

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Retired Employees of Alameda County
Monday March 8, 2021, 10:35 A.M.**

Zoom Video Conferencing Board Meeting

Marian Breitbart, Acting President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

Roll Call: Marian Breitbart, Suman Sharma, Rosalie Masuda, Renaye Johnson, Mike Smart, Connie Land, Liz Koppenhaver, and Alicia Baptista were present. Nancy Reilly ACERA Retiree Alternate, and Charo Panesi-Guerra, REAC Member and Administrative Assistant were also present.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Suman moved that the Minutes from the February 8, 2021 Board meeting be approved as amended. Rosalie seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Announcements & Communications: Marian reported on an email she received regarding a VSP Form which was out of date. Liz mentioned that Mike Fara and Ish Pena were able to have the form updated so that it is now current.

Reports

ACERA: Mike Fara gave the ACERA report during the Annual Membership meeting which took place this morning. Since the Minutes from the Annual Membership meeting, along with the Minutes from this meeting, will both be included in the next Newsletter; there is no additional information to report.

Treasurer's Report: Suman presented the February 2021 Treasurer's Report. Total Receipts were \$10,471.33 and Total Disbursements were \$7,400.28. CRCEA lost the check REAC sent them for our dues payment, so the amount, \$2,265.35, is added back to our account as a receipt. The only unusual disbursements were the CRCEA replacement check for \$2,265.35 and the separate "Help Wanted" mailing for \$1,199.64. Renaye moved that the February 2021 Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted. Rosalie seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

CRCEA: Rosalie report that the CRCEA Spring Conference has been cancelled. The CRCEA Fall Conference has been scheduled for November 7-10, 2021 and will be held at the Long Beach Courtyard by Marriott Hotel. Rosalie also mentioned that she will continue to follow the LTC Lawsuit mentioned during the REAC Annual Membership meeting which took place earlier this morning. Rosalie also reported that CRCEA is now thinking about holding their Business Meeting quarterly rather than twice a year. Nancy mentioned that the CRCEA's website has a link to the Calpers Class Action Lawsuit, so members who are interested in following the Lawsuit can access that information by using that link. Nancy provided a link for additional information at "calpersclassactionlawsuit.com/litigation-update.html".

SACRS: Paul reported that the SACRS Winter Magazine for 2021 is now available on their website. Paul also mentioned that the SACRS Board of Directors has decided to invite their members to submit articles of interest to retirees for publication in the SACRS Magazine. For inclusion in the April 2021 Magazine, the deadline for submission is March 1, 2021 and the deadline for inclusion in the September

2021 Magazine is August 1, 2021. Any articles submitted should be educational, 2500 words or less and pertinent to the membership, the public pension community and other hot topics. Paul mentioned, as an example, that you could submit an article on the LTC lawsuit and how it affected your community.

Retirement Board: Liz mentioned that she was very pleased that the Board decided to have ACERA staff provide updates and to make their presentations to the Board.

Investment Committee: Liz mentioned that the Investment Committee will be having their meeting this coming Wednesday, March 10th.

Health Care: There was no additional information to report.

Activities: There was nothing new to report.

Membership and Recruitment: Charo reported that as of February 28, 2021, membership stood at 3,908 members.

Administrative Staff Position: Charo also reported that she was able to keep track of the first 20 individuals who signed on to this morning's meeting but did not have all of their emails. Paul mentioned that he thought he had captured all of them, so he and Charo would be able to combine their information and have them sent out. Connie suggested that we should notify everyone who will receive one. The Board agreed to list the names of the winners in the Newsletter. Charo mentioned that this month the cost of mailing increased. She explained that the Post Office charges us 53 cents for each return. Alicia mentioned that we were probably being charged because we are using bulk rate mailing. We get a break when it is sent out, so they probably charge what it would have cost if it was not bulk mail for returned mail.

REAC News: The next REAC News will include the names of the winners of the \$25 Safeway gift cards, a request to have members elect to receive their Newsletters on line and the website for members who are interested in following the LTC Lawsuit.

New Business: the 2021 Goals and Objectives will be continued to the April 12, 2021 Board Meeting. Paul asked the Board members to review the Goals and Objectives and give some thought to what we will be doing in 2021. Marian mentioned that one of the members felt we should update the REAC website. Paul also mentioned that he has received several comments regarding the Newsletter. Paul suggested that we should probably consider sending our members a survey to determine what changes they think we should make.

Old Business: There was no old business to report.

For the Good of the Order: There was nothing new to report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Reeves, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting: April 10, 2021, 9:30 a.m. (Monday)
Zoom Video Conferencing**