

MINUTES
REAOC Board of Directors' Meeting
OCERS Hearing Room
2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana
Wednesday, October 12, 2011
9:00 AM

I. Call to Order at 9:13 AM by Co-Presidents Linda Robinson and Doug Storm

Present: Linda Robinson, John LaRoche, Sara Ruckle Harms, Bill Castro, Gaylan Harris, John Iagjian. Also present is Larry Leaman, Lou Scarpino and Ilene Bárcenas, Office Manager. There is a quorum.

Absent: Chuck Hulse, Bob Griffith, Doug Storm, June Marcott

II. Approval of Minutes from September 2011 meeting

There was a discussion regarding the minutes. The final approved version of the minutes will always be posted in the Board section of the REAOC website.

A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by John LaRoche to accept the September 2011 minutes as amended. Motion passed.

III. Health Fair Report

Several of the Board members reported that they had a very positive experience at the OCEA Health Fair. The new REAOC banner was used to clearly identify our table. There was significant interest in the Associate Membership process. For next year, a suggestion was made to have REAOC envelopes with the associate membership applications so that potential members have the items they need readily available. The company that does health screening tests for active employees at OCEA would be interested in having their services available for REAOC members. There was also interest from insurance companies who discussed services that could be made available to REAOC members.

IV. Presidents' Message

Linda Robinson discussed the October 3, 2011 Supreme Court hearing. Our attorney, Ernie Galvan, did an excellent job of representing our case to the Court. The Court has 90 days to render an opinion on the case. Sonoma and Contra Costa Counties had representatives at the hearing; our previous attorneys were also present.

Linda Robinson also led a discussion regarding the class action lawsuit that was heard October 11, 2011 in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal. There is no set timeframe for the opinion from the Court.

Action Item: Ilene Bárcenas will post the article from the attorneys regarding the Supreme Court hearing on the "In the News" section of the REAOC website. Also, when the audio tape of the hearing is available for both hearings, links should be posted on the web.

V. Other

OCERS Strategic Planning meeting - Linda Robinson, Gaylan Harris and Larry Leaman all attended this very informative meeting. The OCERS Board elected Tom Flanigan as the Vice-Chair. After the discussion, a future plan may be to have an expert from OCERS attend a REAOC Board meeting to share information.

The annual open enrollment for health care is approaching. It is very important that our members understand the choices they make.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by John LaRoche and seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 AM. Motion carried.