



**MINUTES**  
**REAO Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**OCERS Hearing Room**  
**2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, April 10, 2013**  
**9:30 AM**

**I. Called to Order at 9:34 by REAO Co-President Linda Robinson**

Present: Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Larry Leaman, Gaylan Harris, John LaRoche, Faye Watanabe and Sara Ruckle Harms. Also present Jan Stephenson, Lou Scarpino and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Bill Castro, Bob Griffith

**II. Approval of Minutes from March 2013 meeting**

The maker of the motion for the approval of February 2013 was not known.

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John LaRoche to approve the March minutes as written with the acknowledgement that the maker of the motion for the February was unknown. Motion carried.*

**III. Treasurer's Reports**

**A. Monthly Operating Report**

Linda Robinson presented the March 2013 Treasurer's Report on behalf of Bill Castro who is on jury duty.

*Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Faye Watanabe to approve the March 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

**B. Quarterly Budget Report**

*Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Faye Watanabe to approve the Quarterly Budget Report. Motion carried.*

**C. Audited Financial Statements-2012**

The report was discussed by Linda Robinson.

*Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms to move the audit report for REAO, seconded by Linda Robinson; motion carried unanimously.*

**D. Tax Returns-2012**

The deadline for submitting the tax return is May 15, 2013 for both the federal and state tax returns.

*Motion made by Faye Watanabe to approve the tax return upon the recommendation by Bill Castro; seconded by Sara Ruckle Harm; pending the decision regarding who will sign the tax returns. Motion carried.*

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Membership**

Ilene Bárcenas and John Iagjian presented the March 2013 Membership Report. The overall membership numbers continue to rise. John Iagjian stated that he has been asked to write an article for the OCERS newsletter, “In Your Service” regarding REAOC. He also stated that a new member for the Membership Committee has been identified and will be starting within the next few months.

##### **B. Board Watch**

There have been no items that have impacted retirees this past month. Grace McDonald has volunteered to join the Board Watch Committee.

##### **C. Scholarship**

Ilene Bárcenas and Faye Watanabe discussed the scholarship application process. There have been 26 applications submitted for the 2013 process. Two of the applicants have been disqualified for having written

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Faye Watanabe to limit the receipt of the scholarship by the same person to no more than two times. Motion carried.*

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will send Sara Ruckle Harms a copy of the scholarship for the applicant who submitted essays in excess of 300 words. The desk guide will be updated to reflect the new motion.

##### **D. Legislation**

In advance of the meeting, Lou Scarpino shared a Legislative Tracking Report Abstract for April 2013. Pending bills from the report were discussed by Lou Scarpino including the potential impact of AB 785 and AB 822 as well as SB 24 and SB 54. AB 937 is a spot bill that will be watched and Lou Scarpino stated that he suspects this bill is to carry forward the California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Trust.

#### **V. Meeting Reports**

##### **A. OCERS/Financial Update/Plan Sponsored Meetings**

In advance of the meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms sent a summary of the OCERS Board meeting. At the meeting there was significant discussion but no decision made on the actuarial funding policy. This will continue to be discussed at the April 15 OCERS Board meeting.

There was a discussion at the meeting regarding an alternate retirement board member. The Board expressed interest in this but wanted to get details/language for how the alternate would be utilized. Sara Ruckle Harms believes it would be beneficial to have REAOC and or AREOC Boards to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of

having this alternate member be a retiree. Julie Wyne has the information from the other 37 Act Counties regarding who has this position in place.

*Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Doug Storm to arrange for a meeting with Julie Wyne to discuss the topic of an alternate member. Motion carried.*

Action Item: Several of the REAOC Board members will plan a discussion with Julie Wyne to discuss this item of an alternate member. Sara Ruckle Harms will schedule this discussion. Based upon the outcome of the meeting with Julie Wyne, a letter from REAOC/AREOC may be written.

## **B. CRCEA**

Lou Scarpino attended the last meeting and will be attending the meeting at the CRCEA conference. There will be a discussion of issues at the CRCEA Conference Roundtable including lawsuit updates and the Retirement Security Committee and the need to continue this AdHoc committee. Conference manuals are near ready and we should try to obtain one from Betty McCollum when it is available.

Lou Scarpino also said he shared his overview of the PRJ conference with the CRCEA Board. There was also a discussion on the CalPERS LTC issues. Lou Scarpino shared a “Rationale for Continuation” paper with the REAOC Board. Comments regarding this document should be shared with Lou Scarpino.

## **VI. Luncheon**

John LaRoche provided details regarding the agenda for the May 22, 2013 luncheon. The theme for this luncheon is “tropical”. At this luncheon, the scholarship recipients will be honored. For the entertainment, we will have the “Ukulele Rascals”. We will also have the salute to the veterans who attend. Coconut chicken will be served. There was a discussion about replacing John LaRoche as the Luncheon Committee Chair. The Board should continue to seek this replacement.

Action Item: John LaRoche will contact Walt deVries to see if he will lead the salute to the veterans.

## **VII. The Informer**

John LaRoche discussed the articles in the May 2013 *Informer*. The next edition is September/October with articles due on July 31, 2013. The edition will include an article regarding the scholarship recipients, the CRCEA conference as well as other articles.

## **VIII. Presidents' Message**

### **A. Litigation Update**

There is a hearing on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April at 10:00 regarding the class action lawsuit on the discrimination issues. This will be held at the Santa Ana courthouse.

Action Item: Gaylan Harris will provide Ilene Bárcenas with information about this hearing so that Ilene Bárcenas may update the website to provide information about this court date.

## **B. REAOC Office Hours**

Discussion regarding an identified need to adjust the office hours for the telephone contact.

*Motion made by Doug Storm, seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms, that the new telephone office hours will be Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Motion carried.*

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will update the webpage, the outgoing telephone message and any forms as needed to reflect the office hours. A small article will be written for the September edition of the Informer.

## **C. Other**

Linda Robinson said she spoke to Helen Lotos who stated that Hieu Nguyen, Tom Daly's replacement, may be a good person to meet and share information about REAOC. Philip Cheng is the Performance Auditor in County HR and may also be a good person to meet. There was also a discussion about having a leadership award established in the name of Bill Kirkwood. Sara Ruckle Harms suggested having a luncheon each year to honor Bill Kirkwood. This item will be discussed at a future board meeting.

We have had an issue regarding the Liberty Mutual mailers that were sent by Pacific Group Agencies. Doug Storm stated that it may be a good idea to have Steve Pettee come and discuss this issue and discuss if this is insurance we want to offer to our members.

Action item: Ilene Bárcenas will call Steve Pettee to see if he can attend the next REAOC Board meeting to discuss the insurance issues.

## **IX. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John LaRoche to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 AM. Motion carried.*