

REMCOAI Board of Directors General Meeting

MCERA

3199 M Street

Merced, CA

February 3, 2016

President Sandy Teague called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Roll Call: Present: President Sandy Teague, Treasurer Lola Barnett, Directors Ken Henn, Becky Reis and Mike Sofranek, and Secretary LaVon Justice. Absent: Vice-President Kaye Greeley, Past President/Newsletter Editor John Carlisle, Retirement Board Representative Ronald Kinchloe, Directors Scott Johnston and Bobbie Baker, and CRCEA Representative David Baker.

Secretary's Report: November 4, 2015 Board of Directors General Meeting Minutes: Accepted as Received. ****M/S/P**

Treasurer's Report: Deposits of \$14,582 and expenses of \$8,572.89 leave a balance of \$49,920.00 to date. The three CDs in the Pension Protection Funds have earned \$953.25 to date for a total of \$75,953.25. In the future, CD purchases will be staggered to create a "ladder" of maturity dates. Treasurer Barnett reported that \$889 was collected in the December draw, leaving \$412 to be used at upcoming luncheon draws. The Ham Dinner was \$60 and much appreciated by the winners. The Canvas Print was approximately \$49. Treasurer's Report: Accepted as Reported **** M/S/P**

Old Business:

President Teague reported that Rebecca (Becky) Reis accepted the assignment of monitoring/volunteering to handle the Lunch Registration Table. Her phone number could be added to accept registrations along with the numbers of President Teague and Treasurer Barnett. Treasurer Barnett would provide the format of the registration list to Director Reis and to collate names for the final reservation list to be used during registration for the quarterly luncheon meetings.

President Teague reported he received responses from all 20 CRCEA counties on their Associate Membership benefits. He will provide a report in spreadsheet format of the results, giving a summary that most did not have Associate Membership, and that those who did restricted the powers of Associate Membership (no voting powers). He would send a finished report to CRCEA and email a copy to the REMCO Board members. President Teague suggested that the option for Associate Membership for active employees be tabled at this time.

President Teague reported he was finalizing a new brochure on the benefits of REMCOAI membership for new members. Discussion held on the County Retirement process, and when REMCO could become involved. A suggestion to ask Angelo Lamas, the temporary Plan Administrator, to join the Board meeting was made. Angelo explained that the first MCERA Consent Calendar of the month listed retirement applications or those who had retired since the last meeting. Angelo reported that REMCO's membership application was an item on MCERA's retirement checklist and the new brochure would be eye-catching. Discussion of ways to encourage new retirees to attend a luncheon meeting was held. Director Reis suggested that each new retiree's first lunch be as a guest of REMCO. Discussion of providing a ticket or postcard

for a free lunch with the REMCO application was made and methods and types of ticket/postcard were discussed. Director Reis suggested that the postcard/ticket have the schedule of REMCO luncheons/meetings posted as well as in the Newsletter.

Angelo also reported that the recently mailed 1099R to retirees would be resent as some had the wrong box checked for the Distribution type, and then excused himself from the meeting.

President Teague reported the suggested charities received from members at the December luncheon. He also reported that he received a call from a member in Monterey who was against REMCO donating to other charitable organizations, as REMCO's funds should be for REMCO. It was decided that members be asked if they wished to donate to a charitable organization as part of the March Agenda, and if approved, the Board of Directors would make the choice between the suggestions received from the members. President Teague would also like a mention in the Newsletter that this would be a topic at the March meeting.

New Business:

President Teague asked for updates on the Healthcare Committee. The next Healthcare meeting with the County will be February 16th to discover the results of the Delta Dental Maximum options survey, with an informational meeting March 29th in the Board Chambers. The County should be sending information to retirees later. Michelle Allison and Cindy Ramirez are the Under-65 members of the Healthcare Committee to ensure this group is represented in negotiations for benefits with the County.

President Teague reported four members, Rosalie Thornton, Karol Alvarez, Carol Martin, and Don Lee, volunteered to investigate/initiate trips or outings after the December meeting. President Teague stated there needed to be a Director to provide oversight/Chairman to the volunteers. Director Reis volunteered for the assignment. Secretary Justice stated she would provide the contact information of the members to Director Reis.

Discussion for the March meeting was held. As Vice-President Greeley was absent who said she would investigate possibilities, suggestions were made that Fire might provide a speaker, about smoke alarms, Carbon Monoxide alarms, fire extinguishers. President Teague had a contact and would check in with him, and possibility Riggs Ambulance and report back. Suggestions of fire extinguishers as draw prize at March meeting was also made.

Directors Reports/Activities: Director Ken Henn reported that he would be at February 16 Healthcare meeting. Treasurer Barnett reported that Scholarship Applications are due April 30th and she would provide applications at the March meeting. Director Mike Sofranek would investigate interesting draw prizes for March. Director Reis would check in with new Trips/Outings/Activities Committee.

With no further items to discuss, the meeting was closed at 10:45 A.M.

****M/S/P = Motion Made/Seconded/Passed**