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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — BY MARY MILLER

Before the covid-19 virus had us all sheltering in place and seeing the other events on our calendars cancelled one by one, the REAC Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon were held as scheduled. They were the last REAC activities and were well attended considering the concerns at that time about. Our speaker, Julie Mucilli, from the Red Cross gave us some tips for general safety as well as spoke about volunteer opportunities available through the organization. We learned that home fires are the most common reason that people turn to them for assistance. Her catch phrases were “3 feet from the heat” and “keep an eye on what you fry”. It seems that kitchen fires are the most common culprit on the household level. For big disasters the Red Cross recommends that everyone have a kit, make a plan, and stay informed. When asked to shelter in place be prepared to stay for several days, and if the reason is for a natural disaster, be prepared to evacuate. The Red Cross as a full range of volunteer options, including donating blood, working at blood drives, transporting blood from their blood bank to hospitals, and services to the Armed Forces. Volunteer opportunities can be one time, or on-going. Julie can be reached for more local information at Juli.Mucilli@redcross.org. In addition to our speaker, REAC member Cynthia Cotton had a table with

information about Road Scholar travel options. She spent time with those who are interested, and is currently focusing on domestic travel. Cynthia is available for more information at Cynthiacotton7536@gmail.com.

The REAC Board has cancelled its April meeting as a result of ACERA cancelling their March meetings in light of the public health situation. You will see that we do not have updated information on recent retirements or an In Memorium section since there was not an ACERA Board meeting. At this time, we expect to hold the May meeting at its regular time and place. We also continue to seek to fill a part time administrative position for the board and are recruiting from our membership before going to the general public. This is an opportunity to work part time with flexible hours managing the membership duties of REAC. They include:

- Picking up mail weekly from the Oakland Civic Center Post Office and monitor charges for returned mail and change of address notices;
- Managing the monthly REAC membership information received from ACERA in three separate

## REAC BOARD MEETINGS

April 13, 2020

CANCELLED

May 11, 2020

(Monday) 9:30 AM  
 Ala. Cty. Health Care #129  
 1000 San Leandro Blvd.  
 San Leandro

<http://reacsite.org>  
[reacwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:reacwebsite@gmail.com)

## ACERA TRUSTEES MEETINGS

April 16, 2020

CANCELLED

May 21, 2020

(Thursday) 2:00 PM  
 475 14th Street, Oakland

[www.acera.org](http://www.acera.org)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cynthia Dyson  
 Stephen Mungovan

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schedules: Membership List, Reconciliation List, and Financial Account List. These are all electronic reports.

- Updating mailing list and transmit to the newsletter printer; and update electronic mailing lists with the website manager.
- Prepare and mail REAC membership cards and Welcome Letter to new REAC members monthly.

The person holding this position will use their own personal computer and will be reimbursed for mileage to the Post Office and meetings. A full job description is posted on the REAC website. To apply send an email to reacsite.org by April 30, 2020 with REAC Administrative Support in the subject line. In the message state your interest in the position; confirmation that you can attend the monthly REAC Board meetings; hours you are available; Word and Excel skill level; and Salary requirements.

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## ACERA Performance Report

ACERA reported in their February 29, 2020 performance report that the fund had lost \$425,197,386. The total fund returned -4.67%. The value of the fund at the end of February was \$8,291,498,756.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

*Fairview Metropolitan Golf Course  
10051 Doolittle Drive, Oakland*

Mary Miller, Acting President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

**ROLL CALL:** Mary Miller, Renaye Johnson, Mike Smart, Rosalie Masuda, Suman Sharma, and Paul Reeves were present. Nancy Reilly, REAC member and ACERA alternate retired board member was also present.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 10, 2020 Board meeting were reviewed. No errors or corrections were noted. Mike motioned that the Minutes from the February 10, 2020 Board meeting be approved as submitted. Mary seconded the motion and the motion was approved with one abstention.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mary informed the Board that she would probably miss

the April, May and June 2020 Board meetings. She will be back in time for the July Board meeting.

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### Reports

**ACERA:** There was no March 2020 Retirees Committee meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary presented the February 2020 Treasurer's Report. Receipts totaled \$9,871.48 and Disbursements were \$7,541.34. The only unusual receipts were deposits of \$1,380.00 for the Spring Luncheon. The only unusual disbursement was a payment of \$4,500.00 for Postage. Renaye motioned that the February 2020 Treasurer's report be approved as submitted. Rosalie seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**CRCEA:** Rosalie reminded the Board that she would be attending the CRCEA 2020 Spring Conference,

which is to be held April 6th thru April 8th in Visalia, California, provided it is not cancelled.

**SACRS:** Paul reminded the Board that he would be attending the SACRS 2020 Spring Conference, which is to be held May 12th thru May 15th in San Diego, California, provided it is not cancelled.

**RETIREMENT BOARD:** There was no new information to report.

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:** There was no new information to report.

**HEALTH CARE:** Rosalie spoke briefly regarding the corona virus (COVID-19). She mentioned that as of today, Alameda County had two confirmed cases of the virus. According to medical professionals, that number will increase dramatically over the next few days and months.

**ACTIVITIES:** Rosalie reported that she was able to have the Fairview Metropolitan restaurant lower the number of anticipated attendees for today's luncheon. She mentioned that she has received a number of questions from members who wanted to know if today's luncheon would be cancelled. She informed them that it had not been cancelled.

**MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT:** Mary reported that as of February 29, 2020 membership stood at 3,952 members.

**REAC NEWS:** The next REAC News will include the information provided by today's keynote speaker, an update on the COVID-19 virus, an update on the REAC's Board staff position, and information from the April 1st Health meeting, assuming it is not cancelled.

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### Old Business:

**WEBSITE:** After some additional research and discussion, the Board decided to not move forward with developing a retiree bulletin board or member forum for the REAC website at this point in time.

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF POSITION:

The board discussed various options for regarding the process used to hire someone for the new staff position. After some discussion, the Board agreed to run the announcement in the REAC Newsletter, with a deadline of April 15th to try and recruit a REAC member for the position. If we received no responses from that, we would then contact a staffing agency, the first workday after April 15th.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board began discussions regarding the possibility of conducting a new membership drive later this year. A membership drive

could be one of the activities assigned to the new staff person.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Suman mentioned that he had some concerns regarding the wording in Article X, Section 5 of the REAC Bylaws. That section refers to Board of Directors Compensation and he felt it needed to be revised in order to avoid possible confusion. Paul agreed to review the section and determine how the wording might be improved to address his concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Paul Reeves, Board Secretary*

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### Next Meeting:

April 13, 2020, 9:30 a.m. (Monday)

Health Care Services Agency  
Building, Room 129

1000 San Leandro Blvd,  
San Leandro, CA

There are no updates to the Congratulations On Your Retirement and In Memoriam sections because the March ACERA meeting was cancelled.

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