors: Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, John LaRoche, June Marcott, Sara Ruckle-Harms, Gaylan Harris, Bob Griffith, Chuck Hulse, Lou Scarpino. There is a quorum. Also present were: John Iagjian, Helen Lotos, Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by June Marcott and seconded Linda Robinson by to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

III. The Informer

The next edition will be sent to our members early next month. Articles will include:

- A litigation summary that was written by John LaRoche and Linda Robinson;
- An article on “211” which is a resource for Orange County residents;
- An article regarding working retirees and seniors not receiving a potential \$250 since they will not be getting a COLA;
- Information regarding the progressive drawing winner.

The draft will be sent to the REAOC Board members for comments. The final *Informer* will be mailed on May 5, 2010.

IV. May Luncheon

The May lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2010. This luncheon will have a Hawaiian theme. Tropical attire is appropriate. John LaRoche is negotiating with a Polynesian dancer for the lunch. John LaRoche is also in a discussion with a potential speaker for this lunch. As this is the lunch prior to Memorial Day, the retirees who attend the luncheon who are Veterans will be recognized. Board members also discussed potential guest speakers and entertainers for future luncheons.

Motion made by John LaRoche and seconded by June Marcott to have Sara Ruckle-Harms contact the Dickens Carolers regarding performing at the December luncheon and to allow her to contract with them up to a maximum of \$450. Motion passed.

V. In the News

Helen Lotos led a discussion regarding her “In the News” report that was sent to all Board members. In addition, Helen discussed recent editorial articles that were in the OC Register.

VI. Treasurer's Report & 2009 Tax Preparation

Quarterly and Final Litigation Report presented and discussed.

Sara Ruckle-Harms moved and Linda Robinson moved to accept this Quarterly Litigation Report. Motion passed.

2010 REAOC Operating Budget Report for March and the Treasurer's Report were presented and discussed.

Bob Griffith moved the Operational Fund Report for March, which was seconded by John LaRoche. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tax Preparation for 2009 – Chuck Hulse needs a response from all of the REAOC Board regarding the questions that were asked in his e-mail of April 7, 2010. He requested that all Board members respond to him as quickly as possible so that he can complete and file the Federal Form 990.

A motion was made by Linda Robinson for Chuck Hulse to contact Ron Gray, CPA to complete the Federal and State forms and pay Mr. Gray up to the \$500 budgeted amount. Motion seconded by Sara Ruckle-Harms. Motion carried.

VII. Meeting Reports

- a. **OCERS** –Bob Griffith represented the REAOC Board at the County Board of Supervisors' meeting regarding the Star COLA which was subsequently approved by the County Board of Supervisors. A report was distributed by Sara Ruckle-Harms regarding the OCERS regular Board meeting of March 22, 2010.
- b. **CRCEA** – Lou reported on the Executive Committee minutes from the March 24 2010 meeting as well as the Legislative committee report for March 2010.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. **Outreach & Fundraising** – no report
- b. **Membership** – John Iagjian distributed the Membership Report to the Board members.
- c. **Scholarship/Board Watch** – 30 scholarship applications were received. These applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee tomorrow and by OCDE shortly thereafter. Results and recommendations will be sent by June Marcott to Doug Storm and Linda Robinson for their approval. Denial and approval letters will be sent by Ilene Bárcenas and the winners of the scholarships will be invited to the May luncheon. The Board Watch Committee is still actively monitoring and reporting on the Board of Supervisors' meetings.
- d. **Volunteer Coordinator** – position still vacant. The Board asked to consider potential candidates for the next coordinator.
- e. **Legislation** – this committee report was shared by Lou Scarpino.

IX. Presidents' Message

- a. **Director Position** – there was a discussion regarding a possible replacement for the Director's position. No decision made at this time.

b. **Lawsuit Update** – still do not have a court date for our 9th Circuit court appearance.

c. Desk Guide Procedures

Sara Ruckle-Harms moved to accept Desk Guide 1 and 2 as written, seconded by Bob Griffith. The motion passed unanimously.

Desk Guide #3 - Scholarship and Desk Guide #4 - Luncheons were sent out in advance of this meeting to the Board members. Comments were given to June Marcott for possible updates to these guides. Any additional comments should be sent to June Marcott by May 1, 2010.

d. REAOC Website (Sara, Ilene, June)

June Marcott moved, seconded by Sara Ruckle-Harms that we authorize the Treasurer to obtain an ATM or credit card from the Credit Union. A revised motion was made by Bob Griffith and seconded by John LaRoche to direct the Treasurer to inquire with the Credit Union on how to proceed towards obtaining an ATM card. Motion carried.

e. **REAOC By-Laws** – Frank Madrigal is still working on the by-laws and they should be available for review by the Board very soon.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by June Marcott and seconded by Frank Madrigal to adjourn the meeting of the REAOC Board at 1:11 PM. Motion carried.