



**MINUTES**  
**REAO Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**OCERS Hearing Room**  
**2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, February 13, 2013**  
**9:30 AM**

**I. Called to Order at 9:33 AM by REAO Co-President Doug Storm**

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

Absent: John Iagjian

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

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Linda Robinson to approve the January minutes as written. Motion carried.*

**III. Treasurer's Report for January**

Bill Castro presented the January 2013 Treasurer's Report.

*Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by Doug Storm to approve the January 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Membership**

Ilene Bárcenas reported on the membership numbers as of January 31, 2013. The numbers have continued to increase but slower now that the supplemental benefit open enrollment period has ended.

**B. Board Watch**

The Board meetings continue to be monitored. There have been no items that have impacted retirees this past month. There have been no new volunteers. There will be an article in the next *Informer* to solicit volunteers for this committee.

**C. Scholarship**

Faye Watanabe is in the organizing stage for the meetings that will take place. There will be an article in the next *Informer* about the scholarship process so we may share this information with our members and possibly receive additional applications. Ilene Bárcenas reported that we have had 18 requests for the electronic scholarship applications to date.

#### **D. Legislation**

Lou Scarpino reported that the State bill introduction deadline is February 22, 2013. It has been quiet on the pension reform pieces. There is talk that less new bills will be introduced. At this time Lou Scarpino is monitoring the budgets and forecasts. Two things to monitor is the 2% inflation that is projected and to determine if the feds will follow through and resolve issues that they have. Doug Storm would like Lou Scarpino to look at the pending legislation that would address the shortage of physicians and would allow for the regular use of physician assistants. There may be implications of this change in provider care with the health insurance plans. Lou Scarpino also led a discussion regarding the State of the Union speech and the responses from the various Republican leaders. There was also a discussion regarding the Affordable Care Act and how this will impact retirees.

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

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

In advance of the meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms sent an overview of the OCERS Regular Board meeting of January 22, 2013 and she led a discussion of this report. One of the very important issues was a discussion to introduce legislation that would create an 11<sup>th</sup> member of the OCERS Board of Retirement as an alternate appointed Board member. Bob Griffith does believe this item will be on the OCERS agenda for February but does not believe this item will be moved forward. It is his belief that there would need to be a ballot measure to approve this position of an alternate appointed OCERS Board member.

Action Item: At the OCERS Board meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms will speak up and present an opinion that if there is a need for an alternate appointed member then there should be consideration for an alternate retiree member of the OCERS Board.

##### **B. CRCEA**

Lou Scarpino attended the January meeting for CRCEA. There is a new conference manual for hosting a CRCEA conference. Lou Scarpino will try to obtain a copy of this manual for REAOC. Lou Scarpino let CRCEA know that he would like to either attend the NIRS conference or participate in a webinar. He would like to share the white papers – especially the second one. They also discussed the speakers' bureau concept.

Lou Scarpino shared our membership numbers with the CRCEA Board. He also stated that CRCEA needs to find someone who would be interested in coordinating the CRCEA newsletter.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will create an e-mail to share information about the CRCEA conference that will be held by Los Angeles County in Long Beach.

#### **VI. Luncheon**

The next luncheon is scheduled for March 27, 2013. Entertainment will be provided by the Harbor Singers. The decorations planned by Sharon Sedgwick are in the line of a "spring" theme.

## **VII. The Informer**

The next edition draft will be sent to John today. Articles include a solicitation for volunteers for Board Watch Committee, OCERS update including COLA information, a small article about the CRCEA conference, “In the News”, a scholarship informational article written by Faye Watanabe, a membership article from John Iagjian and an article about the volunteers recognized at the March luncheon. There will also be a memorial article to honor Olivette Shannon. The Informer will be mailed March 6, 2013.

## **VIII. Presidents' Message**

### **A. St. Joseph's Hospital Volunteer Opportunities**

Ilene Bárcenas reported that she was contacted by one of our members, Linda Boyd, and also by the head of volunteer services (Carol Levers 714-390-2315) at St. Joseph's Hospital. They are in need of volunteers and believe our retirees would be a great resource for them. They would like to have REAOC share information with its members regarding opportunities to volunteer at St. Josephs. They would be willing to come to a future luncheon to discuss the volunteer program or would like to have an article in a future Informer or information posted on our website. St. Joseph's Hospital is a for profit entity. Doug Storm stated that Bryan Greene would also like to share information with our retirees. It is important that we have a policy about who may solicit our retirees.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will contact Linda Boyd to determine if she or the representative can attend the REAOC Board meeting to explain the volunteer opportunities. We can allow ten minutes for this presentation. We will be interested in knowing the details about the program, insurance, etc.

### **B. Other**

Doug Storm and Linda Robinson attended the Hemet luncheon yesterday. At the luncheon, they recognized the three volunteers who plan and organize the Hemet luncheon.

*Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John LaRoche to reimburse Linda Robinson the cost of three lunches for the Hemet volunteers (\$30.00). Motion carried.*

Doug Storm discussed the court hearing that was held last month for the class action lawsuit. A temporary ruling was given to Michael Brown at the hearing and he had to review the temporary ruling prior to his presentation in front of Judge Guilford. The final ruling was received February 12, 2013. On the case of age discrimination, the judge asked our attorney to refile the complaint. On the other two issues, he ruled against us.

Linda Robinson and Doug Storm met with Ernie Galvan regarding our REAOC lawsuit. He will be working with Michael Brown on the appeal. Michael Brown will prepare the filing and Ernie Galvan will review the document.

Action Item: Doug Storm will send the ruling regarding the class action lawsuit to Ilene Bárcenas to post on the website.

**IX. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 PM. Motion carried.*