

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SCARE

Date: September 06, 2023

Time: 1309 hours

Meeting called to order by: Kathy Young

IN ATTENDANCE

Kathy Young, Cora Guy, Ed Clites, Shaun Du Fosee, Phyris Tobler, Patty Hamley, Alix Shor (via Zoom), and John Pels.

Absent: Carol Bauer, Chris Bauer, Lou Maricle, Jane Paul

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amended minutes from the July 12, 2023 meeting.

Motion Made by Pels and seconded by Clites. Motion passed. Abstain:

Minutes from membership meeting held on May 23, 2023.

Motion made by Shor and seconded by Hamley. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Jane Paul was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Robotka

Motion made by Pels and seconded by Tobler. Motion passed

Shaun Du Fosee was appointed to fill the vacant Secretary's position.

Motion made by Pels and seconded by Clites. Motion passed

PRESIDENTS REPORT

General conversation concerning speakers at membership meetings and length of time provided for each speaker to make their presentation.

Sonoma County Employees Retirement Association board retreat is scheduled for October 11th and 12th. Asked if anyone would like to attend. Clites and Du Fosee are to attend on behalf of SCARE.

Confirmed with John Pels that he is going to run in the upcoming election for the retiree position on the SCERA board. SCARE to support Pels for the regular retiree seat.

Motion made by Du Fosee and seconded by Clites. Motion passed. Pels abstained.

AD-HOC committee appointed by Young to work on the SCERA election. The mandate is to assist in electing Pels. The chair of the committee is Clites. Du Fosee/Pels also on the committee. Initial work will involve costs of flyers, mailing, and other relevant actions. Ed will see if we can access addresses for all retirees rather than just SCARE members. These are not available from SCERA.

TREASURERS REPORT

The report provided by Tobler.

Signature cards need to be updated at Redwood Credit Union. Bill Robotka and Patty Hamley are to be removed as signers. Phyris Tobler and Kathy Young are to be added to Chris Bauer as signers.

Motion made by Pels and seconded by Du Fosee. Motion passed.

If the Treasurer is not available for any reason for a period of time longer than two (2) weeks, the Assistant Treasurer shall assume the Treasurer's duties until the Treasurer is again available.

Motion made by Du Fosee and seconded by Clites. Motion passed.

Additional liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million is available to add to our D&O insurance policy and would cover court costs in the case of a lawsuit. Motion made to approve the additional policy for liability insurance to our D&O insurance for a cost of \$261.00.

Motion made by Phyris and seconded by Du Fosee. Motion passed.

We have approximately \$537,000.00 in CDs maturing by the end of September. Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer have the authority to reinvest at their discretion with particular attention given to the rate of return and term.

A motion was made by Clites and seconded by Pels. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Committee reports

Scholarship—Clites:

SRJC provided three (3) \$1500 scholarships this past year. Will reiterate SCARE criteria to both the SRJC and Sonoma State.

Membership Meetings—Guy:

The speaker for the next meeting (November) shall be Julie Wyne if available.

February speaker will represent CERES. Coordinates meals for seniors with disabilities.

Gift Cards (Tobler); Continue with three (3) \$25 for both in-person and online participants.

COLA (AD-HOC)—Tobler/Young

SCERA staff has been continuing to move dates further out for the SCERA board to meet on the **negative** contingency reserve account and what direction the board wishes to take regarding that reserve. President Young to send a letter to the retirement administrator to express concern from SCARE in the continuing delay in addressing this issue.

Motion made by Tobler and seconded by Clites. Motion passed.

SCCLO/ICPC/NBLC—Robotka written report copied into minutes

SCCLO - nothing going on lately. Summer hiatus and post-bargaining pause mainly. Janna hasn't been officially replaced, but I'm guessing Travis will take it on if no one else does. I won't but may send out some messages to see if there is any interest in getting up and running again. COLA discussion may be the spark.

ICPC met on 8/10/23 and spent most of the meeting discussing the status and history of the (non) COLA for SCERA. Both new members were urged to attend the SCERA board meeting, and one did attend their August meeting. We meet again on 10/5/23.

NBLC just held its annual Labor Day breakfast event and it was well attended by many elected officials and labor activists. I also participated in their recent candidate training weekend and spoke on pension preservation. I thought it was well received - many notes being taken and questions asked.

JLMBC-Tobler

The county has sent out an RFP on health insurance. Tobler is on the review committee. We have already been told that Kaiser rates will be increasing considerably.

Good of the Association:

Guy spoke about the opioid crisis and Narcan. She will be providing a newsletter article concerning the same. Guy spoke about possible Verizon discounts for retirees. Du Fosee to check into. Guy spoke about having a coordinated blood drive with the Red Cross and SCARE and active employees. Tobler and Guy to check with county HR.

Clites will investigate having SCARE participate in the annual "Day of Caring" event and Public Employees Recognition Week.

The next meeting will be held November 1st, 2023 @ 1300 hours at the Finley Center.

The meeting adjourned @ 1530 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Shaun Du Fosee
Secretary