

REAOC
Minutes – Board of Directors’ Meeting
OCERS - 2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana
Wednesday, September 8, 2010

I. Call to Order at 10:30 AM by Co-Presidents Linda Robinson and Doug Storm

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

II. Approval of Minutes

The approved minutes should be signed each month for our records. Frank Madrigal is the appropriate person to sign the approved minutes. Linda Robinson stated that Bob Griffith will have a discussion with OCERS to determine if the enrollment packet for the Pacific Group insurances would go out to all OCERS retirees. Ilene Bárcenas has been asked to follow-up on this with Stephen Pettee at Pacific Group Insurance to determine what past practice was.

A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John LaRoche to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer’s Report

2010 REAOC Operating Fund report for July 2010 was presented and discussed by Chuck Hulse.

June Marcott moved the Operational Fund Report for July 2010, which was seconded by John LaRoche. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Membership

John Iagjian discussed the membership report. Membership has been fairly steady. John Iagjian and other Board members discussed how the REAOC membership can be increased. When the sub-committee meets (including Mary Jones, Jeannette Tozaki and John Iagjian), plans will be discussed regarding how additional members can be solicited and attracted to join REAOC. It might be helpful to have an insert included in the OCERS newsletter to give OCERS retirees information about REAOC membership. The sub-committee will develop this planned insert.

B. Board Watch/Scholarship

The Board Watch committee continues to monitor the meetings. No major issues have been discussed in the last month’s monitoring meetings that will effect retirees other than the medical insurance issues.

Scholarship issue – a decision was made at an earlier meeting to allow Board members families to apply for the scholarships as long as the Board member was not involved in the scholarship approval process. This issue was discussed again for clarification. After discussion, the motion will stand.

Legislation

Lou Scarpino reported on the current legislation. Currently the legislature is out of session. Two reform bills have been sent to the Governor for signature. Legislation approved regarding health care reform in California law has moved forward to put California in sync with the Federal Health Care reform. The State budget has still not been approved. Lou Scarpino stated that it is important that we understand the bills that are being approved and share this information with our membership. Sara Ruckle Harms discussed portions of the OCERS legislative report that was sent to all Board members.

C. REAOC Website

Helen Lotos will be forwarding the “In the News” to be posted on the REAOC website. The health insurance premium rates adopted by the Board of Supervisors effective January 1, 2011 will be posted to the website. The website entry will indicate that the rates that are posted are based on the rates adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Members with questions concerning the rates should contact County Employee Benefits. REAOC letters to the Board of Supervisors concerning the rate increases can be found elsewhere on the REAOC website as well as the Presidents message in the Informer address these rate issues. Ilene Bárcenas will review the reports from Constant Contact to determine how many “hits” we are receiving and share this at the next meeting. She will also create a form that can be placed on the tables at the luncheon to obtain updated e-mail addresses from the luncheon attendees.

D. By-Laws

Frank Madrigal reported on the draft By-Laws and the comments received. The updated version will be sent out to the Board for comments so that they can be finalized. Once finalized by the Board, these By-Laws will be approved by the REAOC membership at the December meeting. The proposed By-Laws with the newly approved changes will be posted on the web site once they are approved by the Board.

V. Meeting Reports

A. OCERS

Sara Ruckle Harms provided a report of the August 23, 2010 OCERS Board meeting. There has been a 2.23% year-to-date gain for the OCERS fund investments. Chriss Street will be making a presentation at the September 9, 2010 OCERS Board Strategic Planning workshop regarding the “SMART” plan. Bob Griffith’s term on the OCERS Board expires on December 31, 2010. He will seek another term on the OCERS Board and he has already met with the Registrar of Voter’s office to obtain the needed paperwork to run.

B. CRCEA

Lou Scarpino reported that CRCEA will not have a meeting this next month.

VI. Luncheon

A. John's Report for September

Sharon Sedgwick will not be able to attend the next luncheon. Jeannine Marold will assist in decorating and assisting at the reception table. John LaRoche will contact Dr. Bresky regarding his presentation and advise him of the time allowed for his presentation (approximately 30 minutes). John LaRoche will also arrange for a riser and a hand microphone. Sara Ruckle Harms will call Ralph Klimek regarding taking pictures with Kathleen Mattivi at our next luncheon.

B. Suggested Speaker - Council on Aging - Nutrition and the Aging Process

Judy Schindelbeck, from the Council on Aging, is a specialist in the subject of Nutrition and the Aging Process. Sara Ruckle Harms suggested that Ms. Shindelbeck may be available to speak to our members on this topic. Sara Ruckle Harms will contact her to determine if she could make a presentation to our members at a future luncheon. Board members stated that it would be a good idea to add a link on our REAOC website to the Council on Aging (www.coaoc.org). OC Vital Aging is also another resource for our members and that organization may have a speaker for a future luncheon.

VII. The Informer

The September Informer has been mailed and posted on the web site. The next edition is the November-December edition. The deadline for articles to be sent to the editor is October 6, 2010. This edition will be mailed on November 10, 2010.

VIII. In The News

Linda Robinson reported that Helen Lotos will be sending out an updated report to the REAOC Board very soon. This report will be used to update the website.

IX. Presidents' Message

A. Lawsuit Update

The lawsuit was certified to the California Supreme Court. A petitioner's motion for calendar preference was sent by our attorneys to the Court. A preference can be made when members of a lawsuit are older than 70 years of age and we have approximately 2,700 members who are older than 70.

B. Medical Insurance

The Federal Reinsurance Program application by the County of Orange was approved. Doug Storm made a public information request for insurance information and is reviewing the reports. REAOC will be requesting other documents from the County related to the Reinsurance Program.

C. Informer Desk Guide

Linda Robinson would like to reverse the dates so that the first due dates would be shown leading up to the last dates due. This will be done.

John LaRoche made a motion which was seconded by Gaylan Harris to accept the Informer desk guide as written. Motion approved.

D. Other

Stephen Pettee sent an example of a link that is used by San Diego County to show the supplemental insurance benefits. A similar website will be developed for Orange County that can be linked to from the REAOC website to detail the supplemental insurance benefits. He will also need to be contacted regarding a confidentiality form for the open enrollment packets.

The OCEA Health Fair will be held on October 5, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will share information about REAOC and Doug Storm will provide candy that can be shared with those who visit our booth. In addition, pens will be ordered that can be handed out to booth visitors. Sara Ruckle Harms, June Marcott, Ilene Bárcenas and John LaRoche have volunteered to work at the REAOC booth.

Sara Ruckle Harms discussed a need for volunteers for various State boards that may be of interest to our members. They are specifically soliciting women who would be willing to serve on the boards. Sara Ruckle Harms will send more information out to REAOC Board members. This opportunity will be shared at the next luncheon.

John LaRoche discussed the open REAOC Director position and a discussion ensued on how we should fill this position. Larry Leaman will talk to other REAOC members to determine if anyone would be interested in serving on the REAOC Board. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Bob Griffith stated that the Retirement Board election ballots will be mailed on October 12, 2010 and must be returned by November 2, 2010. A reminder should be discussed at the next luncheon.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chuck Hulse and seconded by Frank Madrigal to adjourn the meeting of the REAOC Board at 1:04 PM. Motion carried.