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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — MARY MILLER

Your REAC Board members continue to follow retirees' issues of interest. The California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA) held its spring conference where speakers covered matters of health care costs, investments, legislation and more. The State Association of County Retirees (SACR) held its spring conference as well. Again, the topics covered were investments and readiness for retirement. REAC board members attended each of these conferences, gaining insights into current and future matters that retirement boards address. Meanwhile, ACERA is in the early stages of preparing for open enrollment for 2020 benefits, as well as conducting a series of events for retirees. Another wellness walk around Lake Merritt is planned for the summer. Prevention is part of wellness. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that 1 in 3 adults gets shingles and is recommending the vaccine for people over 65. They report that

the current vaccine which is given in a 2 dose process is 90% more effective than in past years. We may be wise to check with our health care providers on this.

There is still one REAC Board vacancy. Any member with interest in serving on the board may contact any of the current board members or send an inquiry to www.reacsite.org. All members are welcome to attend the regular monthly meetings.

ACERA Investment Report

ACERA reported a gain of \$152,969,807 with an end balance of \$8,332,401,601 and an investment return of 2.09% in April.

REAC BOARD MEETINGS

July 8, 2019
 (Monday) 9:30 AM
 Ala. Cty. Health Care #135
 1000 San Leandro Blvd.
 San Leandro

August 12, 2019
 (Monday) 9:30 AM
 Ala. Cty. Health Care #135
 1000 San Leandro Blvd.
 San Leandro

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

ACERA TRUSTEES MEETINGS

July 18, 2019
 (Thursday) 2:00 PM
 475 14th Street, Oakland

August 15, 2019
 (Thursday) 2:00 PM
 475 14th Street, Oakland

www.acera.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jason Arbuckle
 Keith Bryan
 Jose Chow
 Frederic Cober
 Connie Earl
 Yvette Gayfield

Barbara Gerleman
 David Gray
 Patricia Hunt
 Benita Jackson
 Brenda Jackson
 Alfred Lee

James Lee
 Frederick Lefevre
 Marguerite MacKenzie
 James Mann
 Carole McGregor
 Azeb Michael

Jacqueline Mortensen
 Bonnie Narby
 Mila Newell
 Janet Irene Owens
 Lore Politzer
 Danette Roberts

Kenneth Sequeira
 Rebecca Shauf
 Maria Soto
 Clarence A. Traywick
 Philip Wogsberg

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, Suman Sharman, REAC 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 30, 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. Marian 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 lobbying efforts and Long-Term Care litigation. For more information, please check out their website at crcea.org. The next CRCEA conference will be held October 28th through October 30th, 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 19th, 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 8th 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 8th 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 8th 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)


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

<p>Retiree Financial Wellness</p> <p>Open House</p> <p>ACERA Wellness</p>	<p>AT ACERA: 475 14th St., Oakland. 10th Floor <u>July 12, 2019</u></p> <p>2 SESSIONS: 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm</p> <p>Register at acera.org/well-events or 510-628-3000</p>	<p>Experts So Far, But More to Come</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Alameda County's Deferred Compensation ProgramFirst United Services Credit UnionSocial SecurityHICAP - Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy ProgramElder Financial Abuse Prevention Program	<p>Check Out Our Other Wellness Events</p> <p>AUGUST 23 - Summer 2019 Retiree Lake Merritt Wellness Walk</p> <p>OCTOBER 30 - 2019 ACERA Health & Wellness Fair</p> <p>Get another stamp in your wellness passport.</p>
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Alameda Health System

AKACSOS, Stephen P.
Sheriff's Office

ATIENZA, Venancio M.
Public Works Agency

BACKERS-HOYLE, Angela C.
District Attorney

BALOLONG, Rosalind R.
Alameda Health System

BERHANU, Engedaw L.
Health Care Services Agency

BOWLER, Leona M.
Social Services Agency

BRADFORD, Mark H.
Public Works Agency

BROOKS, Michele B.
Alameda Health System

BRYAN, Keith G.
Sheriff's Office

CASAREZ, Sylvia
Superior Courts

CHANG, Teresa T.
Social Services Agency

CHAVEZ, Joseph A.
District Attorney

CHOW, Jose
Alameda Health System

COBER, Frederic A.
Superior Courts

COGMON, Kodryck B.
Probation

CRUZ, Diana D.
Health Care Services Agency

CRUZ, Eduardo
Social Services Agency

DALTON, Cynthia A.
Sheriff's Office

DAVIS, William L.
Social Services Agency

DE LEON, Emerlita A.
Social Services Agency

DEREVIN, Marina
Alameda Health System

DO, Chi L.
Alameda Health System

DORIA, Celso
Alameda Health System

EARL, Connie L.
Social Services Agency

EASTMAN, El Roy
Probation

FERGERSON, Lee A.
Board of Supervisors

FRANCISCO, Cristeta S.
Registrar of Voters

FUENTES, Beverly B.
Human Resource Services

FUNG, Julie Suk-Mei
Health Care Services Agency

GANDARA-SWINBANK, Maureen
LARPD

GARABILES, Mila B.
Health Care Services Agency

GARCIA, Nida B.
Alameda Health System

GAYFIELD, Yvette N.
Probation

GERLEMAN, Barbara M.
Sheriff's Office

GOMEZ, Juan L.
Sheriff's Office

GRAY, David K.
Health Care Services Agency

HAGOS, Ogbai G.
Alameda Health System

HAWTHORNE, Julie
Health Care Services Agency

HAYES, Melzena A.
Superior Courts

HUNT, Patricia L.
Community Development Agency

IRVING, Anne E.
Health Care Services Agency-Def

JACKSON, Benita R.
Social Services Agency

JEW, Beverly
Alameda Health System

JOHNSON, Deborah A.
Superior Court-Def

JOHNSON, Rosaline
Auditor-Controller

LINN, James B.
Sheriff's Office

LOUIE, Darien G.
County Administrator

JONES, Ken B.
Health Care Services Agency

JORDAN, Delores
Alameda Health System

KERR, Mary R.
General Services Agency

KLIMIST, Kyree N.
Health Care Services Agency- Def

KLINE, Maurine
LARPD

KNITTEL, Cheryl F.
Superior Courts

LANDRY, Jerrie D.
Social Services Agency

LEE, Alfred
Social Services Agency

LINDSEY, Joann P.
Alameda Health System

MACKENZIE, Marguerite T.
Health Care Services Agency

MADDOCK, Liliana F.
District Attorney

MANN, James C.
Public Defender

MARTINES, Carolina A.
Alameda Health System

MARTINEZ, Julie M.
Social Services Agency

MATTA, Juan A.
Treasurer-Tax Collector

MC MAHON, Donald B.
Superior Courts

MC NAIRY, Malcolm C.
Alameda Health System

MCGREGOR, Carole B.
Health Care Services Agency

MCGUIRE, Louise A.
Social Services Agency-Def

MCMICHAEL, Curtis A
Health Care Services Agency

MEANS, Angelo
Probation

MICHAEL, Azeb M.
Social Services Agency

MORD, Steven C
Assessor

MORTENSEN, Jacqueline D.
Health Care Services Agency

NARBY, Bonnie L.
Public Defender

NAVARRO, Andrea B.
Superior Courts

NAWABI, Laila
Alameda Health System

NELSON, Suzanne U.
Non-member

NOBLES, Mark D.
Superior Court

NY, Monida E.
Social Services Agency

O'NEAL, Beverly I.
Superior Courts

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IN MEMORIAM

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

BROSNAN, Sarah
Non-Mbr Survivor of
Edward Brosnan
5/8/2019

DENNIS, Albert
Probation
5/1/2019

EIKELAND, Karen
Non-Mbr Survivor of
Mary Eikeland
5/3/2019

ENDRES, Jean
Treasurer - Tax Collector
5/16/2019

GARCIA, Gladys
Alameda Health System
4/3/2019

HARRIS, Roderick
Social Services Agency
4/15/2019

HERSPRING, Dave
Sheriff's Department
5/22/2019

HIGBY, Geraldine
Non-Mbr Survivor of
Russell Higby
5/15/2019

KILGORE, Kevin
Sheriff's Department
5/20/2019

KNIGHT JR., Harvey
General Services Agency
5/3/2019

KOHLER, Manfred
Sheriff's Department
5/28/2019

KUENDIG, Aida
Non-Mbr Survivor of
Anton Kuendig
4/7/2019

MCMATH, Marlana
Public Defender
5/4/2019

NGO, Cam
Non-Mbr Survivor of Viet Tran
5/20/2019

ONIOLA, Violeta
Health Care Services Agency
4/7/2019

ROBINSON, Zephaniah
Sheriff's Department
4/22/2019

VEREEKE, Shirley
Probation
5/26/2019

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

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OWENS, Janet I.
Superior Courts

PEARSON, Debra O.
Superior Courts

PENA, Elena V.
Superior Courts

PINKNEY, Perri R.
Superior Courts

POLITZER, Lore A.
Social Services Agency

RACKMIL, Jeffrey
Health Care Services Agency

RARAS, Rodolfo R.
Community
Development Agency

REAL, Fred R.
Public Works Agency

REEDY, Joseph D.
Health Care Services Agency

ROQUEMORE, Evelyn L.
Probation

ROSS, Mary R.
Social Services Agency

ROWDEN, Lolita S.
Probation

**RUSSAW-MORRIS,
Rosalyn**
Superior Courts

SHEARD, Shandra A.
First 5

SHOULDICE, John P.
Public Works Agency

SIEGEL, Shelley M.
Social Services Agency

SILVA, Dolores J.
Superior Courts

SAMBILE, Mario M.
Health Care Services Agency

SANCHEZ, Cheryl
Alameda Health System

SANTOS, Maricor S
Alameda Health System

**SAWREY-KUBICEK,
Phillip K.**
Community
Development Agency

SECOR, Stephen E.
Information
Technology Department

SEQUEIRA, Marianela F.
Superior Courts

SHAUF, Rebecca T.
Social Services Agency

STARK, Jeffrey P.
District Attorney Office

**STROUD-BLAGG,
Marla-Lee**
Health Care Services Agency

SUNG, Sui-Kwong
Health Care Services Agency

SYMENS-BUCHER, Terry M.
Child Support Services-Def

TRAYWICK, Clarence A.
Superior Courts

TYRRELL, Sean E.
Sheriff's Office

WOGSBERG, Philip H.
ACERA

WONG, Bin
Social Services Agency

WOOLLEY, Sharon
Auditor-Controller



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