

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)

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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 2, 2014
SCLEA Office, Santa Rosa – 1 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Phyris Tobler. Board members also in attendance: Carol Bauer, Bob Bulwa, Greg Jacobs, Eeve Lewis, Patty Hamley, Carl Jackson, John Pels, Ron Piorek, and Alix Shor. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Greg, seconded by Alix, and agreed by all that the Minutes of our November 5th Board Meeting and November 26th Business Meeting are approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Phyris sent out the December Financial Statement to Board members via e-mail. We will be checking out options for better interest rates for our money market funds as the RCU rate is very low.

Election of Officers: Carol, Greg, Phyris, and Patty agreed to continue as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. It was moved by Eeve, seconded by Alix, and approved by all that these officers are re-elected. Gary and Carl will be resigning from the SCARE Board. Joe Romano, who has already been interviewed by our Nominating Committee, will attend our March 5 Meeting for a final vote by our Board members. This will leave one vacancy on our Board when Gary actually resigns.

New Committee Members: With the pending resignations of Carl and Gary, changes to committees need to be made. Alix Shor will replace Gary on the Nominating Committee; there will no longer be a Public Relations Committee as it has been inactive; Alix will replace Carl and Gary on the SCCLO Committee; Bob Bulwa will work with Gary on the Scholarships Committee this spring and then take over for him. New retiree Lou Maricle has offered to continue attending JLMBC Meetings as a retiree representative (replacing Gary Wilkening) along with Phyris, Carl, and Dick. Lou has been attending JLMBC for years as a rep for SCAMC.

Legal Update: There has been no decision from the Federal Judge on the County's Motion to Dismiss. Later this month our attorneys may "nudge" the Judge for a decision on this motion so we can continue with discovery and depositions.

Speaker for Feb. 25th Business Meeting: John Pels will ask Julie Wyne, SCERA's new Retirement Administrator, to be our speaker on February 25th. Several of our Board members met her at Gary Bei's retirement party, and she indicated she would like to meet with us. John will also invite her to meet with our Board at our March meeting.

Location of February 25th Business Meeting: Patty will contact the Steele Lane Community Center to book the DeMeo Room for the February 25th, May 27th, August 26th, and November 25th

Business Meetings. Our Board decided to stay with Steele Lane since we can book a year in advance, unlike at Redwood Credit Union.

JLMBC: Human Resources mailed out two informational pamphlets on the Affordable Care Act, one to employees and one to retirees. However, in the retiree one, they did not mention the fact that it is no longer necessary to work 20-years to be eligible for County contributions toward a covered dependent. We had asked the Benefits Manager to be sure to add that information since many retirees may not be aware of this change that went into effect June 1, 2013.

Mailing SCARE Information and Application to Retirees: Phyris has revised the letter and application to be sent to retirees who are not SCARE members. She will also add some information about the change to the 20-year working requirement for dependent coverage which HR left off their mailings and will contact Cathy Austin to see exactly what we need to do to make this happen.

SACRS/SCERA Dental Insurance: John reported that a vendor has not yet been selected for the new dental insurance. The open enrollment period for dental insurance will most likely be the same as for County insurance and the SACRS Vision Insurance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, SCARE Secretary

Upcoming 2014 Events:

- February 25 – Business Meeting – 1 p.m.
- March 5 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.
- March 11 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.
- May 7 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.
- May 27 – Business Meeting – 1 p.m.
- June 10 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.
- July 2 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.
- August 26 – Business Meeting – 1 p.m.
- September 3 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.
- September 9 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.
- November 5 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.
- November 25 – Business Meeting – 1 p.m.
- December 9 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.