

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 3, 2018
SCLEA Office, Santa Rosa – 1 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Carol Bauer, Bob Bulwa, Dick Gearhart, Patty Hamley, Lou Maricle, Alix Shor, and Phyris Tobler.

Board Members Absent: Bill Adams, Ed Clites, Shaun DuFosee, and John Pels. and Bill Robotka

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

1. Minutes: It was moved by Carol, seconded by Lou, and agreed by all that the Minutes of the November 1, 2017 Board Meeting and November 28, 2017 Business Meeting are approved.

2. Election of Officers: The Election of Board Members was held at our November 28th Business Meeting at the Steele Lane Community Center. Those Board Members re-elected were Carol Bauer, Bob Bulwa, Dick Gearhart, Lou Maricle, Bill Robotka, and Phyris Tobler. It was moved by Lou, seconded by Dick, and approved by all that the current slate of officers remain the same for 2018:

President -- Alix Shor

Vice President – Phyris Tobler

Treasurer – Bill Robotka

Secretary – Patty Hamley

Immediate Past President – Carol Bauer

Committees and Chairpersons: First person listed is the Chair

Executive – Alix Shor, Phyris Tobler, Bill Robotka, Patty Hamley

Health/JLMBC – Phyris T., Bill R., Lou Maricle, Shaun Dufosee

Financial Oversight -- Phyris Tobler, Bill Robotka, Carol Bauer

Legal – Phyris Tobler, Carol Bauer, Dick Gearhart

CRCEA – Lou Maricle (delegate), Dick Gearhart (alternate)

Legislation (new committee) – Bill A., Shaun D., Dick G., Lou M., Bill R.

Bylaws – Carol Bauer, Dick Gearhart, Phyris Tobler

PAC (new committee) – Bill Robotka, Lou Maricle, Shaun Dufosee

Nominating – Bill Adams, Shaun Dufosee

Membership - Patty Hamley, Lou Maricle

SCCLO Committee - Bill Robotka, Lou Maricle, Shaun DuFosee

Tasks:

Member Database – Lou Maricle

Luncheons -- Patty Hamley

Newsletter – Lonna Necker, Phyris Tobler

Facebook – Bob Bulwa, Paul Klonsky

Scholarships – Bob Bulwa

Programs – Bob Bulwa

Web Page – Phyris Tobler

3. 2018 CALENDAR: We decided to try to avoid scheduling meetings in holiday weeks. Schedules are as follows:

Board Meetings: January 3, March 7, May 2, June 27, August 29, November 7

Business Meetings: February 27, May 22, August 28, November 27

Luncheons: March 14, June 13, September 12, December 12

4. Treasurer's Report: Phyris e-mailed the December 31st Financial Statement to the Board Members. She also distributed a Proposed SCARE Budget for 2018. It was moved by Phyris, seconded by Carol, and approved by all that we accept the Proposed Budget for 2018.

5. Membership Applications Received in Response to Mailing to Non-SCARE Members:

Patty has submitted 60 applications to SCERA from retirees who were not previously members of SCARE and expects to receive more. Dues were lowered in March 2017 from \$10 to \$5 for Members, and \$5 to \$2.50 for Associate Members, which could account for the number of applications received.

5. Life-Long Learning Institute at Sonoma State University: Carin Jacobs visited our meeting to talk about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offered through Sonoma State University. These classes are open to students over 50, especially those who have retired and are interested in learning without exams or grades. She distributed the Winter 2018 Course Catalog with 6-week classes offered at SSU and Oakmont. It was suggested we invite Carin, who is the Director of OLLI, to speak at one of our Business Meetings.

6. Changing Newsletter Printing Company: Phyris reported that, during the process of sending out letters and SCARE applications to non-SCARE members as a non-profit organization, she learned from SCERA about AD-Vantage Marketing Inc., which prints and mails for them. She learned that AD-Vantage will be able to print and mail out our newsletters at a lower price than our current vendor (\$662 vs. approximately \$1,000). They will also be able to send it out in less time. After discussion, it was moved by Carol, seconded by Lou, and approved by all to have AD-Vantage Marketing, Inc., print and mail out our newsletters.

7. February 27th Business Meeting Speaker: Bob Bulwa will be scheduling a speaker for our next Business Meeting. Suggestions were Carin Jacobs, OLLI; Elder Abuse/Frauds; or an insurance expert to make recommendations on how much insurance we should have.

8. JLMBC: Phyris is sending a request to Marcia Chadbourne, HR Risk Manager, to request that our Kaiser retirees be offered Kaiser Advantage Plus for an additional monthly fee of \$20. Advantage Plus provides an additional eyewear allowance, a fitness benefit (membership in Silver and Fit), a hearing aid allowance, and the DeltaCare USA Dental HMO Program.

9. Legal: Our attorney, Jeffrey Lewis, has asked that the Settlement Agreement be modified to allow retirees who waived County insurance to keep their current insurance and not be required to return to County insurance once they turn 65. This request has been pending for some time as Jeff has been out of his office due to illness.

10. Recognition to Retiring Board Members: At our last meeting we approved giving recognition to Board members retiring after serving at least two full terms. In the past we have given free passes to our luncheons, but some Board Members do not attend our luncheons. Dick also suggested a gift that is available from businesses such as Hall's trophies. We will discuss this more at our next Board Meeting.

11. Scholarships: At our September 6th Board Meeting we approved offering to children or grandchildren of Sonoma County employees or retirees two \$2,000 scholarships to SSU and two \$1,500 scholarships to SRJC. Bob Bulwa will follow up with both facilities to get the word out to the students. We would also like to get the word out to County employees and retirees, who may have children or grandchildren attending these facilities as no one applied for the SRJC scholarship this year.

12. Luncheons: Oakmont has notified Patty that they have locked in our \$25 fee for luncheons held in 2018. The number of attendees has been dropping so there was a discussion about other facilities that might be considered such as LaGare, Charlie's Grill, the Villa, and the Union Hotel. Those who attend our luncheons at Oakmont like the food, service, and availability of parking. SCARE pays \$4 of the \$25 cost for SCARE members. Non-SCARE members or associate members pay the total \$25.

13. Volunteers to Do Presentations at SCERA Retirement Planning Classes: Alix, Carol, Lou, and Phyris volunteered to take turns going to the SCERA Retirement Planning Classes to explain what SCARE is and encourage employees to join SCARE when they retire.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, SCARE Secretary

Upcoming 2018 Events:

February 27 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane
March 7 – Board Meeting
March 14 – Luncheon – Oakmont
May 2 – Board Meeting
May 22 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane
June 13 – Luncheon – Oakmont
June 27 – Board Meeting
August 28 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane
August 29 – Board Meeting
September 12 – Luncheon – Oakmont
November 7 – Board Meeting
November 27 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane
December 12 – Luncheon -- Oakmont