



MINUTES
REAO Board of Directors' Meeting
OCERS Hearing Room
2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana
Wednesday, January 8, 2014
9:30 AM

I. Called to Order at 9:30 AM by REAO Co-President, Linda Robinson

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

Absent: Bob Griffith

II. Approval of Minutes

A. November REAO Board Meeting

A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Linda Robinson to approve the November regular Board meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

B. December REAO Annual Business Meeting

A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Doug Storm to approve the December 4, 2013 Annual Business meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Reports

A. Review and approval of the November 2013 Monthly Operating Report

Bill Castro presented the details of the November Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John LaRoche to approve the November 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

B. Review and approval of the December 2013 Monthly Operating Report

Bill Castro presented the details of the December Treasurer's report.

A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Gaylan Harris to approve December 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

C. Review and approval of the 2013 Fourth Quarter Budget to Actual Report

Bill Castro presented the 2013 Fourth Quarter Budget to Actual Report.

Motion made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Larry Leaman to move the 2013 Fourth Quarter Budget report. Motion carried.

D. Review and approval of the 2014 Budget

Bill Castro presented the revised 2014 REAOC budget. The contract rate for the Office Manager will be increased to \$20 per hour effective January 1, 2014.

Motion made by John LaRoche and seconded by Faye Watanabe to adopt the 2014 Budget as presented. Motion carried.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Membership

Ilene Bárcenas presented the end of 2013 membership number. Our membership numbers were significantly increased due to the PGA open enrollment.

Sara Ruckle Harms led a discussion regarding a membership drive and rewarding current members for bringing in new members. She suggested that there may be a way to give current members credit for signing new members.

At a future luncheon, we could announce the membership drive and also post an article in the March Informer and on our website. OCERS could play a role in increasing our membership so that all new retirees are given information about REAOC even if they do not attend one of the seminars. We should explore asking OCERS to once again publish another article about REAOC and provide information about the supplemental insurance benefits in the “At Your Service” publication. We should also look into how we may be able to share open enrollment and REAOC membership to all new retirees at the time of their retirement. We could determine if PGA could obtain the addresses of new retirees so that they would be able to send out supplemental benefit enrollment packets.

Action Items: Ilene Bárcenas will contact OCERS to determine what is being sent to new retirees from OCERS in regards to REAOC membership and supplemental benefits.

John Iagjian will be asked to address the luncheon attendees at a future luncheon and introduce a new membership drive.

C. Board Watch

Ilene Bárcenas reported that the items discussed at the last BOS meetings with an impact to retirees were related to the appointments of the members of the OCERS Board. Supervisor Spitzer also pulled an item regarding the inaccurate mailing lists provided by OCERS for the OCERS Board election. The County is asking OCERS to reimburse the \$10,785 in costs that were spent due to OCERS providing inaccurate information.

D. Scholarship

The scholarship process has begun; requests are being received for the electronic scholarships. The scholarship information is posted on the REAOC website.

E. Legislation

Lou Scarpino did not attend the meeting as there are not any new legislative items to discuss. Larry Leaman stated that the San Jose mayor initiative is now available for signature.

V. Meeting Reports

A. OCERS

In advance of the meeting, Sara Ruckle Harms provided a summary review of the OCERS Regular Board meeting of December 16, 2013. Nearly six hours of discussion took place for just two of the items, I-4 and I-5. The adoption of the new amortization policy will result in savings of \$625 million which is only 5% of the total costs.

B. CRCEA

No report as Lou Scarpino was absent.

VI. Luncheon

The next luncheon is scheduled for January 22, 2014. John LaRoche shared a draft agenda for the luncheon. Our entertainment will be a college student, Laith Toma, who was recommended by Sue Delarue.

Faye Watanabe discussed acknowledging the different volunteer committees and their members and providing recognition of their efforts at the March 2014 luncheon.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will create sign-up sheets for the luncheon for volunteers for the CRCEA conference. Ideas of the volunteer opportunities will be added to the sign-up sheet. Volunteer opportunities will take place two weeks prior to the conference.

VII. The *Informer*

The next edition will be the March/April 2014 edition; articles are due January 29, 2014.

Action Item: Tom Beckett will be asked to provide an article regarding OCERS news and provide COLA information. Ilene Bárcenas will scan last year's article and send it to Tom Beckett as a template. John LaRoche will call Tom Beckett to let him know that we will be requesting this article.

VIII. Presidents' Message

A. Litigation Update

We still have not heard anything from the November panel. A date has been set for the class action lawsuit and the hearing will be heard on February 6, 2014. Attendees should plan on a 9:00 AM meeting time. It would be helpful to have some of the REAOC Board attend the hearing and we will also invite retirees to attend.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will post the information regarding the hearing on the website and the hearing will be announced at the next luncheon.

B. CRCEA 2014 Spring Conference Planning

This past Monday Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Sara Ruckle Harms and Ilene Bárcenas met with the new Hilton staff contacts (Erin Cheney and Ramon Flores) regarding the conference. Plans are being finalized with the hotel. The remodel has almost finished. They have asked for pictures and our REAOC logo for their dedicated website for

reservations. We will take new Board pictures at the next luncheon to provide to the Hilton but will ask them to use stock pictures along with the REAOC website in the meantime.

Faye Watanabe stated that she received a note from John Chiang's appointment secretary. They need to know when they will need to provide verification of attendance at our conference. We will need to let him know what time slots are available and see if he will be available.

A dedicated CRCEA planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

We will need to provide the AV technicians and there are retirees who may be able to assist with this. We will also need a photographer for the event.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will send Faye Watanabe the draft agenda for her to share.

IX. Other

Linda Robinson discussed issues regarding retirees working in government jobs. She has been discussing this item with Rick Dostal, a retired OCSD employee who is now a REAOC member. Cities are seeking employees. Do we want to offer employment opportunities on our website? After a discussion, a decision was made that we will not get involved in this issue on our website.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John LaRoche to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 AM. Motion carried.