

ATTACHMENT 2

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY (REAVC) Minutes of the Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Hosted by Roberta Griego on Zoom

Call to Order and Roll Call – Reddy Pakala, President, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Present - Nancy Settle, Anne Dana, Ben Emami, Art Goulet*, Roberta Griego, Lyn Krieger, Jacquie Richardson, Kelly Shirk, Maryellen Benedetto, and Will Hoag joined the meeting at 9:45.

Absent - Kenneth Cozzens, Paul Callaway, Colleen Bruns, Colleen House, Tom McEachern, and Cindy Schneider.

Guests – Tracey Pirie

Approval of Agenda – President Pakala noted that Kelly Shirk, Cindy Schneider, Colleen Bruns and Anne Dana sent support votes for item 3 under New Business for Discussion and Approval. The agenda was amended to take items out of order to better accommodate Board members. The minutes and financial report were moved to the end of the agenda. Committee Reports, New Business, and Continued Business were taken next. Item 4, review of the bylaws, and Item 5, potential vacancy of a REAVC Board position, were removed for discussion at a future meeting to be determined. Nancy Settle moved and Kelly Shirk seconded approval of the order of items. Motion carried.

Minutes – Approval passed for the Minutes of the April 12, 2023, Special Board Meeting - Attachment 1, with a motion by Nancy Settle and a second by Reddy Pakala. Minutes of the June 27, 2023, Regular Meeting – Attachment 2 received a motion to approve, with amendments, by Art Goulet and were seconded by Ben Emami. (Approval was unanimous, however, the amended minutes will be brought to the next meeting.)

Financial Report – Butch Britt

Financial Report –Recommendation: Receive and file, subject to audit – Attachment 3. Butch advised the report was routine. Nancy motioned to receive and file. Roberta Griego seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Retirement Board/Legislation - (Art) Rick Santos, Retirement Administrator of Stanislaus will fill in as an extra-help employee beginning a two week overlap with Linda Webb on August 1st. AB 5 indicates that no contractor can be a 1040 hire as an independent contractor. AB 1020 discussed all of the provisions in the labor contract providing for presumptions of injuries presume on the job injury. This is on the senate floor and will probably pass when in sessions. VCERA Board approved the extra help appointment and County Human Resources recruitment is underway.

Newsletter - (Dee) Articles are due on the fifteenth of the month. The new vendor is doing a good job with sending out the newsletters.

Associate Members - (Maryellen) Nothing to report at this time.

Nominations/Elections - (Nancy) Nothing to report at this time, but will contact Board members nearing the end of their 2-year terms.

Benefits - (Kelly) No report.

Program/Social - (Anne/Tom) No report.

Communications - (Will) Communications are as usual. Nothing new to report.

Scholarship - (Tom) No report.

Audit Committee - (Ken) No report.

CRCEA - (Will/Jacquie) Jacquie indicated the next CRCEA conference will be held in Stockton.

Membership Report/Courtesy - (Nancy, Tom, Roberta, Maryellen, Anne)- Attachment 4 The membership report showed that membership is gradually trending upward.

Continued Business

1. 2025 CRCEA Conference – Nancy Settle informed the Board that our Santa Barbara counterpart believes that Ventura County will be able to provide more economical lodging for the conference. She also indicated that the Crowne Plaza, a venue used in the past, is still the easiest to work with. Some of the same staff is still there, and slightly lower rates were provided at the previous conference. Roberta Griego and Cindy Schneider agreed that the location was also good because it is easy to get to. Roberta said that GSA and IT Services had helped with equipment in the past. Nancy said that she would contact Santa Barbara about special topics and bring back more information at a future Board meeting. Nancy made a motion that the Crowne Plaza be considered as a venue for 2025 and Jacquie seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. VCERA (Alameda Decision & PEPPA) President Pakala informed the Board that on June 12, 2023, the REAVC/Alameda Committee unanimously recommended the following items to the REAVC Board for approval:

Information will be placed in the newsletter and on the website. Other information may be emailed via Constant Contact. Reddy asked Will if VCERA staff could come to the next REAVC luncheon. He hoped that VCERA could explain the Alameda decision and provide basic information. Lyn Krieger said maybe a town hall meeting would be more appropriate because it would make a long lunch. Roberta agreed another venue might be more appropriate.

3. REAVC website – Ben has been working with Gabe to update the website. There is a lot of work to be done.
4. Report on venues for Board meetings: availability, location, average meal cost, parking, etc. Ken Cozzens suggest a Chinese Restaurant. Roberta Griego stressed the importance of a venue with a secure room by itself. A Board member was concerned that Chinese food id limited. Black Bear Restaurant has a dedicated room.

New Business for Discussion and/or Approval

1. Discussion and Approval for REAVC to join the lawsuit against Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association v. County of Ventura, et al., State of California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Case No. 2d Civil B325227 Motion by Ben Emami and second by Roberta Griego. Motion carried. (*Art Goulet recused himself at 9:25 prior to discussion of this item and items related to VCERA.)
2. Discussion of Appeal, Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association v. County of Ventura, et al., State of California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District Case No. 2d Civil B325227 and Approve Recommendation of the REAVC Alameda Decision Committee to Hire Norman Dowler LLP of Ventura to prepare an amicus brief. This item was approved in one motion along with the following item below.
3. Authorize President of REAVC to negotiate, finalize, and sign the legal services agreement with Norman Dowler LLP for a maximum amount of \$15,000, authorize transfer of \$15,000 from Ventura Credit Union Money Market Fund Account to calendar year 2023 Budget and modify budget. President Pakala explained to Board members present that since time was of the essence, this item was the reason for convening a special meeting. Lyn Krieger made a motion to approve item 2 and 3 together, and Nancy Settle seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 absentee approvals. Board members Art Goulet and Will Hoag recused themselves prior to discussion.
4. Review of Bylaws per the United States Post Office requirements for obtaining non-profit bulk mail rates held for discussion at a future meeting.
5. Potential vacancy of a REAVC Board Member position – Held for discussion at a future meeting. Roberta Griego can contact her about availability. Reddy Pakala indicated that if a Board member has two unexcused absences, they are usually considered to have resigned.
6. CalPERS Long term Care Insurance Class Action—Urgent Information-July 26, 2023, public hearing of proposed settlement. Communication to the Board that they might wish to attend this online meeting for informational purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58.

Roberta Griego moved and Will Hoag seconded cancelation of the August 1, 2023, Board meeting. The next scheduled meeting is on – Tuesday, October 3, 2023, Noon hosted by Roberta Griego.

Respectfully submitted by,



Dee Emami
REAVC Executive Assistant

Reviewed and approved by,



Reddy Pakala
REAVC President