

**MINUTES**  
**REAOC Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**OCERS Hearing Room**  
**2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, January 12, 2011**

**I. Call to Order at 9:36 AM by Co-Presidents Linda Robinson and Doug Storm**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes for November and December meetings**

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Chuck Hulse to accept the November minutes as written. Motion passed. Sara Ruckle Harms made a motion to approve the December Annual Meeting minutes which was seconded by June Marcott. The motion passed unanimously.*

**III. Treasurer's Report**

The 2010 REAOC Operating Fund Report for December 2010 was presented and discussed by Chuck Hulse. Also presented and discussed by Chuck Hulse were the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Operating Budget Report as well as the proposed revised budget for 2011.

*Sara Ruckle Harms moved the Operational Fund Report for December 2010. The motion was seconded by John Iagjian. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*Sara Ruckle Harms moved the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Operating Budget Report which was seconded by Bob Griffith. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Bob Griffith that the 2011 proposed REAOC Budget be approved with dues split with \$1.35 to AREOC. Motion seconded by John LaRoche. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*A second motion was made by Bob Griffith and seconded by John LaRoche that up to \$20,000 be transferred to AREOC for their budgeting purposes subject to AREOC submitting their budget to REAOC for approval of the transfer.*

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Chuck Hulse to temporarily suspend the REAOC meeting. Motion passed.*

*Sara moved to reconvene the meeting at 12:11 PM which was seconded by June Marcott. Motion passed.*

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Membership**

John Iagjian shared and discussed the membership report with the Board. The membership drive continues with the committee members calling prospective members and sharing information about REAOC. Additionally, John Iagjian wrote

articles for the *Informer*. The committee has not yet had a chance to work on the associated membership issue. Pre-retirement seminars have continued and John Iagjian has continued to attend to share information regarding REAOC. Ilene Bárcenas reported that the majority of the 65 cash pay members have paid their dues for 2011. Another solicitation reminder will be sent to those who have not yet paid their dues to try to retain their membership.

**B. Board Watch/Scholarship**

A meeting was held with the Board Watch Committee and assignments were made for monitoring the Board of Supervisors' meetings for 2011. The scholarship process for 2011 has begun. The committee will be meeting in February, the website has been updated with the new scholarship form and members have been calling for applications. Applications will be available at the next luncheon.

**C. Legislation**

Lou Scarpino reported that it is very early in the season so not much is yet happening. Federal – We will be watching closely the efforts to repeal and replace the new Health Care legislation that is certain to stall in congress, as well as potential subsequent amendments that may have a potential for some success. State Budget – Governor Brown has proposed resolving the deficit by splitting the difference between revenue and cuts. A power point presentation on our retirement system, which was presented at the October CRCEA Conference, would be very informative for our members and the public. Approval was granted for posting on the REAOC website subject to Lou Scarpino obtaining permission for its use from the document's author.

**V. Meeting Reports**

**A. OCERS**

Sara Ruckle Harms discussed a report that she distributed earlier highlighting the OCERS Board meeting of December 20, 2010. OCERS investment returns are ranked among the highest for public pension funds. This report also contained information about the 1099-R process for 2011. This same information about the receipt and availability of the 1099-R will be posted on the REAOC website.

**B. CRCEA**

The topics raised by Orange County at the October 2010 CRCEA Conference were on the agenda and discussed at the last CRCEA Board meeting. Included was the issue of small membership counties cost of conferences (the October 2010 conference producing a loss for the host - Marin County). Also included was further debate about CRCEA continuing to work statewide or expand to the national level. Non-related to OC raised topics, a decision was made to prohibit politicians from speaking at CRCEA Conferences. The next CRCEA conference will be held in San Diego in April 2011.

**VI. Luncheon**

John LaRoche reported that our next luncheon will be held on January 26, 2011. Jacqueline Lauder from the County on Aging will be speaking for about 15-20 minutes. She will be bringing 250 copies of the guide for senior services.

**VII. *The Informer***

Our next edition will be the March/April edition; deadline will be January 26, 2011 for articles. There will be a membership article, an OCERS COLA article, an article about the CRCEA spring conference and an AREOC update. John LaRoche will also develop an article about Rex and Carol Lee Castellaw.

**VIII. In The News**

Helen Lotos shared in advance of the meeting the current “In the News” report. It has been posted on the REAOC website.

**IX. Presidents' Message**

**A. Lawsuit Update**

Amicus Briefs were filed by CalPERS, CRCEA and independent colleges. They have been posted on our website. There is still no indication of how long it will take to resolve this lawsuit even though we have asked for calendar preference.

**B. Annual Business Lunch Program**

No comments have been received regarding the election of officers and the establishment of by-laws.

**C. Honorary Members**

There was discussion in a previous meeting about allowing honorary members. For example, Lori Vandermeir who helped us with our web page, is an example of someone who could be chosen to have an honorary membership. This item will be carried over along with the item of a possible associate membership for a future meeting.

**D. Union/BOS/REAOC Activity**

There was a discussion regarding the emails from OCEA and the sharing of the information.

**E. Other**

There have been Health Care discussions with REAOC Board members and the County Employee Benefits. There are three additional scheduled meetings.

The listing for the directors for REAOC/AREOC needs to be updated; Ilene Bárcenas will send out a new listing.

Per Gaylan Harris, the OCERS website does not have the correct link back to the REAOC website. Ilene Bárcenas will contact OCERS to have them update their information.

There has been an issue with a retiree regarding reduced or group cell phone rates that are offered through OCEA. Upon research, this was only for active employees. John LaRoche volunteered to contact Verizon to see if there is a discount available.

**X. Adjournment**

*Motion made by June Marcott, seconded by Doug Storm to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 PM. The motion passed unanimously.*