**RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY**
P. O. Box 7231, Ventura CA 93006
**"Dedicated to those who have already served"**
Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2010
Four Points Sheraton, Ventura Harbor

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

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

**Minutes of the August 3, 2010 Meeting**
Minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report – Maria Kapp**
Because of corrections having to be made, the Treasurer's Report was postponed until this board meeting. Maria reported total assets of $77,645.70 for the 3rd quarter of 2010 and excess revenue in the amount of $8,940. It was reported that we had purchased 400 See's Candy certificates to replenish our stock on hand. With corrections having been made, the Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted. Maria requested that it be voted upon and noted in the minutes that a separate account will be set up in January 2011 for the See's Candy account with signees being Art Goulet, Ray Holzer and Maria Kapp. Motion made and passed.

**Old/New Business**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**
**Associate Members – Maryellen Benedetto**
Maryellen reported we had three new associate (survivor) members.

**Audit - Bob Riggs**
No report given.

**Benefits – Ron Janes and Bob Riggs**
Ron reiterated that the County staff appears to be in favor of separating out the retirees from the active county employees. If this is done there is the potential that the premiums could increase 91.30%. Ron expects that by the end of next year the county will separate out the retirees and cautioned that the matter needs to be monitored in the coming months. Ron reported that retirees use 30% more insurance then active county employees. Ron noted that he would submit a detailed article for our next newsletter (November/December 2010). Ron suggested that a special newsletter be published that dealt exclusively with the healthcare insurance issues. Art reported that 155 retirees signed up for the VSP vision plan. Ron stated, once again, that STAR COLA will end July 2011.

**Communications – Will Hoag**
Few inquiries Were received. There were a few issues regarding returned mail and Will is attempting to resolve those individually.

**Membership/Courtesy – Tom Convery**
Tom reported, for August and September 2010, 9 new county retirees, 22 new REAVC members and 9 newly deceased members. We have a total of 2791 REAVC Active Members. Tom suggested to the board that we video tape the luncheons and post them on our website. He noted that there was a lot of positive feedback regarding our candidate-'s' debate luncheon. The question was raised as to how many members access our website. Tom reported that we have one of the highest percentages (58%) of total retirees participating in our organization. Tom prepared an article for the upcoming newsletter (September/October 2010) asking for volunteers to participate as panelists in the County sponsored seminar for Pre-retirees.

**CRCEA – Betty McCollum**
Betty announced some of the speakers that will be participating in the upcoming Marin County Association of Retired Employees conference at the Embassy Suite Hotels in San Rafael on October 25-27, 2010.

**Legislative – Susan Lacey**
CRCA bill SB 414 (alternate member) went to the governor but it was vetoed. AB 2253 (not a retirement bill) was passed and signed by the governor, extending the 5 year period after retirement for a diagnosis, to 10 years for safety officers. AB 1987 (local retirement systems), anti-spiking bill, was vetoed by the governor. SB 1425 (CalSTRS and CalPERS) was automatically vetoed when AB 1987 was vetoed.

**Newsletter – Lauraine Effress**
It was recommended that notices of special interest and/or importance that will be posted on the website, be notated near the masthead of the upcoming newsletter. Sandy suggested that the posted articles be dated.

**Nominations and Elections – Maria Older Kapp**
Nominations were presented,as follows: Incumbents – Jim Crow, Ray Holzer, Ron Janes, Bob Riggs; Others: Luisa Haskell and Jan Standing Roberts. Don Wright offered to resign so that the number of candidates did not exceed the maximum allowable. Instead, Will Hoag offered to resign his elective seat, so that Don could continue. Motion was made and passed to approve the slate presented plus Don Wright.

**Program/Social – Judy Nash-Wade**
Judy reported great feedback regarding the debates. There was a request for wine to be served at the luncheons. It was decided to get 4 food gift certificates and 10 Lotto *Scratchers* for the December luncheon.

**Scholarships – Lauraine Effress**
Lauraine discussed the revised 2011 Scholarship forms. It was decided that the board members needed more time to review the forms. The board voted to table the issue of adding nieces and nephews After the board had a tie vote regarding

adding nieces and nephews to the eligibility list. The issue will be continued to next board meeting.

**Retirement Board – Art Goulet**

STAR COLA was discussed. The Retirement Board is being sued by the Ventura County Taxpayers Association demanding the names of retirees who receive more then $100,000 per year in retirement benefits. The Board has refused their request quoting the section of the 1937 Act that states the retiree personal records are confidential. The Board also received a letter last week from the Attorney General's office asking they be given the names and pension amounts, department worked for, for all retirees earning more than the section 415 limit. The county was also asked for information re: actives likely to retire whose income would cause retirement benefits to exceed the section 415 limit.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wyatt Jorgenson
Executive Assistant

January 7, 2011