



Retired Public Employees' Association (RPEA)
Board of Directors' Meeting
January 28 – 29, 2014
Minutes

Holiday Inn Express
2224 Auburn Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95821

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014

AGENDA ITEM 3 – CALL TO ORDER

President Harvey Robinson called the meeting to order on **January 28, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEM 4 – ROLL CALL

Secretary/Treasurer Marie Reed conducted the roll call.

Present: Harvey Robinson, President; Marie Reed, Secretary/Treasurer; Ann McWherter, Past President; Rosemary Knox, Director of Membership; George Linn, Director of Public Relations; Donna Snodgrass, Director of Legislation; Al Darby, Director of Member Services; Don Raffaelli, Area Director I; Ernest Sandoval, Area Director II; Robert Van Etten, Area Director III; Helen Segletes, Area Director IV; Ellen Knapp, Area Director V; Wes Stonebreaker, Area Director VI; Dennis Cassella, Area Director VII; Estela Pena, Area Director VIII; Cleave Govan, Area Director IX

Excused: Jerry O'Keefe, Vice President; Joanne Hollender, Director of Health Benefits

Also Present: Joe Umiker, Office Manager; Tanya Rakestraw, Assistant Manager

AGENDA ITEM 5 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Area Director VII, Dennis Cassella, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Area Director V, Ellen Knapp, gave the following inspirational message:

This is dedicated to all of us who want life to be easy but challenging. Changing our lives for the better does not have to be difficult work. Thinking one or two new, powerful, positive thoughts a day is the way. One day at a time and life becomes sublime.

May God keep us positive in our thoughts and successful in our mission.

AGENDA ITEM 7 - INTRODUCTIONS

President Robinson invited the Board, audience and guests to introduce themselves. **[ATTACHMENT A]**

AGENDA ITEM 8A – BOARD OF DIRECTORS & HEADQUARTERS REPORTS

- 1) President, Harvey Robinson **(NO WRITTEN REPORT)**
- 2) Vice President, Jerry O'Keefe **(NO WRITTEN REPORT)**
- 3) Secretary/Treasurer, Marie Reed **(NO WRITTEN REPORT)**
- 4) Immediate Past President, Ann McWherter **(NO WRITTEN REPORT)**
- 5) Director of Health Benefits/Health Benefits Committee, Joanne Hollender **[ATTACHMENT E]**
- 6) Director of Membership, Rosemary Knox **[ATTACHMENT F]**
- 7) Director of Public Relations/Public Relations Committee, George Linn **[ATTACHMENT G]**

- 8) Director of Legislation/Legislative Committee, Donna Snodgrass **[ATTACHMENT H]**
- 9) Director of Member Services, Al Darby **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 10) Area I Director, Don Raffaelli **[ATTACHMENT I]**
- 11) Area II Director, Ernest Sandoval **[ATTACHMENT J]**
- 12) Area III Director, Bob Van Etten **[ATTACHMENT K]**
- 13) Area IV Director, Helen Segletes **[ATTACHMENT L]**
- 14) Area V Director, Ellie Knapp **[ATTACHMENT M]**
- 15) Area VI Director, Wes Stonebreaker **[ATTACHMENT N]**
- 16) Area VII Director, Richard Avilla **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 17) Area VIII Director, Estela Pena **[ATTACHMENT O]**
- 18) Area IX Director, Cleave Govan **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 19) Headquarters Report, Joe Umiker **[SEE ATTACHMENT D]**

AGENDA ITEM 8B – BOARD OF DIRECTORS & HEADQUARTERS REPORTS

- 1) ad hoc Committee for Archives (INACTIVE)
- 2) ad hoc Committee for Chapter Revitalization (INACTIVE)
- 3) Contract Agency Advocacy Committee, Ted Rose **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 4) Budget Committee, Marie Reed **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 5) Bylaws Committee, Clarice French **[ATTACHMENT P]**
- 6) California Seniors Coalition (VACANT)
- 7) CalPERS Long Term Care, Ann McWherter **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 8) Member Services Committee, Al Darby **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 9) General Assembly 2014 Planning Committee, Julie Van Etten **[ORAL REPORT]**
- 10) Investment Committee, Ernest Sandoval **[ATTACHMENT Q]**
- 11) LAO/IEC, Donna Snodgrass **[ATTACHMENT R]**
- 12) Legislative Committee, Donna Snodgrass **[ATTACHMENT S]**
- 13) Membership Committee, Rosemary Knox **[ATTACHMENT T]**
- 14) Real Property Management, Lynn Cook **[NO WRITTEN REPORT]**
- 15) Strategic Planning Committee, Ann McWherter **[ATTACHMENT U]**

AGENDA ITEM 11 – ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

President Robinson called for changes to the Consent Calendar.

- A. Director of Membership, Rosemary Knox, pulled her report, Item 8A6, from the Consent Calendar.
- B. Director of Legislation, Donna Snodgrass, pulled her report, Item 8A8, from the Consent Calendar.

MOTION Secretary/Treasurer Marie Reed, moved to adopt the
M-1 Consent Calendar as amended. Area Director II, Ernest
01/14 Sandoval, seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

C. A

AGENDA ITEM 12 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION Director Snodgrass moved to adopt the Agenda as
M-2 presented. Director of Member Services, Al Darby,
01/14 seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 13 – ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION Director of Member Services, Al Darby, moved to adopt
M-3 the Minutes of the October 2013 Board of Directors
01/14 meeting as presented. Director Snodgrass seconded the
motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 14 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

Secretary/Treasurer Reed presented the financial report. **[ATTACHMENT B]**

AGENDA ITEM 15 – RPEA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CALIFORNIANS FOR RETIREMENT SECURITY (CRS)

MOTION Director Darby moved that RPEA, along with the
M-4 LAO/IEC, provide \$2,500 to complete our membership
01/14 renewal in Californians for Retirement Security (CRS).
Area Director VII, Dennis Cassella, seconded the motion.

Discussion

MOTION Director Linn moved to table this discussion until after
M-5 Aaron Read's presentation tomorrow. Director of
01/14 Membership, Rosemary Knox, seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 9 – MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE

Director Darby briefed the Board on RPEA's new relationship with member benefit provider, AMBA. Director Darby's written report was part of the Closed Workshop and, and therefore, not provided at this meeting.

MOTION The Member Services Committee recommends and
M-6 Director Darby moves that RPEA approve the AMBA
01/14 contract.

Discussion. Secretary/Treasurer Reed called for the vote.

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
M-6
01/14

AGENDA ITEM 10 – CALPERS LONG TERM CARE UPDATE

Long Term Care Program Manager, Sharon Louie, and Tyrone Espinoza, Assistant Division Chief, of the CalPERS Health Plan Administration Division gave the Board and audience an overview of LTC4. **[ATTACHMENT C]**

A question and answer period followed.

(President Robinson called a 10-minute recess.)

AGENDA ITEM 16 – APRIL 2014 TELEPHONIC RPEA BOARD MEETING

MOTION Secretary/Treasurer Reed moved that the decision to
M-7 have an April teleconference meeting be rescinded.
01/14 Area Director VI, Wes Stonebreaker, seconded the
motion.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY Area Director Sandoval moved that a regular, face-
AMENDMENT to-face meeting of the April Board of Directors be
TO M-8 scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 1:30 pm through
01/14 Wednesday, April 23.

The maker and second accept the amendment. Discussion.

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
M-8
01/14

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
M-7
01/14

AGENDA ITEM 21 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014 PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

General Assembly 2014 Planning Committee Chair, Julie Van Etten, gave the update. The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. *In an effort to save money, the Committee recommends that only Standing Committee Chairs' expenses be paid.*
2. *Volunteer Training: Volunteers will be directed to arrive early on the same day training is scheduled. No overnight stay before training will be approved.*
3. *Giveaways: Reduce the number of giveaways. AMBA will provide vendors and giveaways.*
4. *RPEA General Store: Items to be sold come from Headquarters inventory. The Committee asks the Board to approve the sale of these items at 50% off the online prices.*

MOTION Area Director Sandoval moved that the Board approve
M-9 only Standing Committee Chairs' expenses at GA 2014.
01/14 Director Linn seconded the motion.

Discussion.

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
M-9
01/14

MOTION Area Director Sandoval moved that the Board approve
M-10 the sale of surplus inventory items at GA 2014 at 50% off
01/14 online prices. Area Director Cassella seconded the
motion.

Discussion.

VOTE ON [CARRIED]
M-10
01/14

Julie concluded the update by informing the Board of the following Committee decisions:

1. *There will be no dress-up day at this Assembly.*
2. *Certificates of Appreciation will not be prepared for or presented at this Assembly.*
3. *Prior to GA the Committee will send questionnaires to the Delegates asking for specific questions for the Health Issues and Legislative Panel presenters.*
4. *The membership was polled for suggested workshop topics. Here are those responses:*
 - a. *The Reed Initiative*
 - b. *Long Term Care*
 - c. *Chapter Revitalization*
 - d. *Health Benefits/Legislation*
 - e. *Presentation from a bankruptcy attorney, Steven Katzman*
 - f. *Covered California Health Exchange*
 - g. *Officer Training*
 - h. *Newsletter Production*
 - i. *Administrative Manual*
 - j. *Headquarters Operations*
5. *All candidates are asked to sponsor their own candidate's table at the Candidates' Reception.*
6. *Raffle prize drawing will be held at the Candidates' Reception.*
7. *The banquet entertainer is a comedian from the LA area, which will save money.*

AGENDA ITEM 22 – DISCUSSION: SHOULD RPEA PAY EXPENSES FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESENTERS?

After discussion, the consensus of the Board is that we will not change our current policy of not paying expenses of most General Assembly presenters.

AGENDA ITEM 8A6 – REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP, ROSEMARY KNOX

Director Knox outlined the changes to the of the updated membership application form. Discussion.

(President Robinson recessed the meeting at 5:01pm.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014

President Robinson reconvened the meeting at 9:09 am.

UNSCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM – NEW MEMBER WELCOME LETTER

Director Knox provided copies of the current new member welcome letter and asked for suggested revisions.

AGENDA ITEM 17 – RENEWAL OF RPEA 2014 MEMBERSHIP IN CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS (CARA)

MOTION Area Director Sandoval moved that the Board approve
M-11 the \$800 renewal of our membership in the California
01/14 Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) for 2014. Director
Linn seconded the motion.

Discussion.

VOTE ON [CARRIED W/4 ABSTENSIONS]
M-11
01/14

AGENDA ITEM 18 – DISCUSSION OF THE REED INITIATIVE

President Robinson updated the Board on the current status of the Reed initiative.

Discussion.

MOTION M-12
01/14 Director Cassella moves that RPEA, in the event that CRS recommends an active campaign against Mayor Reed's signature initiative and upon the advice of our Legislative Committee (if that advice is the same) recommending that we support an action against the initiative process, that RPEA's President be authorized to begin that process and that the matter not be brought back to this Board. Area Director V, Ellen Knapp, seconded the motion.

Discussion.

MOTION M-13
01/14 Secretary/Treasurer Reed moved that the motion be tabled until after the Board receives input from Aaron Read and Pat Moran of Aaron Read & Associates. Director Snodgrass seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 19 – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Advocates, Aaron Read and Pat Moran, updated the Board on current legislative issues.

Director Cassella then restated MOTION M-11. Aaron Read advises that the Board simply oppose the Reed initiative. Director Casella withdrew MOTION M-12.

MOTION M-14
01/14 Director Cassella moves that RPEA oppose the Reed initiative. Area Director Knapp seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

(President Robinson called a 10-minute break in the proceedings.)

AGENDA ITEM 20 – PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATE

Terry McHale, Bernice Creager and Samantha Reardon of Marketplace Communications presented the update.

AGENDA ITEM 23 – DISCUSSION RE NEW CHAIR OF PERSONNEL RELATED BENEFITS COMMITTEE

President Robinson asked the Board to recommend an individual to fill this non-Board member position.

AGENDA ITEM 24 – DISCUSSION RE NON-BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING LUNCHEONS & DINNERS

MOTION Director Darby moved that fifteen (15) people be
M-15 added to the normal meal headcount to
01/14 accommodate guests. Director Knox seconded the
motion.

Discussion.

MOTION Director Darby called for the question. Director Linn
M-16 seconded the motion.
01/14 [CARRIED]

VOTE ON [CARRIED W/2 NO]
M-15
01/14

AGENDA ITEM 25 – POSSIBLE CREATION OF AN RPEA BENEVOLENT FUND/FOUNDATION

Director Snodgrass explained how this agenda item came to be and outlined objectives and a possible plan for an RPEA benevolent fund.

Discussion.

MOTION Area Director Sandoval moved that RPEA not get
M-17 involved in a 501(c)3. Area Director I, Don Raffaelli,
01/14 seconded the motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 26 – NON-AREA DIRECTOR ORAL REPORTS

President Robinson gave an oral report on the Closed Workshop. He also expressed the need for members to run for other open Board positions and encouraged the Board to seek out candidates.

Past President McWherter suggested a poll of the current Board to see who does and does not plan to run for office. Per Past President McWherter:

- *President Robinson will not seek reelection.*
- *Vice President Jerry O'Keefe will not seek reelection.*
- *Bill Wallace will run for Director of Membership.*
- *Jim Anderson will run for Director of Legislation.*
- *Marie Reed will run for another term as Secretary/Treasurer.*

There are currently no candidates for Director of Member Services.

President Robinson concluded his oral report.

AGENDA ITEM 27 – CLOSED WORKSHOP UPDATE

President Robinson gave the Closed Workshop Update.

AGENDA ITEM 28 – REPORT ON AREA DIRECTORS MEETING

Area Director VII, Dennis Cassella, gave the Area Directors meeting report.

AGENDA ITEM 29 – HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Office Manager Umiker gave the Headquarters report **[ATTACHMENT D]**

MOTION Area Director Cassella moved that the Board declare
M-18 the Ethernet problems at the Headquarters Office an
01/14 emergency situation and authorize funds to make the
needed repairs. Director Snodgrass seconded the
motion.
[CARRIED]

AGENDA ITEM 8A8 – REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Director Snodgrass briefed the Board on City Employees Associates (CEA) who wants to make an official endorsement of RPEA on their website. The RPEA Legislation Action Organization (LAO) decided to accept this offer and has paid the fee for a one (1) year membership.

Discussion.

MOTION Director Snodgrass moved that we retain attorney Jason
M-19 Jasmine as attorney to the Board of Directors. Director
01/14 Darby seconded the motion.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY Director Snodgrass moved that the Board open a
AMENDMENT discussion regarding the possibility of retaining Jason
TO M-19 Jasmine as attorney to the Board.
01/14

The second accepts the friendly amendment. Discussion.

VOTE ON [CARRIED W/1 NO]
M-19
01/14

UNSCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM – APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT AREA DIRECTOR V

Area Director V, Ellen Knapp, would like to appoint Robert “Bob” Seigler to the position of Assistant Area Director V.

MOTION Director Knapp requests that the Board approve the
M-20 appointment of Robert "Bob" Seigler to the position of
01/14 Assistant Area Director V.
[CARRIED]

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE (AL DARBY, DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES)

Director Darby thanked those members of the Board who helped the Member Services Committee facilitate the appointment of AMBA as our new member services provider.

(President Robinson adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.)
