

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, August 29, 2018
SCLEA Office, Santa Rosa – 1 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Bill Adams, Bob Bulwa, Ed Clites, Patty Hamley, John Pels, Bill Robotka, Alix Shor, and Phyris Tobler.

Board Members Absent: Carol Bauer, Shaun DuFosee, Dick Gearhart, Lou Maricle

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 Bill R., and agreed by all that the Minutes of the June 27, 2018, Board Meeting are approved.

2. Treasurer's Report: Bill will distribute the August Financial Statement after it is completed the first of next month.

3. CRCEA Conference Planning Update: Sonoma and Mendocino Counties will be in charge of the Fall (October) 2019 CRCEA Conference. All SCARE Board members are expected to work on our conference. There is no update as both Co-Coordinators, Carol Bauer and Lou Maricle, are absent today.

Marin County is hosting the Fall 2018 Conference October 15 – 17 in San Rafael at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. Some SCARE Board members will be attending. Lou Maricle is our CRCEA Delegate.

4. Travel Reimbursement: It was moved by Phyris, seconded by Ed, and approved by all to change the travel reimbursement policy so Board members may be reimbursed 40 cents a mile for travel associated with assigned activities (not including regularly-scheduled Board/Business Meetings). Travel reimbursement request forms may be submitted no more frequently than twice a year.

5. Independent Citizens Pension Committee: Bill R. and Ed attend these meetings. There were “fireworks” at the last meeting and one member stepped down.

6. Survivor Benefits: Retiree Philip Sales joined the meeting to discuss ex-wife versus new wife survivor benefits. He is planning on re-marrying and wants his ex-wife to receive survivor benefits if he should die (she gets part of his pension now). He wants a change in the 1937 Act so that it would mirror CalPERS. He has spoken with Art Goulet of CRCEA. John Pels said SCERA would have to adopt it. Neil Baker should be contacted for his input as he would know the history of why Sonoma County decided on current plan. John will check with him.

7. Strategic Planning: Carol, Ed, and Alix will work on a questionnaire to send out to the membership the first of next year to get input on what the SCARE Board should be working on and planning now that our lawsuit is settled. Michael Allen will be helping the Board plan for the future. It was moved by Bill R, seconded by John, and approved by all that Michael be paid \$150 per hour for up to 40 hours (\$6,000), to be used as needed.

9. Board Watching: Ed checks the Board of Supervisors agenda each week. There have been light agendas during the summer.

10. SCERA Planning Session: October 3 and 4, 2018, Oxford Suites, Rohnert Park. It is open to any of our Board members.

11. SCCLC: DSA settled. Contract includes section in which the County contribution for Medicare Part B for retirees will be discontinued. So that means that in their negotiations, they agreed to uncouple retirees from SCAMC (as did SEIU) as well as dropping the County contribution for Part B. Our Board is concerned about the possible impact of both of those changes on future retirees. SCLEA has not signed yet. Bargaining left coalition in disarray. Me To clause: It is felt that, if some group gets a better deal, it should be offered to everyone else although that does not always happen.

12. JLMBC: OPEB Report. Phyris is asking why the liability went up. The labor organizations may ask for an audit of the report. Have to find out what the cost of an audit is. Phyris will send information out to the Board on questions she is sending to HR.

13. Nominations for Board: SCARE Board Nominations will be held at the November 27th Business Meeting. Bill Adams announced he will not be running for another term.

14. SCERA Presentations: Ed Clites volunteered to go to SCERA on September 12 to talk to future retirees about SCARE membership. Bill Adams will cover October 16.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, SCARE Secretary

Upcoming 2018 Events:

November 7 – Board Meeting

November 27 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane

December 12 – Luncheon -- Oakmont