

**REAOC**  
**MINUTES – BOARD OF Directors’ Meeting**  
**OCERS - 2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

**I. Call to Order** – at 10:54 AM by Co-Presidents Doug Storm and Linda Robinson

In attendance officers and directors: Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, John LaRoche, June Marcott, Sara Ruckle-Harms, Gaylan Harris, Bob Griffith, Chuck Hulse, Lou Scarpino. There is a quorum. Also present were: John Iagjian, Helen Lotos, Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager

**II. Approval of Minutes**

John LaRoche stated that on page 1, Informer, article was actually from Jim Silva rather than Dan Rohrbacher’s office.

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

**III. The Informer**

Articles are due to the editor by March 31, 2010.

**IV. March Luncheon**

Sharon Sedgwick met with Mile Square staff after the last luncheon. A new microphone will be available for the next meeting. A new dessert will also be served for the next luncheon. The decorations and name tags have been purchased. Steve Delaney will present OCERS information. Sara Ruckle-Harms discussed restoring entertainment at future luncheons. She identified an entertainer who has his own equipment and can entertain and sing for and requires a two-hour minimum fee. For the holiday luncheon, there is a group who charge a minimum two hour fee. They will be considered at a later date. Funds for entertainment should be available in either the Program or Decorations/Gifts/Misc budget line items.

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle-Harms to hire the entertainer at his two-hour minimum, seconded by Linda Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by June Marcott to have Sara Ruckle-Harms contract with the Dickens Carolers for the holiday luncheon in December. Motion passed unanimously.*

**V. In the News**

Helen Lotos distributed by e-mail the “In the News” report and presented a summary of the report. She also provided an update from an article in the LA times regarding seniors not receiving the \$250 checks or a cost of living in their social security benefits.

**VI. Treasurer’s Report**

*John LaRoche moved the Operational Fund Report for February, which was seconded by Sara Ruckle-Harms. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**VII. Meeting Reports**

**a. OCERS**

Linda Robinson reported that there was discussion regarding “pension spiking” at the OCERS meeting. There are future plans for the OCERS Board to meet with the County Board of Supervisors.

**b. CRCEA**

Lou Scarpino reported on the last CRCEA meeting. Lou Scarpino will share the minutes of the meeting with the REAOC Board members prior to the REAOC Board meeting and include summary notes on focus areas in the transmittal when appropriate.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

**a. Outreach & Fundraising**

A letter was sent to members who had previously contributed to the litigation fund efforts through an automatic pension deduction. The letter that was sent to members advised them to how to continue their contributions to the REAOC/AREOC litigation fund.

**b. Membership**

John Iagjian distributed and discussed a report of the current membership.

**c. Scholarship/Board Watch**

One scholarship application has been received to date. All scholarship applications must be postmarked by no later than April 1, 2010. Ric Mendoza is moving to Colorado and needs to be replaced on the Board Watch committee. The other committee members will cover his assignments until a replacement is named.

**d. Volunteer Coordinator**

We need to replace this person as she has resigned. The Board was asked to consider retirees who could step in and fill the position of Volunteer Coordinator.

**e. Legislation**

Lou Scarpino reported that there is pending legislation regarding private employees utilizing PERS for their retirement plan. Bills being watched include: AB 609 administrative costs for retirement boards; AB 1354 regarding cost of living, and AB 1987 and SB 1425 regarding pension spiking. McCauley Recovery Pension Act initiative should continue to be watched. Chuck Hulse asked Lou Scarpino to develop a matrix listing the legislation and/or initiatives that are being monitored.

**IX. Presidents' Message**

**a. Open Director Position**

This item is postponed and will be discussed at the April REAOC Board meeting.

**b. Lawsuit Update**

A court date has not yet been received. We still anticipate a court date will be assigned soon; a 30-day advance warning will be given to our attorneys before the court date.

**c. Desk Guide Procedures**

Input due to Ilene by March 19, 2010. The Desk Guide #2 was updated and distributed to the Board.

**d. REAOC Website**

Sara Ruckle-Harms distributed the committee agenda, a timeline and also reported on the preliminary decisions made by the sub-committee. "Snapshots" of our proposed website were demonstrated. Sara Ruckle-Harms will send the link to the Board members so that they can see the actual mock site. Comments should be returned to Sara Ruckle-Harms by March 17, 2010.

**e. Other – By-Law Committee meeting**

This committee met and determined that there are some changes needed to the REAOC By-Laws. The proposed changes will be made in red on the document and sent out to the Board for review. This document will be discussed at the April REAOC Board meeting.

There was a discussion regarding a banner that can be used for public meetings that would have our name and logo.

*Sara Ruckle-Harms made a motion that was seconded by June Marcott that we purchase a banner not to exceed \$300. Motion was changed by Sara Ruckle-Harms to authorize June Marcott to research the cost and type of banners available, motion seconded by Linda Robinson. Motion carried.*

**X. Executive Session**

Linda Robinson led a discussion regarding filling the vacancy on the REAOC Board.

*Sara Ruckle-Harms moved the end of the executive session, which was seconded by Chuck Hulse. The motion carried.*

**XI. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by, Sara Ruckle-Harms seconded by Linda Robinson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM.*