

ATTACHMENT 1 MINUTES

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – 11:30 a.m.
Hosted by Roberta Griego
Bella Vista Clubhouse
1724 Tanager St.
Ventura, CA 93003

CALL TO ORDER – President Reddy Pakala called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Reddy Pakala, Roberta Griego, Ben Emami, Will Hoag, Butch Britt, Colleen Bruns, Anne Dana, Art Goulet, Lyn Krieger, Tracey Pirie, Jacquie Richardson, Cindy Schneider, and Maryellen Benedetto were present.

Paul Callaway, Nancy Settle, Maeve Fox, Tom McEachern, and Kelly Shirk were absent.

AGENDA REVIEW FOR APPROVAL OR REVISION The agenda was initially amended to include discussion of MoneyMarket funds, however, it was subsequently decided to discuss the proposed item at a future date.

MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2024, Board Meeting - Attachment 1: Lyn Kreiger made a motion to approve the minutes and Art Goulet seconded. The minutes were approved with the correction of a typographical error.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Butch Britt

- Financial Report - Receive and File – Attachment 2

LUNCHEON UPDATE – An additional 30 persons were expected for the Scholarship luncheon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Committee Chairs may report via e-mail and need not be present)

Retirement Board/Legislation – Art Goulet discussed that Betsy Byrn is the replacement for Amy Herron. Ms. Byrn came from the Ventura Auditor Controller's Office and worked at the County of Santa Barbara prior. VCERA is working on a bill with Senator Limon to add a Chief Technology Officer. Also, a second bill is to allow cyber security to be discussed in closed session. Art said AB2035 requires adjustments for retirees with disallowed compensation and retirees can submit items for review.

Newsletter – Ben and Dee Emami indicated that article submissions for the newsletter are due midmonth. The newsletter goes to the printer at the end of the month to allow time for the printer to send it out the fifteenth of the following month. Due to recent events, this has been challenging.

Associate Members – Maryellen Benedetto indicated that it is difficult to provide outreach to survivors. It was suggested that placing a notice in the newsletter to advise survivors that they are eligible for membership could be helpful.

CRCEA – Jacquie indicated that the Ventura Crowne Plaza will be the site for the Spring 2025 CRCEA conference. Ventura will not co-host with Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara will host its 2026 conference at the Marriott in Buellton. On-line options were discussed for Ventura, but Jacquie voiced that conferences are better held in person. Tracie Pirie agreed that collaboration, idea sharing, and networking are missed in online forums.

Nominations/Elections – Nancy Settle had no news at present.

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Benefits – Roberta Griego indicated that the last meeting was canceled so there was nothing to report.

Program/Social/Luncheon – Anne Dana indicated that there would be no speaker at the scholarship luncheon. She planned to coordinate with Tom McEachern regarding future speakers.

Communications – Will Hoag reported that there were not many phone calls.

Scholarship - Will Hoag indicated that there were 11 scholarship applications.

Audit Committee – CindySchneider will bring additional information about audit results to the next Board meeting.

Membership Report/Courtesy – Nancy Settle indicated that membership numbers remain much the same.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Discuss and Approve – Hosting the 2025 CRCEA Conference with Santa Barbara County
This item was also discussed during the Committee Reports. Roberta reported that most costs have gone up at the Crowne Plaza. There will be a 25-room minimum block. Attendees will pay for their rooms. A real breakfast, 2 breaks, and a member paid dinner will be provided. Some major costs discussed were a band/DJ and technical support. Roberta will seek out technical support help from the County.

Butch Britt indicated that a separate checking account will be setup for the conference. Seed money is provided by CRCEA, but they usually ask for it to be paid back. Deposits will be required for the hotel.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Welcome VCERA Alternate Board Member, Maeve Fox
Ms. Fox did not attend.
2. Installation of new Board Member, Maeve Fox – Attachment 4 (Oath) The installation of Ms. Fox was moved to a future meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Discuss and Approve – Alameda Committee Proposals

ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 11:30 a.m. at 1724 Tanager St.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dee Emami

Dee Emami
REAVC Executive Assistant

Reviewed and approved by,

Reddy Pakala

Reddy Pakala
REAVC President