

# **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors Retired Employees of Alameda County**

Monday, December 11, 2017

Health Care Services Agency Building, Room 242, 1000 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA

Mary Miller, treasurer and acting president of the board, called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

**Roll Call:** Mary Miller, Marian Breitbart, Jerry Jacobs, Rosalie Masuda, Liz Koppenhaver, Paul Reeves, and Mike Smart were present. Also, Jon Orellana and Steve Scheinman, directors emeriti, and Renaye Johnson and Linda Barbaro, members, were present.

**Election of Board Member for Vacancy #1:** Paul moved and Mike seconded the appointment of Renaye Johnson to the currently vacant position previously held by Gerry Dunn. The motion was approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 13, 2017, board meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Mike and seconded by Rosalie that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was approved with one abstention.

**REAC Board 2018–19 Goals and Objectives:** The board reviewed seventeen goals and objectives for 2018–19 and assigned board members with the primary responsibilities for each. These will be further refined and consolidated, printed in the *REAC News*, and presented to the membership at the March 2018 spring luncheon. It was moved by Marian and seconded by Rosalie to approve the goals and objectives.

**Announcements and Communications:** Paul received two calls regarding the See's Candies discount. The REAC board and directors emeriti have purchased a sufficient volume of See's Candies to qualify all REAC members for the discount program. While gift certificates can be used at all See's stores (excluding kiosks at the airport and elsewhere), the gift certificates must be purchased at the See's outlet store on Davis Street in San Leandro. Other locations can be found at <http://fundraising.sees.com/locations/fundraising-experts>.

We also received an inquiry about deferred compensation. Such questions should be referred to the county treasurer's office at <http://www.acgov.org/treasurer/deferred.htm>.

## **Reports**

**ACERA:** There was no report by ACERA.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary distributed copies of REAC's November 30, 2017, Treasurer's Report. The checkbook balance stands at \$3,515.60 and total assets at \$73,365.01. Transfers will be made between the operating account and the account established for the CRCEA conference after a final reconciliation.

Mary and John will follow up with the insurance broker regarding a replacement policy for directors' and officers' insurance.

Jerry moved that the October 2017 treasurer's report be approved as submitted. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

The treasurer presented the draft proposed budget that indicates a shortfall for next year of approximately \$330 prior to finalization of 2017 results and potential increase in insurance costs. It was noted that dues have not been increased since 1979. A final budget will be presented at the January meeting for adoption.

after review of 2017 results and all revenue and expense categories. Jerry moved to adopt the proposed budget, and Rosalie seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**CRCEA:** There was no report.

**SACRS:** Liz reported that it was a good conference. One speaker on “Lean In” discussed how to develop programs to help women in the workplace because it’s been shown that with greater diversity in the workplace there is greater diversity among investment managers and better returns.

An RVK, Inc., report on investment returns among twenty California county pension funds indicated that ACERA was the best performing fund over the last year.

**Retirement Board:** The board will meet on December 21 to review actuarial assumptions and adopt an assumed rate of return. Marian moved that REAC take a position in support of the ACERA actuary’s recommendation that the rate be reduced to 7.25% from the current 7.6% rate. Jerry seconded the motion, and the motion was adopted.

**Health Care:** There was no new information to report.

**Activities:** Rosalie will check for a possible new venue as well as the Meadows. Kathy Mount, ACERA’s new general counsel, is slated to be the featured speaker and will probably review any new legislation and the status of litigation regarding pension benefits.

**Membership and Recruitment:** Membership at the end of November 2017 stood at 4,130.

**REAC News:** Mary will include information on the See’s Candies program, REAC’s goals and objectives, a call to the annual meeting, and interest in serving on the board in the next newsletter.

**Investment Committee:** Liz reported that assets are now at \$7.9M. ACERA is in the process of a general investment consultant search and identified three finalists, one of whom is their existing consultant.

**Other Reports:** Liz reported that the Retirees Committee voted to recommend that ACERA continue to provide the Medicare Part B reimbursement plan benefit to eligible retirees in 2018 and approve the reimbursement based on the lowest standard monthly Medicare Part B premium rate of \$134.

**Old Business: REAC board member/director recruitment:** Steve reported that he spoke with a retiree who expressed interest in joining the REAC board, but she may not be available until May 2018.

**New Business:** The Nominating Committee was happy to announce that Rosalie Masuda, Mary Miller, and Mike Smart have all agreed to continue to serve on the REAC board. There currently is one vacancy on the board.

**For the Good of the Order:** No additional items to report

Mary adjourned the meeting at 11:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Marian Breitbart

## **Next Meeting**

Monday, January 8, 2018, 9:30 AM

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