

**MINUTES**  
**REAOC Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**OCERS Hearing Room**  
**2223 Wellington Avenue, Santa Ana**  
**Wednesday, February 9, 2011**

**I. Call to Order at 11:22 AM by Co-Presidents Linda Robinson and Doug Storm**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes for January meetings**

*A motion was made by Sara Ruckle Harms and seconded by Frank Madrigal to accept the January minutes as corrected. Motion passed..*

**III. Treasurer's Report**

The 2010 REAOC Operating Fund Report for January 2011 was presented and discussed by Chuck Hulse.

*Linda Robinson moved the Operating Fund Report for January 2011. The motion was seconded by Sara Ruckle Harms. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Membership**

John Iagjian shared the January membership report as well as the results of the membership survey with the Board. He also shared and discussed the pros and cons of establishing an Associate Membership category for REAOC. Any potential Associate Member would have to be eligible for an OCERS pension when he/she retires. He proposed that the dues for this type of membership be set at \$12 a year. John Iagjian will work on the process of establishing a non-voting Associate Member category.

**B. Board Watch/Scholarship**

Ilene Bárcenas reported for June Marcott that the Board Watch Committee continues to listen to and report on all Board of Supervisors meetings. Items of interest being followed include changing the retirement plan for elected officials. Apparently the Supervisors cannot vote on an item that pertains to changing retirement plans for currently elected officials which would include the Board members so the details of that conflict have to be worked on. They also met in closed session regarding the Sheriff's pension lawsuit and a decision was made to file a petition with the California Supreme Court to hear the case. The vote was 4 – 1 (Nguyen voted against).

The Scholarship Committee will meet next week to discuss the 2011 process. Scholarship applications were available at the last luncheon and there have been about ten calls requesting applications to be mailed to members for their relatives.

### **C. Approval of Desk Guide 3 - Scholarships**

Ilene Bárcenas reported for June Marcott the changes in the Scholarship Desk Guide for 2011. The changes regarding Scholarship Awards include increasing the words from 250 to 300 words or less, changing the essay question to “*I plan to achieve my career goals by*”, and deleting the objective that stated “The award may not be applied toward general living expenses”. In addition it is now clearly spelled out in the Desk Guide that family members of those who are responsible for selecting award winners are excluded from applying for or receiving the scholarships. Chuck Hulse pointed out that the scholarship must only be used for tuition and books/fees and cannot be used for general living expenses. The desk guide will be updated to reflect this as will the scholarship forms.

*Sara Ruckle Harms moved the revision of the desk guide as corrected by Chuck Hulse seconded by Gaylan Harris. Motion passed.*

### **V. Meeting Reports**

#### **A. OCERS**

Sara Ruckle Harms shared a summary of the OCERS regular board meeting of January 18, 2011. Linda Robinson will talk to Steve Delaney about having the new OCERS board members attend our next REAOC luncheon (Patty Gorczyca, the new OCERS Board Chair and Shari Freidenrich, the newly elected Orange County Treasurer).

### **VI. Luncheon**

John LaRoche reported that our next luncheon will be March 23, 2011. Steve Delaney from OCERS will be our guest speaker and he will provide handouts for the attendees. The menu for the March lunch includes lasagna with a new type of dessert. At the next luncheon, we will be discussing an opportunity for one of our members to volunteer and be trained to be an Ombudsman for REAOC members needing assistance. The training will be provided by the Council on Aging. In advance of the luncheon, John LaRoche will contact Ingrid Harita and Rebecca Guider, both former Executive Managers of SSA, to see if either one of them would be interested in this volunteer position.

### **VII. The Informer**

The next edition of the *Informer* will be mailed on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. John LaRoche will be sending out a draft today. Articles in the March edition will include an article about AREOC, the current membership drive, the scholarship committee activities, the Council on Aging and their services, Helen Lotos’ “In the News” report, and information about the CRCEA spring conference.

### **VIII. In The News**

Helen Lotos distributed the “In the News” paper earlier in the month and will be sending out another updated version shortly.

**IX. Presidents' Message**

**A. Lawsuit Update**

The Petitioner's response to the amicus briefs were filed at the Supreme Court. Copies will be posted on our website when they are available.

**B. Hemet Luncheon**

Linda Robinson and Doug Storm attended the last Hemet luncheon. This particular luncheon is becoming more popular and they have seen the attendance grow. They are looking at moving to a new facility.

**C. Conferences**

REAOC will continue to send delegates to the CRCEA Conferences. The spring conference is scheduled for April 17 – 20, 2011 in San Diego County. Doug Storm, Linda Robinson and Lou Scarpino are scheduled to attend this conference to represent REAOC.

**D. Meetings with County**

A subcommittee consisting of Linda Robinson, Doug Storm, Sara Ruckle Harms and Gaylan Harris has been meeting with County Human Resources representatives to create a dialog addressing 2012 health insurance issues and future challenges. While the subcommittee has no negotiating status, they receive information and ensure the concerns of REAOC members are made known. There have been approximately six meetings to date.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.