

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY

P. O. Box 7231, Ventura CA 93006

“Dedicated to those who have already served”

Board Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2010

Four Points Sheraton, Ventura Harbor

Board Members Present: Art Goulet, Ron Janes, Bob Riggs, Will Hoag, Ray Holzer, Lauraine Effress, Betty McCollum, Maria Older Kapp, Susan Lacey, Sandy Sanders, Jim Crow, Don Wright and Maryellen Benedetto

Board Members Absent: Tom Convery

President, Art Goulet, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Minutes of the March 2, 2010 Meeting

Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer’s Report – Maria Kapp

We have a total asset amount of \$76,540 in the bank with \$282.05 earned interest reported on the June 1, 2010 Treasurer’s Monthly Report. Lauraine stated that she was receiving 1.75% on a money market account at her bank. Maria will check the rates and report to the board. The Monthly Report was received and filed.

Maria gave a copy of the REAVC Board of Directors’ Policy on Reimbursement of Expenses, January 2010, to each board member.

Old/New Business

The “no-show” list from the May 4th luncheon was discussed. Linda had reported 22 no-shows but it was noted by several board members that some on the list had been in attendance. Linda reported that there are several reasons for “misreporting,” such as, members not checking in, members anxious to be seated, too many people at the tables trying to check in all at once. Art directed Linda to send no-show letters. It was suggested that name tags be checked as they enter the food service area.

It was unanimously agreed that our May 4th Luncheon was a success. There was discussion on inviting other candidates to our September 7th Luncheon. Judy will follow up with a telephone call to the candidates to ascertain their willingness availability to participate. She will advise the board as to her findings.

Linda presented to the board the need for updated and more sophisticated recording and subscribing equipment. Linda was advised to purchase the equipment that she felt would be the most effective in accomplishing this goal. It was moved and seconded that Linda make the suitable purchase to accomplish the job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Associate Members – Maryellen Benedetto

For March and April 2010 we have 3 new associate members. Linda had reported to Maryellen that she would personalize the sympathy letters when the information was available (surviving spouse's name) from VCERA.

Audit - Bob Riggs

The board was advised that the audit committee would be meeting June 3, 2010, and the report would be submitted at the August 3, 2010 board meeting.

Benefits – Ron Janes and Bob Riggs

Ron reported that during the recent CRCEA conference in Santa Barbara he attended a panel discussion of experts on the new Health Care Bill. Their consensus was the new health care bill will enable more people to be covered by health insurance, but what exactly will be covered is still not clear. Requirements that insurance policies cover pre-existing conditions and adult children will go into effect within the next year. The experts agreed that health care insurance and Medicare premiums will increase, and some Medicare benefits will be eliminated. Because there will be more people in the health care system, there will be longer waits for care. There will also be more care by medical assistants rather than physicians.

Bob attended the Labor Management Meeting and reported there will be increases across the board but nothing in writing for distribution at this time. The possibility of "unbundling," in reference to the dental plan only, was mentioned but again no numbers for publication. Hopefully the numbers will be finalized at the Labor Management meeting to be held the end of this month.

Will reported that the STAR COLA benefit is scheduled to run out of funds by September of this year; however, VCERA has advised that we have between 6 and 9 months of money remaining, with board approval, ending approximately June 2011.

Communications – Will Hoag

See *Benefits (STAR COLA)*

Membership/Courtesy – Tom Convery

Tom was unable to attend the board meeting but had previously submitted committee information to the board members. The report noted his attending the CRCEA conference in Santa Barbara and receiving information from SB and Kern delegates regarding their recruitment of new members. He also stated that he had received positive feedback on our May 4th Luncheon program.

CRCEA – Betty McCollum

Betty asked for comments regarding the Santa Barbara conference and Sandy commented that she enjoyed the roundtables but thought participants should be required to stand when making comments. Betty noted that the chairperson did an excellent job planning and executing the conference. Ron noted the roundtable participants and commented on the healthcare issue(s) that were discussed. Betty reminded the board of the upcoming conference to be held in

Marin County, October 25, 26 & 27, 2010 at the Embassy Suites, in San Rafael. The spring conference will be April 18, 19 & 20, 2011 at the Kona Kai in San Diego.

Legislative – Susan Lacey

Art reported that SB 414, CRCEA Bill, to be heard June 23rd, was out of Senate and in the Assembly. AB2253, applies only to safety employees, in Assembly. AB1743, placement agent bill, applies to a state retirement system. SB919, reducing future benefits for state employees. Hearing date to be set. Two anti-spiking bills, AB1987 and SB1425 are both in the Senate.

Newsletter – Lauraine Effress

Discussed publishing election information and speaker announcements in the May/June newsletter for the September 7th luncheon, but with the possibility of a runoff it was decided to wait till the July/August edition.

Nominations and Elections – Maria Older Kapp

Nothing to report.

Program/Social – Judy Nash-Wade

Ideas and programs were discussed for future luncheons. The December luncheon will, as in the past, be our strictly “social” luncheon and plans are in the works for our February luncheon with guest speaker Susan Spears, Health Educator and Medical Nutritionist. Art took the opportunity to thank Judy for a job well done on the May luncheon. It was noted by Bob Riggs that he had received many positive comments regarding the May 4th Luncheon, where VC sheriff’s candidates Dean and Carpenter made presentations and answered questions from the members.

Scholarships – Lauraine Effress

Six (6) scholarship applications have been received. Lauraine asked Linda to verify membership of each student’s sponsor. Lauraine will be submitting an article on our scholarship program for the May/June 2010 Newsletter.

Retirement Board – Art Goulet

Nothing reported.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wyatt Jorgenson
Executive Assistant