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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — BY MARY MILLER

The REAC Board decided at the July meeting to cancel the annual Fall Luncheon which would normally have been held on October 12, 2020. There is still too much uncertainty regarding the covid-19 virus and the future of our ability to hold a large gathering. Without the ability to plan, reserve a venue, and give proper notice we cannot proceed. Meanwhile, we are looking forward to getting updates in the second half of this year on two important matters. First, the California Supreme Court must announce their decision on the PEPRAs lawsuit that ACERA is party to within 90 days of its May 4, 2020 hearing. There should be news about the time you receive this issue of REACNews. PEPRAs is the Public Employees Pension Reform Act that impacts public employees throughout the State. Secondly, the CalPERS Long Term Care class action suit regarding the premium increase and elimination of inflation protection has been assigned to a court in Los Angeles. Hearings on this case are delayed due to the corona virus related court closure. Our State organization, CRCEA, follows this suit on our behalf and we will be watching for updates.

I have been learning about the flu pandemic that took place in 1918 - 1920, and what was learned from that event which affected about

30% of the world population. It seems that containment was only possible with personal hygiene, wearing masks, and isolating people infected. Today we are asked to wash our hands for the length of time it takes to sing happy birthday; wear masks in public; maintain a social distance of 6 feet when with other people; and stay at home when possible. Not so different from a hundred years ago. The corona virus is on everyone's mind. With ever changing updates the best place to get your local information is from the State and County health departments as well as your City websites. Information is available regarding business openings, stay at home orders and testing. Check out www.cdph.ca.gov; www.acphd.org; www.cchealth.org; or www.sccgov.org/sites/phd. If you live outside of Alameda, Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties, check your local county websites for updated information. Stay safe.

ACERA Performance Report

ACERA reported in their June 2020 performance report that the fund had gained \$155,495,902. The total fund returned 2.20%. The value of the fund at the end of February was \$8,199,091,718.

REAC BOARD MEETINGS

August 10, 2020
(Monday) 9:30 AM
Zoom
ID 863 4389 4446
password 265814

September 14, 2020
(Monday) 9:30 AM
Zoom
to be scheduled

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

ACERA TRUSTEES MEETINGS

August 13, 2020
(Thursday) 2:00 PM
see ACERA.org for
ID and password

September 17, 2020
(Thursday) 2:00 PM
see ACERA.org for
ID and password

www.acera.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Pamela Alston
James Arlett
Denise Drummer-Taylor
Rene Gonzalez
Kent Kwong
David Lincoln
Maria Rainwater
Mary A. Taylor
Jeanette Tulley

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020

Zoom Video Conferencing Board Meeting

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

ROLL CALL: Mary Miller, Marian Breitbart, Mike Smart, Liz Koppenhaver, Suman Sharma, Renaye Johnson, Connie Land were present. Nancy Reilly, REAC Member and ACERA alternate retiree board member, Pete Albert ACER President and Charo Panesi, REAC Member and REAC BOD Administrative Assistant, were also present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 8, 2020 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Michael Smart and seconded by Renaye Johnson that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were no announcements.

Reports

ACERA: The Retirees Committee Meeting is rescheduled for July 16th at 1:00 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Suman reported that Receipts for June totaled \$8,479.07 and Disbursements for June were \$2,567.18. Renaye moved that the June 2020 Treasurer's report be approved as submitted. Marian seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Suman let us know that he would research a new CD Purchase and report back to the REAC Board.

CRCEA: There was a report that the October 2020 conference has been cancelled.

SACRS: There was a report that the November 2020 conference has been changed to an on-line conference. It was also stated by Pete Albert that there would be webinars available.

Retirement Board:

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: Marian reported that there was information from the Brookfield Investment Firm regarding Infrastructural Investments at the Investment Committee Meeting. There was also information on ESC Component Investments and Diversification. Also, due to the current unstable financial climate surrounding Covid 19, there will probably be a recommendation to keep the MMA at its current rate.

HEALTH CARE: Rosalie was not available to report on Health Care. However, Mary did report that the In- person Health Fair would not be occurring this year. She also let us know that there were plans in place by ACERA for the Open Enrollment.

ACTIVITIES: There was a brief discussion regarding the October Luncheon. We all agreed that October 2020 would be too soon to plan for a large gathering. It was agreed that we would cancel the Fall Luncheon and focus on the Spring 2021 Member Meeting and Luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT: Connie reported that as of June 30, 2020 there are currently 3952 REAC Members. Connie stated that she and Charo would review the membership at the end of July and make a recommendation for recruitment.

REAC NEWS: Mary reported that the next REAC News will include information regarding the Fall Luncheon being cancelled, the Long-term Care Insurance Lawsuit update, minutes summary and ACERA News.

OLD BUSINESS: Pete Albert recommended including funding in the Budget for SACRS Webinars. They are offering webinars for \$50.00 a webinar. Mary let him know that we do have money in the budget for conferences and this should be able to be used for these webinars.

Also, Pete let us know that the State Supreme Court is required to present their decision regarding the PEPRA Arguments, within 90 days of the hearing. The deadline is August 5th or August 7th.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Renaye Johnson for Paul Reeves, Board Secretary

Next Meeting:

August 10, 2020, 9:30 a.m. (Monday)
Zoom Video Conferencing

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

BUCHANAN, Deborah
Sheriff's Office

CASTILLO, Martha
Social Services Agency

COLE, Donna
Alameda Health System

DELA CRUZ, Josefina
Alameda Health System

DRUMMER-TAYLOR, Denise
Alameda Health System

ELMORE, Carlton
Alameda Health System

HARRIS, Josalyn
Health Care Services Agency

HSU, Catherine
Social Services Agency

JONES, Barbara
Alameda Health System

JONES, Yvonne
Superior Court

KASEMAN, Robert
Assessor

KING, Abena
Alameda Health System

KWONG, Kent
Auditor-Controller

LOVERIDGE, Michael
Public Works Agency

SANDOVAL, DeAnne
Department of Child Support Services

SOLIDAY, Sandi
Health Care Services Agency

TAMM, Penelope
Sheriff's Office

TULLYS, Toni
Health Care Services Agency

WINDER, Thomas
Social Services Agency

IN MEMORIAM

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

ALLEN, Ruth
Alameda Health System
6/19/2020

BONWELL, John
Public Works Agency
5/21/2020

CHAMBERLAIN JR., John
Sheriff's Office
6/14/2020

DAVID, Virgilio
Social Services Agency
5/9/2020

GRECCO, Mary
Sheriff's Office
5/30/2020

HALLMEYER, Barbara
Alameda Health System
5/27/2020

HANSON, Edgar
Auditor Controller
5/22/2020

HUNTER, Darlene
Non-Mbr Survivor of
Robert Hunter Jr
6/24/2020

JACOBS, Elizabeth
Alameda Health System
6/3/2020

LEE, Jeff
Non-Mbr Survivor of Jean Lee
6/5/2020

LEE, Jessica
Superior Court
6/9/2020

MC CORMICK, Gloria
General Services Agency
5/30/2020

RICHARDSON, Martha
ACERA
5/23/2020

SILVA, Marie
Sheriff's Department
1/19/2020

SMITH, Robert
Public Works Agency
4/20/2020

TUCKER, Signorina
Superior Court
6/20/2020

WILBURN, Evelyn
Non-Mbr Survivor of George Wilburn
6/6/2020

WILSON, Ruth
Alameda Health System
5/23/2020

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