

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

**Monday, September 9, 2019**

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

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

**Roll Call:** Marian Breitbart, Rosalie Masuda, Mike Smart, Liz Koppenhaver, Paul Reeves, and Connie Land were present. Suman Sharma, REAC member, was also present.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Connie Land and seconded by Mike Smart, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was approved

**Announcements:** Paul reported that the REAC Website received a message from a member who wanted to relate a recent experience he had that he hoped might help other retirees. He had been suffering from a hearing loss, significant enough to require hearing aids. However, because of the high cost, he delayed getting them for years. He did not realize that his Health Plan, Kaiser/ACERA, provided a hearing aid allowance, which would help offset some, or all of the cost of hearing aids. Since that information is currently included in each retiree's annual Healthcare packet, he was hoping that REAC would provide a reminder to retirees regarding the information which is contained in their health care packet.

**Reports**

**ACERA:** The September 4, 2019 Retirees Committee was cancelled.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary was unable to attend today's board meeting, but she did provide each board member with a copy of the August 2019 Treasurer's Report. Receipts totaled \$8,575.42 and Disbursements were \$2,288.54. There were no unusual disbursements or receipts in August 2019. Mike moved that the August 2019 Treasurer's report be approved as submitted. Liz seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

**CRCEA:** There was no new information to report. As a reminder, the next CRCEA conference will be held October 28<sup>th</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup> in Santa Rosa (Sonoma County). Mary and Rosalie will be attending.

**SACRS:** There was no new information to report. As a reminder, the next SACRS conference will be held November 12<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup> in Monterey. Nancy, Liz and Paul will be attending.

**Retirement Board:** During the August 12, 2019 REAC Board meeting, Liz reported that approximately 70 retirees received a "demand" letter from ACERA regarding premium payments back to Plan Year 2013. (The demand letter was actually sent by VIA.) Liz reported that ACERA was still working on the issue, but she was pleased to report that ACERA has completed 45 reviews and they only had around 25 cases yet to be reviewed.

Liz reported that the August 23, 2019 ACERA Wellness Walk at Lake Merritt was well attended. There were approximately 50 to 75 individuals who actually participated in the walk. She also mentioned that the walk was very well organized, with plenty of stops for water, aid, etc. ACERA plans on continuing that program.

***Investment Committee:*** There was no new information to report.

***Health Care:*** There was no new information to report.

***Activities:*** Rosalie reported that twenty one individuals have already signed up for the REAC Fall Luncheon which will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Fairview Metropolitan Golf Course. As reported last month, Ish Pina, ACERA staff member, will be the guest speaker.

***Membership and Recruitment:*** Connie reported that as of August 31, 2019 membership stood at 3,992 members. As of August 31, 2019, only 110 individuals have opted out of the \$1.00 REAC dues increase.

***REAC News:*** Marian reported that the next REAC News will include information about the October 30<sup>th</sup> ACERA Health Fair, Open Enrollment, a survey on Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR) benefits, and information regarding the progress made thus far in developing a supportive administrative assistant type position for the REAC Board.

***Old Business:***

***Administrative Support Job Duties & Responsibilities:*** Connie distributed copies of the latest revision to the draft Administrative Support Job Duties & Responsibilities position. The Board was very pleased with the progress she has made thus far. Mary Miller is reaching out to other retiree organizations regarding any administrative support positions they might have. This information will help REAC determine what responsibilities they have, how often they attend meetings, how much they are paid, etc.

Mary will also contact a number of employment agencies to determine the range of payment rates, insurance coverage, what sort of supervision is provided, and what administrative duties do they perform.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted Paul Reeves, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting**

October 14, 2019, 9:30 a.m. (Monday)  
Fairview Metropolitan Golf Course  
10051 Doolittle Drive, Oakland