

REAOC
MINUTES—Board of Directors' Meeting
18 Fairmont, Laguna Niquel
Wednesday, November 11, 2009

- I. Call to Order – Co-Presidents Doug Storm, Linda Robinson**
In attendance officers and directors: Sara Ruckle-Harms, Gaylan Harris, Chuck Hulse, June Marcott, John LaRoche, Bob Austin. There is a quorum. Also present: Office Manager, Ilene Barcenas and John Iagjian
- II. Approval of Minutes**
The minutes for October 14, 2009 were approved, moved by Sara Ruckle-Harms, seconded by Gaylan Harris, approved unanimously with correction noted.
- III. Treasurer's Report**
Sara Ruckle-Harms moved for adoption of the monthly Operating Fund Report presented by Chuck Hulse. Linda Robinson seconded, approved unanimously. Chuck presented a draft budget for 2010 and discussion followed. Modifications were noted for inclusion in the proposed 2010 Operating Budget to be considered for adoption in January, 2010.
- IV. Presidents' Message**
Lawsuit Update: We are awaiting court notification of a hearing date for our Appeal.
Confidentiality Agreement signed by Co-Presidents with Pacific Group and Able Mailing protecting membership information for mailing of Supplemental Benefits material.
Continue NCPERS membership dues for 2010 as the organization provides legislative tracking, minimal legal services and is a nationwide resource regarding the public sector.
REAOC Website: Sara gave update regarding pending website improvements and will meet with appropriate parties to identify concerns and potential changes to the website. June was provided with input from Lou Scarpino regarding website data.
Dues Increase: Additional member input has been requested via the latest issue of The Informer in the Presidents' Message; this for consideration by Board members prior to a vote at the December 2nd Luncheon and Annual Meeting. Prior to the luncheon/annual meeting, the Board of Directors will discuss a recommended course of action after all input is received.
Other Issues: Doug Storm and Gaylan Harris will contact MEQ regarding Fund 292 and follow-up with the County. P.O. Box Change: Moved by June Marcott, seconded by Sara Ruckle-Harms and approved unanimously, REAOC's Post Office Box will be moved to the Grand Street location in Santa Ana, CA. Ilene Barcenas will initiate the change. John LaRoche will place an article in The Informer to notify membership of the new address.

V. Meeting Reports

OCERS: Sara reported the following: @ August, 2009 the Fund Total was \$7.2B; @ September, 2009 Investment Returns were +2.88%-- YTD: 15.37% 5 Year: +6.09%. Doug made a presentation to the OCERS Board on 10-19 regarding REAOC dues deductions and pending implementation of a Board of Supervisor's resolution limiting those deductions. The retirement Board continued the item in order to seek additional legal advice. Several Board members advocated for retirees.

CRCEA: Discussion ensued regarding the Fall Conference held in Emeryville October 19-21. Many other '37 Act County Retiree Associations are experiencing attacks on earned benefits and retiree rights—a number are in legal battles. A draft "Retiree Bill of Rights" was provided to conference attendees. The conference was an excellent networking opportunity for retiree associations, statewide.

SO. CA Health Care Summit: Gaylan provided overview of the presentations made and insight gained from attendance at the Summit. The report provided by Lou and Gaylan will be forwarded to all Directors and Officers.

VI. Committee Reports

Outreach & Fundraising: Efforts by Vicki Gray and other committee members have had many positive results. The thank you letter to contributors has been modified. On motion of Sara, seconded by June Marcott and approved unanimously, an expenditure of \$2,000 was authorized to mail out additional fundraising letters.

Membership: John Iagjian reported 40 employees at the most recent retirement session. The sessions have resulted in increased REAOC membership. The Board will address selection of a back up person for John in the near future.

Scholarship/Board Watch/Volunteer Co-coordinator: June reported that Ronnie Morris agreed to replace Barry on the Scholarship Committee. Helen Lotos and Ric Mendoza are permanent Board Watchers and Gloria Philips has been selected as REAOC's new Volunteer Coordinator.

VII. In the News: Linda reported on several recent newspaper articles.

VIII. The Informer: John LaRoche explained that the most recent Informer was in the mail and should be received by Friday. December 1st is the deadline for articles in the January/February issue. Pictures will be taken at the Holiday/Annual meeting for publication in next month's newsletter.

IX. December Luncheon/Annual Meeting: The Board will honor volunteers during the luncheon. Certificates developed by Vicki and June will be presented at that time. Sara to follow-up on a luncheon entertainment possibility.

X. Executive Session

Computer purchase. On motion of Chuck Hulse, seconded by June and passed unanimously by the Board--the Office Manager is authorized to purchase computer equipment in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for REAOC business. On motion of Chuck Hulse, seconded by John LaRoche and approved unanimously Barry Aerni will be allowed to retain the computer and printer purchased by REAOC over four years ago contingent upon certification that a transfer of all information related to REAOC has been coordinated with Ilene and all REAOC data has been deleted from the old computer.

The REAOC Litigation Fund Report was reviewed and motion was made by Sara to accept the report, seconded by June. Motion approved unanimously. On motion of Doug, seconded by Linda a motion was made to authorize payment to MEQ through AREOC. Motion approved unanimously. A motion by Sara, seconded by Linda to move \$5,000 of the REAOC Litigation Fund Balance @ October 31st failed. Sara made a substitute motion to transfer the balance of funds on hand @ October 31st to AREOC for payment of legal expenses. Gaylan Harris seconded and, after discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. Subsequent discussion addressed closing out the REAOC Litigation Fund and transfer of all current and future litigation proceeds to AREOC. It was decided to postpone the discussion until additional research could be completed.

XI. Meeting adjourned 2:31 PM