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

Monday, July 10, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Linda Barbaro, president of the board.

*Roll Call:* Present were Linda Barbaro, Marian Breitbart, Paul Reeves, Jessie Guiton, Jerry Jacobs, Rosalie Masuda, Mike Smart, and Liz Koppenhaver. Also present were Jon Orellana and Mary Miller, members; Steve Scheinman, director emeritus and member; Pete Albert, ACRE president; and Mike Sloan, CRCEA vice president.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the June 12, 2017, board meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Jessie and seconded by Mike that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was approved with one abstention.

Announcements and Communications: Linda took a moment and introduced Mary Miller. Mary has expressed interest in joining the REAC board. The board welcomed Mary and then introduced themselves. Mary took a few moments to provide the board with some of her background, work experience, and the reason she's considering joining the board.

Linda announced that she received a check for \$1000 from the 1<sup>st</sup> United Credit Union. The credit union made the donation to help offset the costs of the upcoming fall conference. The credit union has continually supported REAC, its mission, and its members.

Linda also mentioned that she received a communication from a member who wants ACERA to increase the dental allowance; and if that is not possible, can we recommend a supplemental insurance that might help offset excess dental expenses? Liz agreed to speak with the member and discuss his concerns with ACERA.

## **Reports**

**ACERA**: The Retirees Committee meeting will be held on July 12, 2017. As such, there is no Retirees Committee information to report at today's meeting.

*Treasurer's Report:* Jessie distributed copies of the REAC Second Quarter Financial Report and the June 2017 Treasurer's Report. Some discrepancies were noted, and both reports will be carried over to the August 14, 2017, board meeting.

Jerry Jacobs expressed concern about how his compensation for the membership chair position is being reflected in the Treasure's Report. He and Jessie will discuss the appropriate wording and make changes as necessary.

*CRCEA:* Jerry distributed copies of the draft CRCEA 2017 Fall Conference Program. He will be adding additional information to the draft program as it becomes available. Jerry also handed out

a list that identifies specific duties and responsibilities that will require volunteer help during the fall conference. Jerry reported that he had volunteers for almost all of the responsibilities and tasks, but he really needs someone to specifically assist him. Liz and Mary both agreed to provide assistance. The board asked Jerry to add the names of the volunteers to his list and then send that updated information to the board.

Mike Sloan informed the board that CRCEA needs at least four high-quality pictures of Oakland/Alameda County that can be used for the flyer. He needs those pictures by the end of July 2017. Rosalie agreed to send him some of the pictures she has; and Liz agreed to contact Mike Fara, ACERA staff member, to see if he has pictures we can use.

Jerry reported that the cost of the food and beverages for the conference, which is \$4,000, is to be paid in two installments. He said that he plans to contact an individual he knows in San Joaquin County who will be able to provide the audio-visual support for us during the conference at a reduced cost.

Jerry also mentioned that someone who wants to contribute towards the cost of the conference contacted him. The board agreed to consider it, how it might work, and prepare to discuss the issue further at the August board meeting.

Mike Sloan suggested that we immediately send out a Save the Date notice to the twenty-five CRCEA associations so that people have sufficient time to schedule their attendance. Jerry and Liz agreed to take responsibility for sending out the notices.

At the June 12, 2017, board meeting, a motion was approved by the board to offer up to three complimentary tickets, up to a value of \$55 each, to sponsors that donate at least \$500 to the CRCEA 2017 Fall Conference being held in Alameda County. After some discussion, Marian made a motion that the board offer up to three complimentary tickets, up to a value equaling the actual cost of the conference registration, to sponsors that donate at least \$500 to the CRCEA 2017 Fall Conference being held in Alameda County. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

*SACRS:* There was no new information to report.

**Retirement Board:** Liz mentioned that the Retirement Board may increase the amount of the Monthly Medical Allowance (MMA). She should have more information about that possibility by the next board meeting. Liz also mentioned that the county is concerned about attracting and retaining millennials as county employees.

*Investment Committee:* Marian briefly reported on her previously submitted Investment Committee report for the June 14, 2017, meeting. The first item was a discussion, and possible motion, to recommend to the Board of Retirement that they adopt a new U.S. equity manager structure.

The next item was a discussion, and possible motion, to recommend to the Board of Retirement that they adopt an investment in ACERA's real estate portfolio. The committee agreed to recommend a \$10M investment with Heitman Value Partners.

The next item was a quarterly performance review for the first quarter of 2017—Equities and Fixed Income. Total net fund performance during the first quarter was 5.3%, which was above the Policy Index and also ranked in the third percentile of funds tracked.

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

Activities: Rosalie reported that she has been in contact with the staff at the Meadows Restaurant and Event Center, which is where the REAC fall luncheon will be held on October 9, 2017. The deadline for registration is September 27, 2017. The event center now requires a signed contract, with the payments being made in three equal portions. They are also making a room available, at the facility, for our 9:30 AM board meeting. This year they are offering a luncheon buffet menu. There will be two entrees available and six different salads. They are also making a sound system available for our use.

*Membership and Recruitment*: Membership at the end of April 2017 stood at 4,129.

**REAC News:** Linda Barbaro, REAC president, will be writing next month's directors' comments. She will include information regarding the CRCEA Fall Conference and information from the upcoming Retirees Committee meeting.

Other Reports: There was no additional information to report.

*Old Business:* The REAC board's 2017 Goals and Objectives item was carried over to the August 14, 2017, board meeting.

*New Business:* Paul announced that Jon Orellana was nominated and approved for designation as a director emeritus. The vote was unanimous.

Paul nominated Mary Miller to fill the current REAC board vacancy, and Marian seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous. Mary will fill the vacancy created by Gerry Dunn's resignation. Her term of office will run through March 31, 2018.

For the Good of the Order: No additional items.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Reeves, Board Secretary

## **Next Meeting**

Monday, August 14, 2017, 9:30 AM

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