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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — BY *MARLAN BREITBART, VICE PRESIDENT*

This is the season. Flu shots are available and highly recommended this year. For Kaiser, either check their website for details or call 1 800 573-5811. It's a recorded voice so have a pencil handy. You give it the city you are interested in and then it tells you the name of the sites for walk up or drive up. In other health news, ACERA is organizing a virtual health fair this year. Check the Acera website for updates.

ACERA is targeting October 12 for mailing of the open enrollment packet.

We regret to inform you of the passing of Ken Moresi. After retiring from the Probation Department as Director of Adult Probation, Ken immediately joined REAC. Ken then volunteered to serve on the REAC Board of Directors. Ken was elected President of the REAC Board in 2009 and he served in that capacity for five years. Ken's achievements as REAC's President were remarkable. Among a multitude of accomplishments, under Ken's leadership REAC's membership increased by over 40% due in great part to a special recruitment program he developed and implemented. He modernized the organization's audit process and converted REAC to a

more relevant non-profit status. Ken created a system under which REAC became a consistent presence at ACERA Board and committee meetings and he revamped the presentation and content of the REAC Newsletter, making it much more relevant to the organization's purpose and goals. As a result of Ken's dedication to REAC and to the members it serves, Ken was named a Director Emeritus. Even after leaving the Board in 2014 Ken continued to provide guidance to the REAC Board. REAC has lost a great champion and supporter. We extend our condolences to Ken's wife, Mary, who for many years served as REAC's Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor, and to his family.

Once again your REAC Board of Directors has a vacancy. Mary Miller has joined the ranks of people who are retiring out of the area and will be moving by the end of the month. We will miss Mary, appreciate her service and contribution and wish her well. Mary provided the following statement: "Serving on the REAC Board has given me insights into the activities and actions of ACERA and how our pensions

REAC BOARD MEETINGS

October 12, 2020
 (Monday) 9:30 AM
 Zoom
 ID 214-219-6949
 password REAC

November 9, 2020
 (Monday) 9:30 AM
 Zoom
to be scheduled

<http://reacsite.org>
reacwebsite@gmail.com

ACERA TRUSTEES MEETINGS

October 15, 2020
 (Thursday) 2:00 PM
 see ACERA.org for
 ID and password

November 12, 2020
 (Thursday) 2:00 PM
 see ACERA.org for
 ID and password

www.acera.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donald Buchanan
 Raymond Firmeza
 Obaid U. Khan
 Josephine Saia
 Beth Schweitzer
 Curtis Tyler

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and benefits work. It has been rewarding, informative, and gives me great confidence in the health of our system. I encourage any of you who have an interest in serving on the board to contact us

using the website www.reacsite.org. Monthly meetings will be held by Zoom until we are able to meet in person again. ACERA staff usually participates as well.”

ACERA Performance Report

ACERA reported in their August 30, 2020 performance report that the fund had gained \$326,806,024. The total fund returned 4.09%. The value of the fund at the end of August was \$8,843,789,418.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Zoom Video Conferencing Board Meeting

Marian Breitbart, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

ROLL CALL: Marian Breitbart, Paul Reeves, Suman Sharma, Liz Koppenhaver, Connie Land, Rosalie Masuda, and Mike Smart were present. Charo Panesi-Guerra, REAC Member and Administrative Assistant, and Jon Orellana, REAC Director Emeritus, were also present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 10, 2020 were reviewed. No errors or corrections were noted. Connie motioned that the Minutes from the August 10, 2020 Board meeting be approved as submitted. Liz seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Liz reported that she received a few calls regarding the California Supreme Court decision in the 2012 “Vested Rights” Lawsuit. She provided them with additional clarity regarding the “California Rule” and she explained that the court decision did not change that rule.

Reports

ACERA: There was no September 2020 Retirees Committee meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Suman presented the August 2020 Treasurer's Report. There was a brief discussion regarding one of the items contained in the report. At the August 2020 Board meeting, Suman recommended transferring funds from the REAC checking account to the REAC

CD. The Board approved his recommendation, and authorized him to transfer \$50,000 to the CD. In the August 2020 Treasurer's Report, the \$50,000 figure was listed as a disbursement. The Board felt that since the funds being transferred remained with REAC, it was therefore not a disbursement per se. The Board felt it would be clearer in the report if Suman modified the report by adding the \$50,000 as a separate line items. Suman agreed to make that change. Total Receipts for August 2020 were \$8,521.03 and total Disbursements were \$2,782.71. There were no unusual receipts and no unusual disbursements. Connie moved that the August 2020 Treasurer's Report be approved as modified. Paul seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

CRCEA: There was no additional information to report.

SACRS: Paul reported that SACRS is still considering holding a Fall Conference. It would be an online virtual conference and it would be held from November 10, 2020 thru November 13, 2020. Paul mentioned that he will be attending as REAC's representative. Jon reminded the Board that he used to attend the SACRS conferences as REAC's representative.

RETIREMENT BOARD: There was no additional information to report.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: Liz reported that ACERA was relooking at their investments in light of the impact of COVID-19. No decisions or changes have been made thus far, but to be prudent, reevaluating investments and strategies was seen as being appropriate.

HEALTH CARE: Rosalie reported that Kaiser has begun to give flu shots. Some locations will require you to make an appointment while other locations will allow drive-up with no appointment being necessary. Members can call 1 (800) 573-5811 to make an appointment. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is strongly recommending that everyone get their flu shots.

ACTIVITIES: The Board discussed various options for a virtual Spring Membership meeting, if that becomes necessary. The REAC Bylaws require the REAC Board to have an Annual Membership meeting in March of each year. During that meeting, the Board provides the membership with their annual update, and the membership votes to appoint individuals to fill any Board of Directors vacant positions, or any Directors whose terms have expired and desire to seek reelection. In order to conduct business, including the voting, the Bylaws require that twenty (20) regular members and five (5) Directors must be present in order to have a Quorum. That can be accomplished by having a minimum of twenty (20) regular members participate in a zoom type meeting, or participate via a phone conference type call, or a combination of both.

Beginning in January 2021, the Board will begin notifying REAC members of those requirements and the various options being considered. The Annual Membership meeting will take place on Monday, March 8, 2021.

MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT: Charo reported that as of August 31, 2020 membership stood at 3,942 members.

REAC NEWS: The next REAC News will include comments regarding the passing of Ken Moresi, the information regarding the ACERA Virtual Health Fair, and open enrollment.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF POSITION: Connie and Charo met in August 2020 to continue to work on their transition. They have already ordered needed supplies and they will meet one more time to complete the transition of all Membership responsibilities.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Jon Orellana mentioned how pleased he was that REAC was formally recognizing the passing and the contributions of Ken Moresi.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Paul Reeves,
Board Secretary*

Next Meeting:

October 12, 2020, 9:30 a.m.
(Monday)

Zoom Video Conferencing

IN MEMORIAM

In deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following retirees:

ARNOLD, Mary
Health Care Services Agency
8/8/2020

BARGA, Jasmine Fidela
Auditor-Controller
8/18/2020

CLEMENTE, Vicente
Sheriff's Office
7/27/2020

CRAWFORD, Betty
Assessor
7/25/2020

DICKSON, Paula
Non-Mbr Survivor of
Marvin Dickinson
8/9/2020

DONAHUE, Stella
Alameda Health System
7/25/2020

FRITTS, Gerald
Social Services Agency
8/24/2020

JACKSON, Debra
Alameda Health System
8/3/2020

JOHNSON, Annetta
Non-Member Survivor of David
Johnson
7/19/2020

JONES-WILLIAMS, Linda
Probation Department
7/24/2020

LANGE, Michael
Sheriff's Office
8/16/2020

LEWIS, Marjorie
Non-Mbr Survivor of Marquis Lewis
8/1/2020

LORD, Richard
Social Services Agency
7/30/2020

MC DONALD, Flora
Non-Mbr Survivor of J C Mc Donald
8/5/2020

PARDO, Alexander
Public Defender
7/28/2020

RIVARD, Earl
Social Services Agency
8/2/2020

SERAILE, Octave
Non-Mbr Survivor of
Elizabeth Seraile
7/14/2020

SMITH, Barbara
Alameda Health System
7/13/2020

SPARKMAN, Jewell
Alameda Health System
8/15/2020

STUBBS-HARDY, Antoinette
Probation Department
8/28/2020

TUDOR, Troy
LARP
4/30/2020

WRIGHT, Leegretta
Social Services Agency
8/21/2020

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ANDERSON, Sherry
Auditor-Controller

ARCENEUX, Victor
Social Services Agency

BIVENS, Gregory
Sheriff's Office

BORGESS, Michele
Assessor

BUCHANAN, Donald
Sheriff's Office

CHI, Yiu
District Attorney

CRUZ, Marivic
Department of Child
Support Services

DA SILVA, Paul
Community Development
Agency

**DANEHY-OAKES,
Sheila**
Health Care Services Agency

DAVIS, Colette
Social Services Agency

DUNCAN, Commieolla
Social Services Agency

ENG, Nancy
Social Services Agency

FIRMEZA, Raymond
Sheriff's Office

FORSHAY, Adrienne
Superior Court

**GRAVES-MATTHEWS,
Mcheko**
Health Care Services Agency

GRIFFIN, Patricia
Social Services Agency

GUTIERREZ-PADILLA, Margaret
Health Care Services Agency

HAIN, Debra
Non-Member

HALILI, Ramon
Social Services Agency

HAWKINS, Carol
Library

HUDACK, Patrick
Health Care Services Agency

IANIRO, Sally
Social Services Agency

KONNOFF, Kelly
Alameda Health System

LEE, Karen
Probation Department

LI, Pui-Lan
Social Services Agency

MARKS, Leslie
Health Care Services Agency

MIDDLEKAUFF, Sam
Probation Department

MILLS, Cynthia
Social Services Agency

NEIDIVER, Theresa
Social Services Agency

NOWAK, Stanley
Information Technology

PALMA, Janet
Health Care Services Agency

PHILLIPS, Victor
Social Services Agency

PHUVANATNARANUBAL, Chaipong
Health Care Services Agency

POBRE, Maria
Social Services Agency

PROCTOR, Sheila
Health Care Services Agency

RASTI, Ghulam
Social Services Agency

REVEL, Steven
District Attorney

RIVERA, Nohemy
Social Services Agency

RUSSELL, Penelope
Health Care Services Agency

SAIA, Josephine
Alameda Health System

SANDOVAL, DaAnne
Department of Child Support
Services

SCHWEITZER, Beth
Alameda Health System

SHEAN, Mary
Social Services Agency

SHEHEE, Terrance
Alameda Health System

SHOPTAW, Lorraine
Library

SMITH, Jeffrey
Sheriff's Office

**VAN LEEUWAARDE,
Robert**
Probation Department

WILLIAMS, Jacqueline
Alameda Health System



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