

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY (REAVC)

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

February 11, 2020

Four Points by Sheraton, Ventura Harbor Resort, Ventura, California

Call to Order

President Nancy Settle called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The meeting opened and was followed immediately by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present

Board Members: Nancy Settle, Maryellen Benedetto, Butch Britt, Colleen Bruns, Paul Callaway, Kenneth Cozzens, Anne Dana, Will Hoag, Colleen House, Tom McEachern, and Cindy Schneider.

Staff: Sharon Hurault

Absent

Board Members: Roberta Griego, Art Goulet, Reddy Pakala, and Kelly Shirk.

Approval of the December 10, 2019, Minutes

The minutes of the December 10, 2019, meeting were accepted as presented.
Moved/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) (Britt/Callaway/Unanimous)

Old/New Business

1. Installation of New Board Members and Annual Installation of Officers

The following new Board members, and Officers who are to be installed annually, were officially sworn in by President Nancy Settle:

- Kelly Shirk – Board Member
- Nancy Settle – President
- Roberta Griego – 1st Vice President
- Ken Cozzens – 2nd Vice President
- Will Hoag – Secretary
- Paul Callaway – Treasurer

Due to their absence, Roberta Griego (1st Vice President), Art Goulet (Immediate Past President) and Kelly Shirk (new Board member) will be installed at a later date.

2. Receive and File Year-End Financial Report

Butch briefly reviewed written copies of the Year- End Financial Report which had been previously forwarded to all Board members (email of February 4, 2020). It was moved to receive and file the report as presented M/S/C (Cozzens/McEachern/Unanimous).

3. Approve 2020 Budget with Revisions or Corrections Directed by the Board

Butch noted that little had changed since the 2020 Budget had previously been proposed at the December 2019 Board meeting. Following a few questions concerning the luncheons, reimbursable mileage, and the scholarships, it was moved that the 2020 Budget be approved. M/S/C (Hoag/Schneider/Unanimous).

4. Pacific Group Agencies (PGA) – Future Mail Out

Nancy stated that she had been told that other 1937 Retirement Act associations send out information on their associations to all retirees in their respective counties every year - not just to those members of their organizations. However, there are a couple of organizations that do this every other year. Nancy noted that VCERA has a very conservative viewpoint concerning releasing their data. Will noted that it all depends upon how the law is interpreted.

Sharon noted that REAVC gained 105 new members following the PGA mailing.

Following discussion, it was moved to support PGA mailing out annually insurance information at no cost to REAVC members. M/S/C (Britt/McEachern/Unanimous).

Nancy noted that she will relay this decision to VCERA and to Art Goulet. REAVC will continue to mail out information to new County retirees.

5. Updated Board Contact Information, Calendar, and Board Member Terms

Sharon distributed copies of the updated documents to Board members, requesting that any corrections, deletions, and/or additions be given to her. Once received, she will email the revised documents to Board members.

6. REAVC Database Update

Sharon expressed concern about continuing to use Excel spreadsheets as REAVC's membership software. She noted that there is a software program named Access that is created by Microsoft and which is compatible with other Microsoft software programs, including Excel and Word. Will noted that REAVC's

previous executive assistants had used Access for the REAVC database. Sharon said that she will continue to look into options for the database, with the possibility of having someone else upload REAVC data into a new format.

7. Membership Report

Sharon reported that as of January 2020, REAVC had a total of 2,713 members.

8. Update on Luncheon Fee and Reservations

Sharon reported that as of February 10, 2020, 53 reservations had been made for the REAVC Spring Luncheon. The total number of guests were 10.

Following up on a question made by Paul Callaway at an earlier Board meeting regarding the possibility of spouses or significant others being made associate REAVC members, Nancy stated that she had contacted VCERA and was told that this would be doable, and that VCERA would be happy to try and make this work. Butch stated that REAVC bylaws do allow this. Nancy said that she would contact VCERA to see if this could be done on an “as-requested” basis. Board members asked to re-examine this issue further at a later date.

9. Membership Mail Out – See Agenda Item No. 4

10. Other Business and Committee Reports

Nancy stated that she had contacted Danny Carrillo from SEIU regarding guest speakers. Mr. Carrillo said that he knew someone from SEIU in Los Angeles who was good at speaking about what is happening with the future of pensions. Nancy noted that after speaking with Will and others, a threat to our pensions doesn't seem to be a large issues on the horizon at this time; however, this could change.

Committee Reports

- Retirement Board/Legislation – No report.
- Associate Members – Maryellen said that she was waiting for information on REAVC members who had recently passed away. Sharon stated that she will provide this information to Maryellen by the end of the week.
- Audit – Ken stated that he had nothing new to report.
- Benefits – No report.
- Communications – Will said that he had only received 3 calls and all were related to the REAVC Spring luncheon.
- Membership/Courtesy – Nothing new to report.
- CRCEA – Will noted that the next meeting is in April 2020.

- Newsletter – Sharon stated that she would like to send it out in early March 2020.
- Nominations/Elections – Nancy reminded Board members that candidates will be needed for the position of REAVC president next year.
- Program/Social – Anne thanked Tom for providing speakers for many of the REAVC luncheons. She noted that there will be two luncheons where a speaker will not be needed – the June scholarship luncheon and the December Holiday luncheon.
- Scholarship – Tom said that to date, he had received only one scholarship application.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hurault
REAVC Executive Assistant