



**MINUTES**  
**REAO Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**OCERS Hearing Room**  
**2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, April 11, 2012**  
**9:30 AM**

**I. Call to Order at 9:37 AM by REAO Co-President, Linda Robinson**

Present: Doug Storm, Linda Robinson, Chuck Hulse, Bill Castro, Gaylan Harris, John LaRoche, June Marcott, John Iagjian and Sara Ruckle Harms. Also present is Lou Scarpino and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Bob Griffith

**II. Approval of Minutes from March 2012 meeting**

*A motion was made by June Marcott and seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms to accept the March 2012 minutes as amended. Motion carried.*

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Bill Castro presented the March 2012 Treasurer's Report and the REAO First Quarterly Report. He also presented the REAO Financial Statement audit provided by Daniel Leonard, III who is our contracted CPA. There was a discussion regarding the date of incorporation of REAO. The California Secretary of State stamped the Articles of Incorporation on January 15, 1971 even though the by-laws were originally written in 1969.

*Motion made by John LaRoche and seconded by June Marcott to move the March 2012 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

*Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John LaRoche to move the First Quarterly Report. Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John Iagjian to receive and file the draft audit document. Motion carried.*

**IV. Executive Session**

*Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms to enter into Executive Session at 9:52 AM; motion seconded by Chuck Hulse. Motion carried.*

*Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded John Iagjian by to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:15 AM. Motion carried.*

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **A. Membership**

John Iagjian reported on the membership data as of March 31, 2012. The overall membership numbers for the active members as well as the associate members have increased. With the greater number of March retirees, John Iagjian anticipates that our membership numbers should increase.

### **B. Board Watch**

The committee is still monitoring the Board meeting. Doug Storm and Linda Robinson suggested that the Board Watch Committee as well as the Scholarship Committee be our guests for luncheon in May as they have spent many hours volunteering to assist the REAOC Board.

Action Item: June Marcott will contact members of each committee and invite them to be REAOC's guests at the May REAOC luncheon.

### **C. Scholarship Committee**

A total of 26 applications for scholarships have been received this year. Two applications did not include transcripts, one essay exceeded the 300 word limit and one applicant did not have a 3.0 GPA. One of our REAOC members, Luisa Camino, volunteered to join the Scholarship Committee and will attend the meeting to score the applications.

### **D. Legislation**

Lou Scarpino reported that he is continuing to monitor pending legislation and initiatives. One of the bills, AB1542 (Norby) would not allow COLAs until after the public employee retiree has been retired for one year. There are four other pending bills that would support the Governor's 12-point plan. Lou Scarpino will be attending a meeting on Friday regarding legislation. Another bill that is being followed is SB 1231 (Walters) which would not allow for COLAs for 1937 Act Counties if their retirement systems are not fully funded. It is not clear if this would only be for future retirees or if there could possibly be an impact on current retirees.

## **VI. Meeting Reports**

### **A. OCERS**

In advance of the meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms sent an e-mail with a summary of the OCERS March 19, 2012 meeting. An overview of the meeting was discussed. OCERS has had a 6.42% return to date for 2012. Sara Ruckle Harms also shared a matrix that was created by Suzanne Jenicke at OCERS that shows a snapshot picture of employee's and employer's contributions to their retirement funds.

### **B. Financial Update/Plan Sponsor Meetings**

There was no report given regarding these meetings.

### **C. CRCEA**

At the CRCEA conference there will be a discussion regarding the issue related to increasing the membership fee. Additionally Lou Scarpino stated that he was invited to a meeting at the Mission Inn in Riverside that is sponsored by a large group of travel agencies. It may be an appropriate affiliate for CRCEA. A “Call to Action” presentation will be presented at the CRCEA conference that relates to the second white paper. The first white paper was submitted to the Senate and Assembly conference committees.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will provide 25 copies of the last Informer to Linda Robinson for the CRCEA conference.

### **VII. Luncheon**

John LaRoche stated that our next luncheon will be May 23, 2012. An article in the Informer relates to the rummage sale at the Hemet facility. John LaRoche contacted the OC High School of Performing Arts and they will be sending him a packet of what entertainment is available and the costs. There will also be the presentation regarding the scholarship recipients. The menu for the May luncheon will include meatloaf as the main course.

### **VIII. The Informer**

John LaRoche stated that the latest draft was received this morning. Articles include the OSC Golf Tournament, an In the News article, public retirement seminar report, etc. This edition of the *Informer* will be mailed May 2, 2012. The next edition will be the September/October edition; articles are due August 1, 2012.

### **IX. In The News**

No new In the News article was received to be posted on the Internet but the information was provided by Helen Lotos to create an In the News article for the next *Informer*.

### **X. Presidents' Message**

#### **A. Lawsuit Update**

The opening briefs and the response briefs are in and posted on our website. The hearing is still set for Monday, April 30, 2012.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will need to send a “save the date” reminder in the form of an e-mail and web update. The articles should ask members to contact REAOC if they plan on attending and state that more specific information will be forthcoming.

#### **B. Other**

Both Linda Robinson and Doug Storm attended the Hemet luncheon. The attendees stated their appreciation for the REAOC Board members and all that they do for the retirees. As a reminder, the contributions for the rummage sale including travel size accessories will be collected at the next luncheon in May. A meeting is being set up with Barbara Voekel for the retiree health plan coverage for next year.

**XI. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by June Marcott to adjourn the REAOC Board meeting at 12:17 PM. Motion carried.*