MINUTES OF THE REAVC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 – 11:30 a.m. Hosted by Roberta Griego at 1724 Tanager St., Ventura, CA

Called to order by Reddy Pakala, President, at 11:40 a.m.

Present: Reddy Pakala, Roberta Griego, Ben Emami, Will Hoag, Paul Callaway, Colleen Bruns, Anne Dana, Art Goulet, Lyn Krieger, Tracey Pirie, Cindy Schneider, Kelly Shirk, Bookkeeper Butch Britt, and Executive Assistant Dee Emami.
Absent: Maryellen Benedetto

FINANCIAL REPORT – Butch Britt – Tracey Pirie asked about action to be taken regarding the CDs maturing in August. Reddy Pakala indicated rollover unless the funds are needed. Motion made by Kelly Shirk to receive and file the Financial Report. Paul Callaway seconded, and approval was unanimous.

MINUTES – Ben Emami moved to accept the minutes of February 24, 2026, with minor revisions. Roberta Griego seconded the motion. Art and Cindy abstained due to absence during the previous meeting. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Retirement Board/Legislation – Art reported on AB 1383 - safety retirement, AB1319 – pension investments, AB1601 – Sonoma COLA financing, AB 2336 – State/County retirement systems align with Federal taxable income, AB 2780 – deferred members cannot vote, and SB 1407 – Federal military retirement pay..
Newsletter and Technology were reported on together. (Ben, Roberta, Dee) The website is coming along, and Ben will follow up with Gabe to report back at the next meeting. Reddy, Roberta, and Ben will take turns writing an article for the newsletter.
CRCEA – Paul will attend the April meeting as a delegate in about 10 days. Paul will report back afterward.
Associate Members – Maryellen was not present to report.
Benefits - (Kelly)Anne did the retiree presentation last time. Reddy indicated that some information needs updating. Maryellen Benedetto did the most recent presentation. Kelly said the next one is on April 10 at 8 am. Patty sometimes presents, as needed. Patty asked Anne for handouts. Kelly will inform Patty about handouts, and that Anne will be there.
Program/Social/Luncheon - (Anne) Roberta said the speaker about scams was very good. AI cloning, money scams, and Facebook are other potential topics. A luncheon RSVP must arrive by the due date, and a telephoned RSVP is not allowed.
Communications – Will reported extra mail from scholarship submission activity. Roberta and Ben will help.
Scholarship – There are 20 scholarship applicants with member sponsors. The committee will meet at the end of April. Paul Callaway suggested that next year, he will propose allocating more money to scholarships. Butch indicated that $12,000 is budgeted most years, but it can vary. Maryellen and Colleen co-chair, Ray Holzer, Don Greenberg, and Henry Solis are members.
Audit – The annual audit was at 9:30 a.m. on May 15 at Cindy's house. Cindy will give a report at the June Board meeting.
Membership Report/Courtesy – Roberta indicated that membership has dropped slightly. Dee said deaths were the cause.
Nominations/Elections – Roberta will chair, Lyn, Ray Holzer, and Satya Karra will help. One more general member is needed.
Alameda – (Lyn, Tracey, Kelly, and Roberta) In a week to two weeks, an action date will be established. It is a good idea to have people attend at the Ronald Reagan Building in LA. Lyn will have information for distribution in the first week of June.
Bylaws – (Lyn, Tracey, Kelly, and Roberta) Lyn said the Board can fill vacancies with volunteers who must run in October. Mail-in ballots are acceptable, and no majority is necessary. Elections can be waived if there are not more candidates than positions to be filled. Currently, two positions held by Tom and Jacquie are vacant. The Board should maintain 14 to 16 members. The bylaws indicate there are to be regular membership meetings 4 times a year. Roberta and Ernie are seeking venues. One option is to use one of our regular luncheons as a formal general meeting and hold the other 3 at the Knights of Columbus, which would be free of charge and include a microphone.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Discussion, Consideration, and Action on Collette Travel Presentation -Pre-Covid Collette Travel paid for a quarter page add in the REAVC newsletter. The proceeds went to the Scholarship fund. It was mentioned that we need to include a statement that REAVC does not endorse Collette Travel in the ad. Cindy will contact Collette Travel to determine if they are interested in providing a camera-ready ad.
2. Discussion, Consideration, and Approval of Donation Tickets for Gift Baskets to Support Scholarships. Lottery licenses are required for a raffle, while opportunity drawings do not require a license. Based on the information given, Ben Emami made a motion, and Reddy Pakala seconded not holding raffles. Kelly Shirk and Roberta Griego opposed. Motion passed.
3. Discussion and Consideration by Bylaws Committee regarding Compliance with Election Procedures – Nothing to

approve.

4. Discussion on Process and Make Recommendations for Filling Two (2) Vacancies on REAVC Board. Covered under committee discussion.
5. Update from REAVC Spring Luncheon Announcement of New Reservation Process for REAVC Luncheons and Upcoming June Luncheon. This item was discussed under Committee Reports.
6. Review, Consideration, and Approval of 2026 REAVC Committee Assignments. Reddy Pakala was added to the Budget/Finance Committee. The Membership/Courtesy Committee added Reddy Pakala to fill its vacancy. Satya Karra was added to the Nominations/Elections committee. Two more committee members are needed. The Scholarship Committee was updated to show Don Greenberg and Kelly Shirk. Cindy Schneider was removed. A Bylaws Committee was recently established with Chair Roberta Griego, Lyn Krieger, Tracey Pirie, and Kelly Shirk. The Alameda Committee was added to the assignment list. Roberta Griego and Lyn Krieger as Co-Chairs, Tracey Pirie, Kelly Shirk, Reddy Pakala, and Ben Emami.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.**m.**
The next regular Board meeting is on June 9, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.at 1724 Tanager St., Ventura, CA.

Respectfully submitted by,



Dee Emami
REAVC Executive Assistant

Reviewed and approved by,



Reddy Pakala
REAVC President