President: Lori Norman	Director: Mary Brooks
Vice-President: Dartine Solis	Director: Michle Burroughs
Secretary Karen Rodriguez	Director: Kelly Pedrozo
Treasurer: Richard St. Marie	Director: Bernedette Castaneda
Past President - Vacant	Director: Gloria Keene
	Director: **Vacant**:

MINUTES

REMCO General Meeting

In-Person Meeting (1910 M Street) – 9/8/2026 10:30 AM

PRESENTATION – Trusts and Wills, by Attorney Carmen Ramirez. Carmen shared information and answered questions from the group.

GENERAL MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

- Pledge of allegiance
- Observed a moment of silence for Military, Public Safety personnel, and REMCO members who have passed away.
- President Lori Norman introduced the head table (Directors and guests)
- Reminded members to alert officers in order to recognize members for volunteerism, ideas for trip destinations, speakers, presenters, or topics.
- President Lori Norman introduced Sharon Wardale-Trejo from Merced Senior Citizen's Inc board who shared information about the Walk to End Alzheimer's scheduled for October 3, 2026, in Applegate Park. Members were encouraged to participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Quarterly membership drawing - $50 winner is Jalanda Hanson
- Attendance prize for September 8, 2026, Business Meeting –$100 gift card to Vallarta Supermarket. Cindy Ramirez had the winning ticket.
- REMCO is accepting nominations for non-profit agencies to be recognized at our December meeting and receive a donation from REMCO. Copies of the nomination form were shared and are available on our website. Deadline for nominations is October 11, 2026.
- A sign-up form was shared so that members could update their email address with MercedCERA after we noticed that some members used their county email addresses when they were filing for retirement, which remains on MercedCERA's system. Updating ensures that we'll have your contact information.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Hunter Farms – Pumpkin Patch – Lori Norman shared information on discounted tickets for REMCO members at Hunter Farms for Wednesday October 14th.

REPORT on July 14, 2026, Director's meeting:

Business Items:

- Bylaws: The board recommended the membership vote to approve the proposed changes made to the REMCOIA Bylaws. The Board has been working with an attorney to revise our by-laws to update sections to add clarifying language and improve consistency with California law governing nonprofit mutual benefit corporations. These changes require a vote by the membership at our September 8, 2026, general meeting. Two copies of the by-laws were shared on the website. One copy was a red-line version with track changes, and the other was a clean copy which is easier to read.

  Many of the changes are corrections to formatting and removing sections that are not applicable. These changes remove reference to Associate Members and different classes of membership, tighten language related to member notice and voting provisions, termination of membership, board composition, vacancy and quorum provisions, committee authority, and director voting**. These changes also clear up the ambiguity regarding how to make changes to the by-laws.**

  - There were no questions. Wanda Lax made a motion to approve the proposed changes; it was seconded by Kaye Greeley.

  - The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote of the members in attendance. After the vote, Treasurer St. Marie questioned if we needed to have a written ballot for the entire membership in order to approve these changes. Secretary Rodriguez will reach out to our attorney and verify if this is necessary. If so, ballots will be sent out.

- Elections of Directors

Director: Mary Brooks
Director: Michle Burroughs
Director: Kelly Pedrozo
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  - As there were no nominations or volunteers for our Director positions, President Norman called for a vote to ratify the existing Directors for another term.

  - Kaye Greely made a motion to ratify the appointment of the existing Directors for another term; it was seconded by Wanda Lax.

  - The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote of the members in attendance. We still have one vacant position, so please reach out to a Board member if you are interested in serving on the Board.

- Merced County Human Resources (Amy, Mai) shared information about the 2027 Open Enrollment for retirees under age 65. There are three new medical plans available. Open Enrollment – October 19 – 30, 2026. Staff also shared the need rate schedule for 2027 for medical and dental coverage.
- MercedCERA - Brenda Mojica shared that MercedCERA has a total of 6,659 members (w,668 retirees/survivors, 2,420 active employees contributing, and 1,560 deferred members; MercedCERA is working on validation of life letters to any members over 95 years old; September payments will be issued by Northern Trust as part of the emergency plan. October payments will resume issuance from Wells Fargo.
- President Norma recognized first time attendees, reminded members our next general membership meeting will be the holiday luncheon on December 8, 2026, and the REMCOAI Board will meet on October 13, 2026.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.