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

Even though there was no food offered or opportunity to socialize with fellow retirees and long lost friends, approximately 48 members attended the Annual Meeting. Thanks to the efforts of Liz Koppenhaver and Nancy Reilly, Mike Fara, Ish Pina, Tom Taylor and Betty Tse from ACERA provided the membership with updates on COLA's, the ACERA website and current events as well as investment performance. There is a new search function on the ACERA website that should make it easier to find what you're looking for on the site. As advertised last month, ACERA has partnered with the District Attorney's office to offer a Senior Workshop on Avoiding Scams in Today's Unpredictable World on March 23 at 10am at Acera.org/scam.

The winners of the \$25 Safeway gift cards were: Linda Barbaro, Javier Barnales, Celso Doria, Lucila Flores, Elaine Gavrell, Audrey James, Andrea Peixoto, Bi Le, Rich Karllson (donated to Meals on Wheels), Jan Mc Mellan, Mary Miller, Bruce Rank, Joyce Richardson, Annie Rockwell, Florence Stubbs, Rosemarie Thorne, Janet Waring, Evelyn Washington, Cheryl Watson, Alice Westbrooks.

There was a good deal of interest in CalPERS Long Term Care

insurance lawsuit with policy premiums skyrocketing. Updates can be found at calpersclassactionlawsuit.com/litigation-update.html. The 1st increase will be effective July 2021.

I know piles of paper are comforting and getting mail makes us feel loved, but once again please consider signing up for electronic delivery of your REAC newsletter. This not only reduces postage costs and paper usage but also ensures you receive the newsletter as soon as it's released! Just go to REACSITE.ORG, go to the members only section and scroll to the bottom of that page to sign up for electronic delivery.

Kaiser is finally giving Covid-19 vaccines to the 65 and older crowd. To schedule an appointment with Kaiser go to: Kp.org/covidvaccine or call the vaccine hotline at 1 855-550-0951. Also check your eligibility on California's MyTurn on the internet.

We welcome back Mike Smart who has agreed to serve another term and welcome new Board Member Alicia Baptista. Alicia worked more than 22 years for the County and retired in 2017. She worked for Social Services, Human

REAC BOARD MEETINGS

April 12, 2021
 (Monday) 9:30 AM
 Zoom
 ID 214-219-6949
 password REAC

May 10, 2021
 (Monday) 9:30 AM
 Zoom
to be scheduled

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

ACERA TRUSTEES MEETINGS

April 15, 2021
 (Thursday) 2:00 PM
 see ACERA.org for ID and password

May 20, 2021
 (Thursday) 2:00 PM
 see ACERA.org for ID and password

www.acera.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Jonna Bailey
- James Cruz
- Delores A. Hooper
- Dimitria Jackson
- Morristine Nash-Jackson
- Deborah H. Nobles
- James N. Rosal
- Randall Joseph Simpson

Resource Services, the General Services Agency and the Office of the District Attorney. Now that's a well rounded Board Member.

And last but not least, Rosalie Matsuda will be stepping down from the Board after 6 years of service. Rosalie has been our healthcare and more

recently CRCEA liaison as well as Coordinator Extraordinaire for our group luncheons back in the day when we were allowed to see people in 3 dimensions and not just 2 on the screen. We thank you Rosalie, wish you well and hope you will continue to be involved as CRCEA liaison.

ACERA Performance Report

ACERA reported in their February 2021 performance report that the fund had gained \$187,885,550. The total fund returned 2.17%. The value of the fund at the end of February was \$9,812,193,761.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

Zoom Video Conferencing Board Meeting

Marian Breitbart, Acting President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

ROLL CALL: Marian Breitbart, Suman Sharma, Rosalie Masuda, Renaye Johnson, Mike Smart, Connie Land, Liz Koppenhaver, and Alicia Baptista were present. Nancy Reilly ACERA Retiree Alternate, and Charo Panesi-Guerra, REAC Member and Administrative Assistant were also present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Suman moved that the Minutes from the February 8, 2021 Board meeting be approved as amended. Rosalie seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS &

COMMUNICATIONS: Marian reported on an email she received regarding a VSP Form which was

out of date. Liz mentioned that Mike Fara and Ish Pena were able to have the form updated so that it is now current.

Reports

ACERA: Mike Fara gave the ACERA report during the Annual Membership meeting which took place this morning. Since the Minutes from the Annual Membership meeting, along with the Minutes from this meeting, will both be included in the next Newsletter; there is no additional information to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Suman presented the February 2021 Treasurer's Report. Total Receipts were \$10,471.33 and Total Disbursements were \$7,400.28. CRCEA lost the check REAC sent them for our dues payment, so the amount, \$2,265.35, is added

back to our account as a receipt. The only unusual disbursements were the CRCEA replacement check for \$2,265.35 and the separate "Help Wanted" mailing for \$1,199.64. Renaye moved that the February 2021 Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted. Rosalie seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

CRCEA: Rosalie report that the CRCEA Spring Conference has been cancelled. The CRCEA Fall Conference has been scheduled for November 7-10, 2021 and will be held at the Long Beach Courtyard by Marriott Hotel. Rosalie also mentioned that she will continue to follow the LTC Lawsuit mentioned during the REAC Annual Membership meeting which took place earlier this morning. Rosalie also reported that CRCEA is now thinking about holding their Business Meeting quarterly rather than

twice a year. Nancy mentioned that the CRCEA's website has a link to the Calpers Class Action Lawsuit, so members who are interested in following the Lawsuit can access that information by using that link. Nancy provided a link for additional information at "calpersclassactionlawsuit.com/litigation-update.html".

SACRS: Paul reported that the SACRS Winter Magazine for 2021 is now available on their website. Paul also mentioned that the SACRS Board of Directors has decided to invite their members to submit articles of interest to retirees for publication in the SACRS Magazine. For inclusion in the April 2021 Magazine, the deadline for submission is March 1, 2021 and the deadline for inclusion in the September 2021 Magazine is August 1, 2021. Any articles submitted should be educational, 2500 words or less and pertinent to the membership, the public pension community and other hot topics. Paul mentioned, as an example, that you could submit an article on the LTC lawsuit and how it affected your community.

RETIREMENT BOARD: Liz mentioned that she was very pleased that the Board decided to have ACERA staff provide updates and to make their presentations to the Board.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: Liz mentioned that the Investment Committee will be having their meeting this coming Wednesday, March 10th.

HEALTH CARE: There was no additional information to report.

ACTIVITIES: There was nothing new to report.

MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT: Charo reported that as of February 28, 2021, membership stood at 3,908 members.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF POSITION: Charo also reported that she was able to keep track of the first 20 individuals who signed on to this morning's meeting but did not have all of their emails. Paul mentioned that he thought he had captured all of them, so he and Charo would be able to combine their information and have them sent out. Connie suggested that we should notify everyone who will receive one. The Board agreed to list the names of the winners in the Newsletter. Charo mentioned that this month the cost of mailing increased. She explained that the Post Office charges us 53 cents for each return. Alicia mentioned that we were probably being charged because we are using bulk rate mailing. We get a break when it is sent out, so they probably charge what it would have cost if it was not bulk mail for returned mail.

REAC NEWS: The next REAC News will include the names of the winners of the \$25 Safeway gift cards, a request to have members elect to receive their Newsletters on line and the website for members who are interested in following the LTC Lawsuit.

NEW BUSINESS: the 2021 Goals and Objectives will be continued to the April 12, 2021 Board Meeting. Paul asked the Board members to review the Goals and Objectives and give some thought to what we will be doing in 2021. Marian mentioned that one of the members felt we should update the REAC website. Paul also mentioned that he has received several comments regarding the Newsletter. Paul suggested that we should probably consider sending our members a survey to determine what changes they think we should make.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: There was nothing new to report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Paul Reeves, Board Secretary*

Next Meeting:

April 12, 2021, 9:30 a.m. (Monday)
Zoom Video Conferencing

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

APPERT, Hilary
Health Care Services Agency

ARMSTRONG, Donald C.
Social Services Agency

BAILEY, Jonna M.
Social Services Agency

BATES, Veneranda
Board of Supervisors

BOATWRIGHT, Edna M.
Probation

CLARIDGE, Frederick
Health Care Services Agency

COLEMAN, Ronald
Probation Department

CRUZ, James
Alameda Health System

CUEVAS, Bernardo
Alameda Health System

DAVIS-HARRIS, Jeannette
Alameda Health System

DEITSCHMAN, Jason D.
Sheriff's Office

DIMAANO, Annabelle
Child Support Services

EMANUEL, Dennis
Public Works Agency

FOX, Donna M.
Probation Department

FRANKE, Carmen
Community Development
Agency

GARCIA, Robert D.
Social Services Agency

HAGGERTY, Scott
Board of Supervisors

HARRIS, Sandra
Social Services Agency

HIGGINS, Elizabeth L.
Health Care Services Agency

HILST, Gregory L.
Public Works Agency

HOOPER, Delores A.
Alameda Health System

HUMPHREY, Donald
LARPD

IBARRA, Sally Y.
District Attorney

JACKSON, Dimitria
Human Resource Services

JENKINS, Gwendolyn E.
Sheriff's Office

JOINER, Joseph
Alameda Health System

LAWRENCE, Jealie
Social Services Agency

LOGAN, Heather
Alameda Health System

LORD, Patricia
LARPD

MARBREY, Wilbert G.
Superior Court

MOORE, Jennifer
Health Care Services Agency

**NASH-JACKSON,
Morristine**
Alameda Health System

NICHOLS, Teresa
Alameda Health System

NOBLES, Deborah H.
Alameda Health System

OLAND, Sandra
Alameda Health System

OSBORNE, Shawn
Sheriff's office

PARRA, Rachel
Library

PENA, Margarita T.
Health Care Services Agency

PILECKI, Maria M.
Health Care Service Agency

RIVERA, Joel O.
Sheriff's Office

ROBERTS, Timothy
Social Services Agency

RODRIGUEZ, Manuel
Alameda Health System

ROZAL, James N.
Superior Court

SIMONETTI, Thomas
District Attorney

SIMPSON, Randall
Alameda Health System

SMITH, Kirby J.
Health Care Services Agency

SMITH, Mary J.
Social Services Agency

**TAYLOR-DODGE,
Cherie**
Child Support Services

TOUSLEY, Tony J.
General Services Agency

VIGIL, Rachelle T.
Probation Department

WILLEY, Kim D.
Sheriff's Office

WILLIAMS, Carolyn
Superior Court

WILLIAMS, Kenneth E.
General Services Agency

WYSINGER, Betty J.
Alameda Health System

YOUNG, Vicki
Health Care Services Agency

ZELLER, Scott
Alameda Health System

IN MEMORIAM

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

BALL, Claudia S.

Non-Mbr Survivor of Charles Ball
12/26/2020

BARNES, Bertron O.

Assessor's Office
12/28/2020

BARRON, Eugene V.

Assessor's Office
12/27/2020

BEACH, Laura

Non-Mbr Survivor of George
Boardman
1/13/2021

BROUGHTON, Doris

Probation Department
12/29/2020

CALHOUN, Eddie

Non-Mbr Survivor of Marshall
Calhoun
2/1/2021

CARSCH, Harry

Superior Court
12/31/2020

FRANCO, Gina

Social Services Agency
1/13/2021

FRANKLIN, Jessye M.

Alameda Health System
01/02/2021

GEORGE, Edward L.

Social Services Agency
01/05/2021

GURROLA, Richard A.

General Services Agency
12/22/2020

HOLLOWAY, Terri D.

Probation Department
01/05/2021

JOHNSTON, William

Richard
Superior Court
12/20/2020

LARA, Frank R.

Social Services Agency
12/20/2020

LARA, Violeta T.

Social Services Agency
01/11/2021

MALSAM, Frederick A.

Public Works Agency
12/29/2020

MASON, Christine

Alameda Health System
1/9/2021

MOORE, Geraldine

Social Services Agency
12/27/2020

MORA, Eleanor

Library
12/30/2020

RICE, Wilma J.

Non-Mbr Survivor of George Rice
01/07/2021

ROSS-GREEN, Dorothy

Alameda Health System
1/20/2021

STEELE, D.F.

Public Works Agency
01/05/2021

THIEL, Christine R.

Social Services Agency
11/25/2020

WALKER, Elizabeth J.

Social Services Agency
12/24/2020

WILLIAMS, Margaret D.

Sheriff's Office
01/14/2021

WOLFE, Deborah M.

Superior Court
12/30/2020

The surviving spouse of a member is eligible for REAC membership. To enroll, send an email to reacwebsite@gmail.com.

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Informed

View all important COVID-19 updates at
1stunitedcu.org/status

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