

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 2, 2019
SCLEA Office, Santa Rosa – 1 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Carol Bauer, Ed Clites, Wendie Cooper, Cora Guy, Patty Hamley, Lou Maricle, Bill Robotka, Alix Shor, and Phyris Tobler.

Board Members Absent: Shaun Du Fosee

The meeting was called to order by Alix at 1:15 p.m. There was a quorum.

1. Minutes: It was moved by Lou, seconded by Ed, and agreed by all that the Minutes of the November 7, 2018, Board Meeting are approved.

2. Election of Officers: The Election of Board Members was held at our November 27 Membership Meeting. Those Board Members re-elected were Ed Clites, Shaun Du Fosee, Patty Hamley, and Alix Shor. It was moved by Carol, seconded by Ed, and approved by all that the current slate of officers remain the same.

3. Update Committee Membership and Board Member Tasks:

Committee Membership Changes: Shaun Du Fosee dropped from JLMBC; Legal Committee eliminated since it is no longer needed; CRCEA Alternate: Carol Bauer; Legislative Committee: Shaun Du Fosee; Nominating Committee: drop Bill Adams and add Cora Guy; eliminate the Political Action Committee and add the Independent Citizens' Action Committee (ICPC): Bill Robotka and Ed Clites; SCCLO Committee: Bill Robotka and Ed Clites.

Tasks: Scholarships: Lou Maricle; Speakers: If Bob Bulwa does not want to continue, Wendie Cooper volunteered; SCERA Presentations: Alix, Carol, Phyris

4. Treasurer's Report: Bill distributed the December Financial Statement to Board Members via email. He also submitted the SCARE Proposed Budget for 2019. It was moved by Lou, seconded by Phyris, and approved by all that the Proposed Budget is accepted.

5. CRCEA Conference Planning Update: Alix, Carol, and Phyris recommended selecting the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park for the Fall (October 27-30) 2019 CRCEA Conference. It was moved by Phyris, seconded by Lou, and agreed by all that the Fall 2019 CRCEA Conference be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park.

Alix, Carol, Phyris, Patty, and Wendie volunteered to be on the planning committee. They will meet Tuesday, January 8, at 2 p.m., at the SCLEA Office.

6. Strategic Planning:

Membership Survey: Ed Clites distributed a proposed membership survey to be sent out to all members asking for their opinion on improving SCARE activities. After discussing, revisions

were suggested by the Board. Board members were encouraged to review further and get any other suggestions to Ed.

Independent Citizens Pension Committee (ICPC) Report: Bill Robotka reported on the meetings he and Ed Clites have been attending. Supervisor Rabbitt said he did not support a hybrid plan.

7. New Board Members: Cora Guy and Kathy Young have expressed an interest in joining the SCARE Board. Cora attended today's meeting. It was moved by Ed, seconded by Bill, and approved by all that Cora fill one of the vacancies on the SCARE Board. Kathy was unable to attend today's meeting but will be asked to attend a future meeting.

8. Change of Venue for Luncheons: With the decline in the number of members attending our luncheons at the Quail Inn in Oakmont and their proposed cost increase, it was suggested that we look for a restaurant closer to Santa Rosa. Patty has talked to the Events Coordinator at Charlie's Grill at the Windsor Golf Course and will check out Legends at the Bennett Valley Golf Course.

9. SCALO Report: Bill reported there will be a special meeting of the members on Saturday. All unions are in or will be in contract negotiations.

10. JLMBC: Phyris reported preliminary health insurance rates are out, with 12% increase projected for Kaiser and approximately 6% for CHP, Sutter, and WHA. The new DSA MOU provides that retirees will get a flat \$500 paid into the DSA medical trust fund. HR clarified that DSA employees who retired between 6/30/16 and when the last DSA contract went into effect (we think 10/1/18) are not covered by either the SCARE settlement or the new DSA contract. For now at least they will continue to get the "up to \$500" that all retirees except new DSA retirees are getting.

11. Retiring Board Member Awards vs. Memorial Donations: It was moved by Carol, seconded by Lou, and approved by all that a departing gift of up to \$150 may be given to a retiring Board Member who has served two or more terms of service, and a \$350 remembrance may be donated in memory of a current Board Member who passes away.

12. Speaker for February General Membership Meeting: It was suggested that we ask Julie Wyne (SCERA Administrator) to speak at our February meeting. Wendie Cooper volunteered to do this unless Bob Bulwa still wants to do it.

13. 2019 Schedule:

Board Meetings: January 2, March 6, May 1, July 10, September 4, and November 6

Luncheons: March 13, June 12, September 11, and December 11

Membership Meetings: February 26, May 28, August 27, November 19

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Patty Hamley, SCARE Secretary