

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)  
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, May 2, 2018  
SCLEA Office, Santa Rosa – 1 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Carol Bauer, Bob Bulwa, Ed Clites, Shaun DuFosee, Patty Hamley, Lou Maricle, John Pels, Bill Robotka, and Alix Shor.

**Board Members Absent:** Bill Adams, Dick Gearhart, Phyris Tobler

**Past Board Member Present:** Carl Jackson

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

**1. Minutes:** It was moved by Ed, seconded by Carol, and agreed by all that the Minutes of the March 7, 2018, Board Meeting (submitted by Patty and revised by Phyris and Alix) are approved.

**2. Treasurer's Report:** Bill distributed the April Financial Statement. \$100,000 was transferred to a Redwood Credit Union CD.

**3. CRCEA Conference:** The 2018 Spring CRCEA Conference was held April 16–18 at the Fess Parker Double Tree Hotel in Santa Barbara, hosted by the Retired Employees of Santa Barbara County. Lou and Bob reported on the conference. (Lou wrote a review of the conference for the May issue of the SCARE Newsletter.)

Sonoma and Mendocino Counties will be in charge of the Fall 2019 CRCEA Conference. Ed contacted SCARE member Cindy Moore to see if she would be willing to be in charge of that conference once again, as she was in 2011. Although she is willing to share her experience and consult, she does not have the time to take it on again as Chair.

All SCARE Board members are expected to work on our conference. Alix will bring in materials from our last conference to share with us at our next Board Meeting. It was suggested that SCARE Board Members attend the October 15 – 17, 2018, CRCEA Conference in Marin County to see what goes on at a conference. An updated Conference Manual is posted on [www.crcea.org](http://www.crcea.org). The manual is listed under “Resources.” Petaluma’s Sheraton Hotel has been suggested as a possible location.

**4. Membership Services:** Although Dick Gearhart was absent today, his wife stopped by the meeting to bring his list of possible SCARE Recreational Events for our members. Dick suggested we need volunteers to schedule, promote, and direct two to three recreational events per year. His suggestions are: SMART train to San Rafael; Concerts at LBC, Green Center, Transcendence Theater; Bus trips for the day to nearby locales (Filoli, SF Museums, etc.); Sports events such as Giants or A’s baseball games or CAL football utilizing bus or carpooling; Ferry

and bus/train trip to SF. He suggested requesting members for a SCARE Recreational Committee and Chairperson.

Lou reported Santa Barbara County has a travel club and uses Go Ahead Tours.

**5. Strategic Planning:** It was suggested that we hold a Strategic Planning Session within the next 90 days. Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> was suggested as the date, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the SCLEA Office. Shaun will check to make sure it is available. Bill R. will check with Michael Allen to see if he is available to act as Facilitator. Lou has a Power Point that Marin County used for their strategic planning session.

Ed is checking the Board of Supervisors Agenda when it comes out on Thursdays to see if there is anything important concerning retirees.

**6. Scholarships:** Bob reported Sonoma State and SRJC have their own criteria and make their own selections of recipients. The Sonoma State scholarships are closed until next year. The Junior College scholarships are still open.

**7. SCALO Report:** Lou reported he was the only one who attended the meeting.

**8. JLMBC:** Lou reported the meeting concerned the need for good mental health coverage. Current providers are the County Health Plan, Kaiser, Western Health, and Sutter.

**9. Recognition Awards:** Dick prepared suggestions for recognition of retiring SCARE Board members serving at least two full terms. Award Options: Recognition gift from catalog or \$150 gift card from Simon or Amazon. He suggested presenting the award at a quarterly SCARE luncheon and questioned if authorization needs to be placed in the By-laws.

Alix reported a \$150 fishing gift certificate will be presented to Greg Jacobs, who recently resigned from the SCARE Board after many years of service. It was suggested the certificate be presented to Greg at the May 22 Business Meeting.

**10. Independent Citizens Pension Committee:** Bill R. reminded Board members the next ICPC Meeting is tomorrow (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) at 2300 County Center Drive, Room 212, at 10 a.m.

**11. Carl Jackson Report:** Carl spoke about his friend and SCARE member Nick Velichinsky, who recently passed away. Nick regularly attended many of our luncheons and meetings until his illness. He also mentioned that the permanency of retirement is being questioned by the Supreme Court of California. And, he commended the Care Counsel for their help when problems with insurance occur.

**12. Pancake Breakfast Donation:** Bill received a letter from the North Bay Labor Council requesting a donation for their annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast at Carpenters Hall in Santa Rosa. It was moved by Shaun, seconded by John, and approved by all that a \$250 donation be made.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Hamley, SCARE Secretary

**Upcoming 2018 Events:**

May 22 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane

June 13 – Luncheon – Oakmont

June 27 – Board Meeting – SCLEA

August 28 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane

August 29 – Board Meeting – SCLEA

September 12 – Luncheon – Oakmont

November 7 – Board Meeting

November 27 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane

December 12 – Luncheon -- Oakmont