

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)  
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, November 7, 2018  
SCLEA Office, Santa Rosa – 1 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Bill Adams, Carol Bauer, Wendie Cooper, Shaun DuFosee, Patty Hamley, Bill Robotka, Alix Shor, and Phyris Tobler.

**Board Members Absent:** Bob Bulwa, Ed Clites, Lou Maricle, John Pels

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

**1. Minutes:** It was moved by Shaun, seconded by Phyris, and agreed by all that the Minutes of the August 29, 2018, Board Meeting are approved.

**2. Treasurer's Report:** Bill distributed the October Financial Statement to Board members via email.

**3. COPE BANQUET:** The Committee on Political Education will be holding their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual COPE Banquet on December 18, 2018. Tickets are \$175. It was moved by Bill Robotka, seconded by Alix, and approved by all that SCARE purchase two tickets. Alix and Shaun will represent SCARE at this event.

**4. CRCEA Conference Planning Update:** Sonoma County will be in charge of the Fall 2019 CRCEA Conference. According to Lou, the conference doesn't have a set date but is usually sometime in October. Mendocino County has opted out of co-hosting this event with us. Carol Bauer and Lou Maricle volunteered to co-Chair this event, but all SCARE Board members are expected to participate. Bill and Phyris will handle registration and finances. Alix shared a Conference Timeline and Budget Explanation. We think around 80 people from other 1937 Act Counties are expected to attend. The first step is finding a hotel where we can host the conference.

Suggested hotels are: Rohnert Park Doubletree Hotel  
Santa Rosa Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel (2011 location)  
Petaluma Sheraton Hotel  
Flamingo Hotel  
Graton Casino Hotel.

Suggested speakers are: Mike McGuire, State Senator  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
City Mayor  
Kamala Harris, US Senator  
Julie Wyne, SCERA  
Kris Organ, CARA  
Emily Rogan, United Policyholders

More speakers will be needed. However, we need to determine when conference space is available before approaching possible speakers. Carol is going to get contact info for the various hotels mentioned, and several Board members agreed to be part of the team when visits are scheduled.

**5. SCARE Board Vacancies:** Wendie Cooper, a Sheriff's Office retiree, attended today's meeting, stating an interest in becoming a member of the SCARE Board. After hearing from Wendie, it was moved by Bill R., seconded by Carol, and agreed by all that Wendie fill Dick Gearhart's vacant position. Dick passed away last month and his term lasts through 2019. Bill Adams and John Pels are resigning. Their positions will hopefully be filled at our elections at our November 27<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting, although we don't have anyone else running at this time.

**6. Strategic Planning:** Ed Clites is working on the survey to be sent out to our membership in January to get their input on what they would like the SCARE Board to be working on now that our lawsuit is settled. Michael Allen will be helping the Board plan for the future.

**7. Independent Citizens Pension Committee:** Bill R. continues to attend these meetings. He reported the goal of the committee seems to be to move money away from defined pension contributions into a 401(k) system, although labor reps are opposing this.

**8. Dick Gearhart Memorial:** With Dick Gearhart's passing there was a discussion about what SCARE should do in recognition of, and as a memorial to, this great man who served on the SCARE Board for the past 15 years. After much discussion, it was agreed that we should donate \$500 to a charity of the family's choice.

**9. SCCLO Report:** Bill R. reported there will be another retreat (possibly in December). Everyone needs to be sitting at the table again as all unions are going into negotiations again in 2019.

**10. JLMBC Report:** Phyris reported there was a Request for Proposals for a consultant for the County. Segal, which is the current consultant, was selected.

**11. 2019 Meeting Dates:** Alix will be sending out a calendar of proposed SCARE Meeting dates for everyone to review.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Hamley, SCARE Secretary

**Upcoming 2018 Events:**

November 27 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane

December 12 – Luncheon -- Oakmont