



AMCRE

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED
EMPLOYEES

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Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Tom Ingram

VICE-PRESIDENT

Anita Toste

SECRETARY

Cyndi Montesonti

TREASURER

Cyndie Richardson

C.R.C.E.A. DELEGATE

Tom Ingram

DIRECTORS

3-year

Tom Desroches

Dorinda Kay Miller

2-year

Russell McCutcheon

Donna Glass

1-year

Juanie Cranmer

Sharon Wedegaertner

NON-ELECTED POSITIONS

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Cyndi Montesonti

Marilyn Heath

Tom Ingram

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dorinda Kay Miller

THE CONNECTION:

CO-EDITORS ~

Cyndi Montesonti

Dorinda Kay Miller

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Donna Glass

WEB MASTER

RespecTech Inc

MINUTES GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2024

Slam Dunk Pizza, Ukiah, CA 95482

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Tom Ingram called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Tommy Deroches
3. **WELCOME:** President Tom Ingram welcomed the Board members and retirees in attendance to the meeting. The meeting was attended by 16 people.
4. **INTRODUCTIONS:** President Tom Ingram introduced himself as President and CRCEA Representative and everyone introduced themselves. **Present:** President Tom Ingram, Vice-President Anita Toste, Secretary Cyndi Montesonti, Treasurer Cyndie Richardson, Directors Tom Desroches, Dorinda Kay Miller, Russell McCutcheon, Juanie Cranmer, and Sharon Wedegaertner. **Absent:** Donna Glass.
5. **INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER:** MCERA Executive Director Doris Rentschler. Doris gave the members in attendance an update of the Historical Benefit Correction Project. This information is on MCERA's website or their office can be contacted with questions. It is a correction program fixing errors for active and retired employees. Corrections of benefits could be either upward or downward correcting by the county adopting and refiling an application asking IRS to correct retroactively. IRS has assigned an agent to work with MCERA. If the IRS agrees to the retroactive corrections, Doris said they will resolve 100 outstanding underpaid or overpaid issues retroactively. They will not recoup from the members. It will be corrected for the future. Many have been corrected and if retirees were due to receive a back pay, they received it. Left to be fixed are roughly 100 affected by the IRS, 100 purchase issues, 60 other issues to be corrected and roughly 40 affected by the divorce issue. Doris also reminded the retirees to check out the MCERA newsletter that comes out and she talked about the importance of updating your beneficiaries. She said by providing the marriage license and birth certificate to MCERA, they would keep on file and it will speed up the process of paying out benefits to the surviving family members. Check with them to see if they have all the documents needed to pay out benefits. They used to need to see the originals, but now you can send in copies if you attach an affidavit that it is a true original copy of your documentation. She discussed tax tables and changing withholding and the W4 form. She said many changes can be made in the Member Direct Portal. Contact MCERA for further information.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dorinda Kay Miller moved we accept the February 12, 2024 minutes from the Board Meeting. Seconded by Tom Desroches. **PASSED.**

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7. REPORTS:

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – Cyndie Richardson. Cyndie discussed March and April's financials. As of April 2024, there is \$12,711.69 in the treasury. Cyndie also discussed whether there is a need to RSVP to our General Membership Meetings and pay in advance. This will be discussed at the June 10, 2024, Board of Directors' meeting. Briefly pros and cons were discussed on this issue.
- b. **Membership Report** – Dorinda Kay Miller reported there are 1034 members. *The Connection* is mailed to 300 members and only 322 retirees signed the form to increase their dues. Cyndi Montesonti suggested we remind all retirees to sign the form and have them remind their friends. An article with the form will be in the next newsletter.
- c. **Scholarship Report** – Cyndi Montesonti reported 7 people phoned regarding scholarship information, but to date no applications have been received. The committee will meet sometime in June to select two recipients of the \$1,000 Scholarships. Information is on AMCRE's web page.
- d. **CRCEA/Retirement Meeting Report** – Tom Ingram attended the zoom meeting. He said the dues for counties to be a part of CRCEA will be raised by 71 cents per member for conferences. We pay for the ones that are members of AMCRE. Tom said Sonoma County will host the conference in 2025, and they do not really need Mendocino County's help. We might help gather some gifts.
- e. **Web Page Changes** – Dorinda Kay Miller discussed changes that were submitted to RespecTech to be put on our web page. She has more to submit. She would like someone to take this over from her. This will be put on June agenda.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **2027 CRCEA Conference** – Tom Ingram, CRCEA Rep said Sonoma County will host in 2027 and Mendocino County was to help. He said we will not be helping much. May help find some gifts.
- b. **Newsletter Preparation** – Dorinda Kay Miller. Cyndi Montesonti will get it to Dorinda early June; hopefully we have Scholarship recipients to report about. Dorinda will need President's message no later than June 10 because both Cyndi and Dorinda will be on vacation.
- c. **Destruction of Records** – Will be put on June 10, 2024 June agenda. Juanie will discuss in June. Cyndi Montesonti, Scholarship Chair, said she has old Scholarship Applications winners and not selected which should be destroyed. Juanie was going to reach out to Virginia Adams, Secretary to CRCEA, to see if she has a policy.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **June Board Meeting** - Cyndi Montesonti and Cyndie Richardson will not be at the June 10, 2024, Board Meeting. Cyndi said Sharon will take the minutes.

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- b. **Discussion of Records** – Donna Glass and Tom Ingram will talk about this at the June Board Meeting.
- c. **Letter to BOS from AMCRE** – Tom Ingram will write it. Anita Toste said that it should be written to the Retirement Board not the BOS.
- d. **Summer BBQ** – Tom Ingram said that Tim and Clair Marsh will host it at their home up Orr Springs Road on Monday, August 12, 2024. Tim will do the cooking. Price, details, raffle prizes to be discussed at the June Board meeting.
- e. **Raffle Drawing Winners** - \$10.00 winners: Anita Toste, Cyndie Richardson and Dorinda Kay Miller – all donated back to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you. \$20.00 winner – Cathy Vaughn.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI

Secretary

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