

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

Monday, December 12, 2016

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 Jon Orellana, vice president and acting president of the board.

Roll Call: Present were Jon Orellana, Paul Reeves, Jerry Jacobs, Jessie Guiton, Marian Breitbart, Rosalie Masuda, and Liz Koppenhaver. Gerry Dunn and Mike Smart were excused. Also present were Steve Scheinman, director emeritus, and Pete Albert, ACRE president.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 14, 2016, board meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Marian Breitbart and seconded by Rosalie Masuda that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was approved with two abstentions.

Announcements and Communications: Jon reported that he received several contacts from members inquiring about membership cards and See's candies. He will include a clarification in the next REAC Newsletter regarding who members should contact to obtain lost membership cards, who actually sponsors the discount program (REAC), and how members can purchase discounted See's candy. Paul reported that he also receives emails and phone calls regarding lost membership cards and See's candies. In addition, he also reported that he continues to receive emails from members who want to receive the Newsletter on line and do not know how to make that happen. Each time he receives such a request, he sends the member specific instructions on the process.

Liz Koppenhaver reported that she received a call from a member whose spouse is a safety member. The member wanted ACERA to pay the full amount of the Medicare Part B premium. Liz explained to the member that the Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR) policy only allows for reimbursement of the lowest standard premium which, for 2017, will be \$109.00.

Steve Scheinman reported that he was still receiving a hard copy of the Public Retirement Journal and since he is no longer on the Board that should be changed. Jessie Guiton will follow up.

Jon reported that ACERA will be honoring Dave Safer for his years of service after the Board meeting on December 15th. Jon also reported that Pete Albert, ACRE president, agreed to add REAC's name to the plaque being given to Dave thanking him for his years of dedicated service.

Reports

ACERA: There was no Retirees committee report because the Retirees committee did not meet this month.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie distributed copies of the November 2016 Treasurer's Report. Receipts were \$4,175.80 and disbursements were \$3,300.00. Three checks, totaling \$2,188.78,

were not cashed in November. In addition, a check for \$1,224.20, issued in October 2016, was not cashed until November 2016. It was moved by Marian and seconded by Rosalie that the November 2016 Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted. The motion was approved.

Jessie also reported on the October 2016 Treasurer's Report, copies of which were distributed during the November 2016 REAC Board meeting. Receipts were \$8,187.05 and disbursements were \$9,641.06. Luncheon receipts totaled \$2,892.12 and luncheon disbursements totaled \$4,070.93. It was moved by Paul and seconded by Liz that the October 2016 Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted. The motion was approved.

Jerry reminded the Board that Steve will need to be removed as a signer for REAC's credit union account. In order to have at least two signers available, he is recommending that Paul be added as an authorized signer. After some discussion, Jessie will research the process needed to remove Steve and add Paul and then report back at the January 2017 Board meeting.

Jon gave a brief report on REAC's 2015 Annual Review which was completed by Douglas Taylor, CPA. The review concluded that REAC's financial statements and practices were consistent with standard financial practices, and in conformity with those practices. It was moved by Jessie and seconded by Rosalie that REAC's 2015 Annual Review be approved as submitted. The motion was approved.

Jessie reported that she will be working with Jim Hartnett to create the proposed annual budget for calendar year 2017. Once completed, it will be email to the Board, so that it can be approved at the January 2017 Board meeting.

CRCEA: Jerry Jacobs requested a copy of the picture currently being used for the REAC website. He wants to use that image as part of the information REAC will use for the CRCEA Fall 2017 Conference which we are hosting. Paul informed him that he would have our web designer send him the image. Jerry reported he is continuing to work on developing the agendas for the conference, plus creating a list of the activities which need to be accomplished. Once that is completed, he will have a better idea as to how many volunteers we will need, and what they will be doing.

Pete mentioned that ACRE will contribute \$500.00 towards the cost of the conference and that there is also the potential of another contribution from another SEIU committee of \$500.00 towards the cost of the conference. The Board expressed its sincerest appreciation for the financial contributions made by ACRE and SEIU.

SACRS: There was no new information to report. Jon reminded the board that he would no longer be on the board after his term ends in March 2017, and therefore would no longer attend the SACRS meetings. He felt that SACRS was a valuable organization and that REAC would benefit by continuing to attend their meetings. He hoped that a member of the board would agree to attend as his replacement. If that was not possible, he would consider attending as a REAC non-board member.

Retiree Committee: There was no Retiree Committee meeting this month.

Jon reported that he received an advanced copy of the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Plan Benefits for 2017. The standard monthly premium for recipients who enroll prior to 2016, and who earn an income of \$85,000.00 or less (based on their 2015 individual tax return) will be increased from \$104.90 to \$109.00. For enrollees in 2016, the standard monthly premium will be increased from \$121.80 to \$126.80. The standard monthly premium for new enrollees in 2017 will be \$134.00. Enrollees with a higher income level will pay a standard premium of \$134.00 regardless of the date of enrollment, as well as an income-related monthly adjustment amount.

Investment Committee: There was no new information to report. The next Investment committee meeting will be held on December 14, 2016. Steve reported that Ken Moresi suggested that REAC might consider asking ACERA, since the market is doing very well now, to set aside excess resources for future need. After some discussion, the board decided to not take a formal action.

Heath Care: Rosalie continued to stress the importance of getting flu shots.

Activities: Steve reminded that Board that we needed to send out invitations to our spring luncheon invitees by the end of January. In addition, he also suggested that we begin a discussion regarding who we might invite as our luncheon guest speaker.

Membership and Recruitment: Membership at the end of November 2016 stood at 4,087. Jerry reminded the Board that he needed to purchase additional supplies. Since the Board gave him prior approval to purchase supplies as needed, no additional Board action was necessary.

REAC News: Jon reported that the next *REAC News* will continue to include the Nominating Committee report on the REAC board members who will be seeking an additional term and the information regarding the REAC Annual Membership Meeting, which will be held on March 13, 2017.

Other Reports: There was no additional information to report.

Old Business: Jon asked the Board if any of us have received any calls or communication from members who might be interested in serving on the Board. Liz was aware of a member who had expressed interest in the past, and might still be interested. She will contact that individual and report back.

New Business: No new business was reported.

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

Jon adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Reeves, Board Secretary

Next Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2017, 9:30 AM

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