

## REMCOAI Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

In-Person Meeting at 815 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, in MERCO Conference Room

President Lori Norman called the Meeting to Order at 9:30 AM, noting that there is a quorum with herself, Treasurer Richard St. Marie, Secretary LaVon Justice, Directors Michle Burroughs, Bernadette Castaneda, Gloria Keene, and Mary Brooks.

Secretary Report: Secretary Justice reported that the Minutes of the October 15, 2024 Board meeting had been sent in draft form on October 20, 2024. After editing, the Final Format was sent on November 16, 2024. \*Action Item: Motion made Approve as submitted/Sent/ 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Passed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer St. Marie reported that he would have the final emailed by the end of December. Treasurer St. Marie sent the Final December 31, 2024, with a beginning balance Checking Account of \$76,680.81; Total Receipts were \$10,026.10; Expenditures were \$7,461.97 for an ending balance Checking Account of \$78,417.18. The total of the Investments is \$138,344.03. \*Action Item: Motion made Approve as Submitted/Sent/2<sup>nd</sup>/Passed.

President Norman reported Board of Directors meetings dates for 2025: Wednesdays January 15, April 30, July 30 and Tuesday, October 14th.

President Norman reported that she had been busy with additional training in the Fall and did not have a lot of updates to report at this time. However, through CRCEA she had put out a request for help on tech services for tech that could take reservations and payments on line which UC Merced responded. She will follow through to see what level of help they could provide.

President Norman reported that the Scholarship applications need to be linked to the website with a deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 with discussion on the forms updated. Director Bernette Castanada agreed to be on Scholarships Committee. Treasurer Richard St. Marie noted that Scholarships need to be held for Seven years before destroying.

President Norman reported that there remain two vacant Director positions. Two members provided brief information by the October 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 deadline: Director Michele Burroughs who offered to take registrations and provide lunch and Attendance tickets. Director Mary Brooks offered to work on a review of the By-laws for potential updates, possible conflicts and new items that need to be added such as Zoom meetings. Director Brooks stated she would like to be a legal counsel. Volunteers needed for two vacant Director positions, as well as filling Vice President and Secretary Justice gave

her notice at the meeting, who offered to remain as Secretary until someone filled the position.

President Norman reported that Kelly Pedrozo did not want to have a position but would enjoy hunting for door prizes. The consensus was to have larger bowls to put tickets inside for which specific door prizes caught members interest.

President Norman reported that the Attendance Door prize would be for a \$100 gift card for the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad, who offered different excursions available

President Norman and Treasurer St. Marie have a method for a random draw for the winner of the \$50 gift card for the March 11,2025 meeting. President Norman suggested that the winner of the Attendance door prize pull the tickets from each of the bowls for the other door prizes.

Treasurer St. Marie reported on the CRCEA Fall Conference November 3-6. 2024 where discussion was changing Conference regions and in-person Conferences. There will be a slight increase amount for each member in their organization which will fund Conferences in 2 regions, The Spring of 2026 may be in-person. The Fall 2026 Conference is when the new Conference funding will begin.

President Norman reported that MercedCERA has a new address, 690 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, which may have a room available for REMCOAI for Board of Directors meetings on April 30<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>

President Norman reported that 2025 are the elections for Officers (Directors are 2026). The Vice President position is vacant and as Secretary Justice gave her notice, there are two positions to fill for a two-year term. If no one volunteers, election ballots would begin around July 2025, with results confirmed by the members at the September Business Meeting. The President has the authority to fill vacant positions. The President and the Treasurer will remain for another term.

President Norman choose Chicken Cordon Blue for March 11, 2025; June 10<sup>th</sup> Tri Tip; September 9<sup>th</sup>: Pork loin: and December 9<sup>th</sup>: Ham or Turkey.

President Norman will check with Cindy on tickets, Director Burroughs will take registrations and tickets for Attendance tickets and lunch tickets: Past President Lola Barnett will take reservations and pass the list to President Norman.

Director Gloria Keene had several choices for the March 11 meeting: Estate Planning by an attorney, Love, Inc., Frank Quintero for new businesses for Merced, also Golden Valley Senior issues.

Guests from Merced County Human Resources for March 11, 2025

Guests from MercedCERA for March 11,2025

Post cards/Newsletters mailed 2-3 weeks prior to March 11, 2025 REMCO Meeting.

No other Business: meeting closed at 10:45 AM (Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Passed