

ATTACHMENT 1
MINUTES

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Tuesday, June 11, 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 12:01 pm.

Reddy Pakala, Roberta Griego, Ben Emami, Will Hoag, Paul Callaway, Nancy Settle, Butch Britt, Colleen Bruns, Anne Dana, Art Goulet, Lyn Krieger, Tom McEachern, and Maryellen Benedetto

Maeve Fox, Tracey Pirie, Jacquie Richardson, Cindy Schneider, and Kelly Shirk were absent.

AGENDA REVIEW FOR APPROVAL OR REVISION

The agenda was unanimously approved as submitted, with a motion by Roberta Griego and a second by Ben Emami.

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- Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2024, Board Meeting - Attachment 1: Nancy Settle motioned, and Lyn Krieger seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Butch Britt

- Financial Report - Receive and File – Attachment 2 – Motion by Nancy Settle to receive and file, seconded by Tom McEachern. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT REPORT – Cindy Schneider could not attend, so Roberta Griego reported.

- Audit Report—Receive and File -- Attachment 3—The Audit Report results showed that REAVC records are in order. Lyn Krieger's motion to receive and file was seconded by Ben Emami and unanimously approved.

LUNCHEON UPDATE: There were minimal no-shows, with 137 in attendance. Food options will continue in rotation. Speaker topics suggested include retiree benefits, retirement, insurance, etc. September health care issues. Roberta will contact Area Agency on Aging. Pacific Group Agency was suggested for a future meeting, and Amy Herron was considered for the February meeting. Anne thanked everyone and will be back onboard. Label Maker worked well. Maryellen will write a newsletter article for the newsletter.

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

Retirement Board/Legislation—Art Goulet indicated that a new investment officer was recruited. A VCERA bill was sponsored to include a new technology officer. A bill supporting cyber security discussions at retirement board meetings in closed sessions is also in progress. Art will remain on the CRCEA legislative committee but will no longer prepare the reports. VCERA will begin publishing a newsletter online.

Newsletter – Item covered in New Business.

CRCEA – No new business at this time.

Associate Members – Nothing to report.

Nominations/Elections – Nothing to report.

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Benefits – Nothing to report.

Program/Social/Luncheon—Sterling Hills indicates that 200 is the occupancy limit, with ten per table. Around 175 to 180 is better, with 8 at each table and room for accessibility. Roberta said people should not save chairs by propping them up because it creates a safety hazard for disabled members.

Communications – Will shared that telephone calls are down. The telephone works but needs charging more often.

Scholarship – Tom said there were ten scholarship applications. The applicants were impressive and included the great-grandson of John MacIntyre, the scholarship's namesake.

Audit Committee -- Covered by Roberta in discussion of the Audit Report submitted by Cindy.

Membership Report/Courtesy -- (Nancy) Attachment 4 -- Membership is steady. Mailer to all retirees was considered. Art suggested choosing a retirement date to go back to for selecting those to send mailers to. PGA enrollment helps enhance membership numbers. It is important to educate members about how REAVC and VCERA are different. This could be a newsletter topic. The REAVC website can be updated to include the benefits of REAVC membership.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Discuss and Approve – Hosting the 2025 CRCEA Conference – REAVC decided to host the conference alone rather than partner with Santa Barbara.

Review and Approve—Hotel Location: Residence Inn by Marriott Vineyard, Oxnard, or Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach—The Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach was chosen for the upcoming 2025 CRCEA Conference.

Sponsorships will be sought for the conference. Roberta will discuss technology support with the County of Ventura. REAVC will be required to pay for reserved rooms from the room block that are not booked.

The venue was evaluated on its accessibility, amenities at the hotel and nearby, walkability, parking, views, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Approve Guidelines for Newsletter Submissions—Ben submitted a list of potential guidelines for the Board to consider. The mid-month deadline submission to Dee was confirmed. Dee will finish and return it to the committee and newsletter article submitters. The retirement board column is submitted timely as a space saver subject to changes. Guidelines were accepted. Comments and input are to be reviewed by the newsletter committee. "In Memorium" is valuable. Uplifting content, such as puzzles with a prize, might be good. 300 to 400 words for articles is a guideline for the maximum, except for Papa B. Ten pages or less for the newsletter unless the committee approves.

CLOSED SESSION

Discuss and Approve – Alameda Committee Proposals

ADJOURN – Adjourned at 2:28 pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 11:30 a.m. at 1724 Tanager St. (Date subsequently changed to August 20, 2024.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Dee Emami

Dee Emami
REAVC Executive Assistant

Reviewed and approved by,

Reddy Pakala

Reddy Pakala
REAVC President