

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

**Monday, June 10, 2019**

Health Care Services Agency Building, Room 135, 1000 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA

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

**Roll Call:** Mary Miller, Marian Breitbart, Renaye Johnson, Rosalie Masuda and Connie Land were present. Liz Koppenhaver, REAC Member and ACERA retired board member and Nancy Reilly, REAC member and ACERA alternate retired board member, and Phil Wolsong, member (via phone), were also present.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the May 13, 2019 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Marian and seconded by Connie, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The May 13, 2019 minutes were approved.

**Announcements:** There were no announcements.

**Reports**

**ACERA:** The Retirees Committee Meeting was held June 5, 2019. Liz reported that the Health Care Inflation had increased by 7.4% and a request for an increase of 3.7% to the MMA will go forward to the Board for a vote at a special meeting on July 18, 2019. This would result in the MMA being increased from \$558.00 to \$578.00 and for Senior Advantage recipients it would increase from \$394.07 to \$423.23. Also, the SRBR will be fully funded through 2040. ACERA will be sending out a survey to members to rank the current retiree benefits and evaluate if there should be adjustments made.

The Health Care Meeting was held and there was a concern with VIA recipients and a discrepancy from 2013. ACERA has directed VIA to stop recouping any overpayments until this can be researched further by ACERA.

Preparations for Open Enrollment are being put in place to notify retirees of any changes and will be sending out packets in October 2019. There will be a Wellness Fair scheduled for October 25, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM at the Albert H. DeWitt Officer's Club in Alameda. This is the same location as last year. Also, watch for an Email Blast in September, Retiree Enrollment Guide posted to Website in October, New Enrollment forms posted to Website in October and the Open Enrollment Packets to be mailed in October.

Liz Koppenhaver and Nancy Reilly will be running again for positions on the ACERA Retirement Board in the upcoming election. They have done an excellent job informing the REAC Board of actions taken at ACERA and current concerns regarding our retirement benefits.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary distributed copies of the May 2019 Treasurer's report. Receipts totaled \$8,776.39 and Disbursements were \$6,532.99. There were two payments from ACERA entered in May, for the April Member Dues and for May Member Dues. Also, postage was replenished to cover half of

the year. Mariam moved that the May 2019 Treasurer's report be approved as submitted, Rosalie seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**CRCEA:** Rosalie reported on the spring conference she attended. She stated that it was a good conference and the speakers addressed concerns regarding representation at the State Level to ensure our pensions stay secure, Long term care and a survey of the counties was submitted. The results can be found at the CRCEA Website. The next CRCEA conference will be held October 28<sup>th</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>, in Sonoma County.

**SACRS:** Nancy and Liz attended the SACRS Conference and reported on some of the workshops they attended. They were addressing an awareness of how to handle employees with disabilities and what is best for them as well as the county, Transitioning to Retirement and Deferred Compensation and Financial Wellness. They also attended a lecture by Wesley Clark, a Four Star General and he discussed Volunteering before attending college, climate change and views of other world leaders and the current tariffs being leveled.

**Retirement Board:** There was no additional information to report.

**Investment Committee:** Marian reported that the past six months has been rocky. Liz and Nancy stated that the different investment firms are being reviewed for their performance.

**Health Care:** There was a discussion regarding the current Shingles Shot that is being administered in two sessions. This vaccine is more effective than the ones previously used. There was also a brief discussion on the Measles outbreak in the United States.

**Activities:** Rosalie reported that we will have a Fall Luncheon on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Fairview Metropolitan Golf Course. Look for the registration form in upcoming REAC newsletters.

**Membership and Recruitment:** Connie reported that as of May 31, 2019 membership stood at 4,088 members. There will be a future discussion regarding an administrative position, job duties, hours needed and hourly rate to be paid to support membership functions. This will be added to the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

**REAC News:** Mary reported that she will discuss recruitment, REAC Board vacancies, the upcoming member survey and the shingles vaccine in the REAC newsletter.

#### **Old Business:**

**Dues Increase Follow-up:** The letter regarding a Dues increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00 a month has been mailed to REAC members There were two members that have contacted the board with concerns about the dues increase to \$2.00. They have been contacted in order to address their concerns.

**2019 Goals & Objections –** The dues increase is in the process of being put in place. The discussion for an administrative position will be discussed at our July 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**New Business:** Renaye is still researching the number of invited guests we had agreed to invite to the Spring Luncheon. She will report on this further at the July 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

***For the Good of the Order:*** Mary will make the necessary changes to include Connie Land as a Board Member in the REAC News.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Renaye Johnson for Paul Reeves, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting**

July 8, 2019, 9:30 a.m. (Monday)

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