

**REAOC**  
**MINUTES – BOARD OF Directors’ Meeting**  
**OCERS - 2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2010**

**I. Call to Order at 10:25 AM by Co-Presidents Doug Storm and Linda Robinson**

In attendance officers and directors: Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Gaylan Harris, Chuck Hulse, John LaRoche, Sara Ruckle Harms. There is a quorum. Also present were: Lou Scarpino, Larry Leaman, John Iagjian, Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager

**II. Approval of Minutes**

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

**III. Treasurer’s Report**

2010 REAOC Operating Fund report for April was presented and discussed by Chuck Hulse.

*Doug Storm moved the Operational Fund Report for April, which was seconded by John LaRoche. The motion was unanimously approved.*

Chuck Hulse reported that he picked up Form 990 and worked with the CPA as requested last meeting. He spent approximately six hours with the CPA who was paid \$500 for his services. Chuck Hulse completed the other REAOC tax returns for both the Federal and State (990-T, 109, and 199) to keep the costs down. All REAOC Board members will be sent a copy of the Form 990.

Chuck Hulse investigated obtaining a credit/debit card for REAOC. If the card is issued for REAOC, it must still have a name of one of the Board members on the card. If we obtain a credit card, it must be obtained utilizing the credit of the Board member.

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms to have our Treasurer obtain a credit card on REAOC’s behalf that will be in his control, seconded by John LaRoche. Motion carried.*

**IV. Meeting Reports**

- a. OCERS** – Sara Ruckle-Harms provided a written report to all Board members regarding the April meeting of the OCERS Board. There was a discussion regarding a data reporting error that was discovered by OCERS and is being resolved.
- b. CRCEA** – Lou Scarpino attended the CRCEA conference and reported some of the highlights from the conference. The Push Back Campaign idea is getting some favorable support. Other retirement groups also have increased their membership dues. Sustainability of funds in the various retirement accounts was discussed and it is believed that the funds are sustainable. Dorothy Lueking has been replaced as the Office Manager position. She will remain as the Executive Secretary. CRCEA has asked their committee chairs to present monthly reports to the CRCEA Board.

**V. *The Informer***

John LaRoche reported that the May Informer was sent out to all members. Proposed articles for the September 2010 include CRCEA Conference update, an article regarding medical premiums and a membership article.

**VI. In the News**

Helen Lotos distributed the latest report through e-mail prior to the meeting. These reports will be used to update the new web site.

**VII. Committee Reports**

- a. **Membership** - John Iagjian shared the Membership Report. Our numbers have stabilized. He also discussed a membership drive and will e-mail Board members with ideas for the drive. It may be a good idea to ask OCERS if they can share information about REAOC in their “In the Service” flyer including the new web site.
- b. **Scholarship/Board Watch/Volunteer Committee** – Ilene Bárcenas reported on behalf of June Marcott. There were 30 students who submitted applications for the Keith Concannon Scholarships. Of the 30 students, 5 applications were rejected as the essays exceeded the 250 word limit, 1 applicant was not a relative of a REAOC member, 1 had no reference letter, 1 had no transcript and one transcript was received but without the complete application. The committee reviewed and scored all of the applications and then they were sent to OCDE for their scoring. A compilation of all the scores was made and the four winners were recommended to Linda Robinson and Doug Storm. The winners were notified as were those who were not selected. The winners and their family members have been invited to the May luncheon to accept their checks.

The Board Watch Committee has continued to monitor the Board of Supervisors meetings. A replacement Volunteer Coordinator has not yet been selected.

- c. **Legislation** – Lou Scarpino will continue to follow legislation that may have an effect on the retirees that we serve.

**VIII. May Luncheon**

The next luncheon will be held on May 26 and will have a Hawaiian theme. John LaRoche has made arrangements for a dancer and a speaker. Vi Cowden, a WASP during World War II and was given a congressional gold medal, will be the speaker. She has a special scrapbook that she will bring to the luncheon. As this lunch date is near Memorial Day, there will be our annual salute to the veterans who attend the luncheon.

**IX. Presidents’ Message**

- a. **Lawsuit Update/Communications** – June 10, 2010 is our hearing date for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal. We do not know capacity for attendance at the hearing. When more information is known, it will be shared.
- b. **Director Position** – there still is a need to replace Bob Austin on the REAOC Board. This item will be carried until the June meeting.

- c. **REAOC Website** – Sara Ruckle Harms reported the current status of the web site. There have been two training sessions attended by Ilene Bárcenas and Sara Ruckle Harms. There is a little more work to do including updates to the AREOC information. A suggestion was made to update the web site with the litigation summary information that was posted in the Informer. Sara Ruckle Harms will create a Desk Guide regarding how web site items are developed, authorized, posted, etc.
- d. **RFP—Retiree Medical** – RFPs for Retiree Medical were received and are being evaluated. Gaylan Harris will be meeting with the County and Mercer on Monday, May 17, 2010 regarding the RFP process.
- e. **Desk Guides #3 and #4** – Ilene Bárcenas will send the updated Desk Guides to the Board members and these will be placed on the agenda for the June meeting.
- f. **By-Law Revisions** – the draft copy of the By-Laws for REAOC was shared. Comments should be sent to Frank Madrigal and will be discussed at the June meeting.

**X. Adjournment**

*A motion John LaRoche was made by and seconded by Doug Storm to adjourn the meeting of the REAOC Board at 1:10 PM. Motion carried.*