



**MINUTES**  
**REAO Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**OCERS Hearing Room**  
**2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, May 9, 2012**  
**9:30 AM**

**I. Call to Order at 9:35 AM by REAO Co-President, Doug Storm**

Present: Linda Robinson (via conference call), Doug Storm, Bill Castro, John LaRoche, Gaylan Harris, June Marcott, John Iagjian and Chuck Hulse. Also present is Larry Leaman and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Sara Ruckle Harms, Bob Griffith

**II. Approval of Minutes from April 2012 meeting**

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Linda Robinson to accept the April 2012 minutes as written. Motion carried.*

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Bill Castro presented the April 2012 Treasurer's Report.

*Motion made by Chuck Hulse and seconded by John LaRoche to move the April 2012 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

Bill Castro also presented the Independent Auditor's Report and the REAO 2011 Tax Return as prepared by Daniel Leonard, CPA. The CPA also invoiced his work for the audit and completing the tax returns.

*Motion made by John LaRoche and seconded by June Marcott to accept the Auditor's Report as well as the Tax Returns for 2011 and authorize payment to the CPA for up to \$3,500. Motion carried.*

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Membership**

John Iagjian reported on the membership data as of April 30, 2012. Numbers have continued to rise as many county employees retired in March. The earlier pre-retirement seminars were well attended but they have now decreased in numbers.

**B. Board Watch**

The Board of Supervisors' meetings continue to be monitored. Chairman Moorlach declared May "Senior Citizen Month". No other major impact to retirees related to recent agenda items.

**C. Scholarship Committee**

June Marcott discussed the recommendations for the 2012 Keith L. Concannon Scholarship Award recommendations. The applicants who were granted the scholarships and those who were denied have all been notified by a letter sent to their homes.

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by John Iagjian to accept the recommendations made by the Scholarship Committee for the scholarship winners for 2012. Motion carried.*

**D. Legislation**

Lou Scarpino was unable to attend the REAOC meeting. Doug Storm reported that SB 1231 (Walters), stripping the retirement board authority to grant the STAR COLA, has been very active this past week. CRCEA sent a letter opposing this legislation.

Action Item: Doug Storm will send Ilene Bárcenas wording for an opposition letter to be sent to the legislation regarding this pending bill.

**V. Meeting Reports**

**A. OCERS**

There was no report for OCERS as Sara Ruckle Harms and Bob Griffith did not attend the REAOC Board meeting.

**B. Financial Update/Plan Sponsor Meetings**

There was no report for these meetings as Sara Ruckle Harms and Bob Griffith did not attend the REAOC Board meeting.

**C. CRCEA**

Lou Scarpino did not attend the REAOC Board meeting so no report was given regarding CRCEA.

**VI. Luncheon**

John LaRoche stated that our next luncheon will be May 23, 2012; John LaRoche distributed and discussed the draft agenda.

Action Item: Doug Storm will purchase 50 flower stems to be distributed at the meeting to the veteran's who will be recognized for their service in the armed forces.

**VII. The Informer**

John LaRoche reported that the next edition will be the September/October; articles are due August 1, 2012. A reminder that one entire page in the *Informer* is 720 words. There will be an article regarding the scholarship winners and their pictures, if available, will be published.

**VIII. In The News**

No new "In the News" report was provided for this meeting.

**IX. Presidents' Message**

**A. Lawsuit Update**

Michael Brown and Ernie Galvan will both be at the hearing on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will send another reminder e-mail on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, regarding the hearing on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. The time is still unknown but should be on the court calendar.

**X. Executive Session**

*Motion made by John LaRoche to enter into Executive Session at 10:48 AM; motion seconded by Bill Castro. Motion carried.*

*Motion made by Linda Robinson and seconded by John LaRoche to adjourn the Executive Session at 11:30 AM. Motion carried.*

An action was made during Executive Session to transfer funds to AREOC for legal fees during the month of May and to transfer additional funds for legal fees to AREOC in June.

*A motion was made by Chuck Hulse to send funds from REAOC to AREOC which was seconded by Linda Robinson as discussed during the Executive Session. Motion carried.*

**XI. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Chuck Hulse to adjourn the REAOC Board meeting at 11:32 AM. Motion carried.*