

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY (REAVC)

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 2020

In Accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20,
the Members of the Board met Electronically (via Zoom)

Call to Order

President Nancy Settle called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Present

Board Members: Nancy Settle, Maryellen Benedetto, Butch Britt, Colleen Bruns, Anne Dana, Art Goulet, Will Hoag, Tom McEachern, Reddy Pakala, and Kelly Shirk

Staff: Sharon Hurault

Absent

Board Members: Roberta Griego, Paul Callaway, Kenneth Cozzens, Paul Callaway, Colleen House, and Cindy Schneider

Approval of the February 11, 2019, Minutes

Due to their absence at the February 11, 2019, Board meeting, Reddy and Art abstained from voting. The minutes of the meeting were accepted as presented. Moved/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) (Britt/Dana/Unanimous)

Old/New Business

1. Continued Installation from February 11, 2020, of New Board Members and Annual Installation of Officers

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

- Kelly Shirk – Board Member
- Roberta Griego – 1st Vice President

Art Goulet noted that per REAVC bylaws, it was not necessary that he be installed as he is an elected member of the VCERA Board of Retirement. Due to her absence at today's meeting, Roberta Griego (1st Vice President), will be installed at a later date.

2. Receive and File Financial Report

Members discussed the potential financial impact of COVID-19 on REAVC this calendar year, including its impact on the REAVC luncheons and scholarship fund. Butch noted that \$8,000 has been budgeted this year towards scholarships.

Colleen expressed concern that with the possibility of County and State budgets being in trouble financially, taxpayers may “beat the drum” about pensions. Art noted that advocates for pension reform typically don’t want to touch pensions that have already been earned; they typically want to deal with future pensions. Butch noted that if needed, there is a little over \$33,000 in certificates of deposit in reserve (basically REAVC’s “war chest”), along with \$28,000 in a money market fund.

Nancy stated that due to the importance of this issue, a discussion on pensions will be continued at a later date.

Board members praised Butch for the good work he has done.

It was moved that the Financial Report be received and filed. M/S/C (Dana/McEachern/Unanimous).

3. Future Mailing of Pacific Group Agencies (PGA)

Art stated that the law provides that as long as we pay, they (PGA) has to mail. He will follow up on this.

4. Medicare Supplemental Insurance Membership Survey – See Area Agency on Agency HICAP Flyer – Consider REAVC survey for cost, ease of service, paperwork to be included in a news article for future open enrollment

Due to Paul Callaway’s absence, this agenda item will be postponed until a future Board meeting.

5. Scholarship Awards – Recipients, Funds, and Upcoming Luncheon

Tom noted that \$8,000 has been set aside for this year’s scholarship recipients. Could the money (\$4,000) that would have been used for the June luncheon (which was cancelled), be used toward this year’s REAVC scholarships? Butch stated that this would be up to the Board. Tom noted that for the 17 applications received, the Scholarship Committee has 15 qualified applicants.

At conclusion of the discussion, it was moved to take the \$4,000 originally budgeted for the June 2020 luncheon, and add it to the \$8,000 in the scholarship fund. M/S/C (Pakala/Hoag/Unanimous)

6. **REAVC Database Update**

Sharon reported that she has Access 2013 on her computer, and she has been attending Access 2013 tutorials on YouTube. Currently, she is creating a pilot program to work with.

7. **Membership Report**

Sharon reported that as of April 2020, REAVC has a total of 2,731 members.

8. **Interested Board Member**

Nancy reported that County retiree, Jacquie Richardson, wishes to join the REAVC Board. Jacquie, who retired in 2013, has a background in fundraising, was installed as executive director of the California Boxing Hall of Fame, and used to work for Judy Michael's office.

9. **Update on Membership Mail Out**

Will reported that the last mail out resulted in approximately 40 new REAVC members.

10. **Other Business and Committee Reports**

Committee Reports

Due to time constraints, the only committee report presented was from Anne. All other reports will be presented at the next Board meeting.

- Program/Social – Anne stated that she received a letter from Wedgewood (Sterling Hills) stating that while we had cancelled our June 2020 luncheon, in the future, they would be willing to work with us on how to implement CDC guidelines.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of whether to continue to hold luncheons through 2020.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was the consensus of Board members to cancel the September 2020 luncheon, and to notify members of this cancellation in the July/August newsletter.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

The next REAVC Board meeting will be held electronically on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, the time of which is yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hurault
REAVC Executive Assistant