

REMCOAI Board of Directors General Meeting

In-Person Meeting (690 W. 19th Street, 2nd Floor)

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 (next meeting July 30th)

President Lori Norman called the Meeting to order at 9:40 AM, noting that there was a quorum with herself, Secretary LaVon Justice, Directors Mary Brooks, Michle Burroughs, Bernedette Castaneda and Gloria Keene. Absent was Treasurer Richard St. Marie.

Secretary Justice reported that the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Board Meeting in draft form on 1/16/25 and after editing, the Final format was sent out on March 3/3/2025. *Action Item: Motion made to approve as sent: 2nd /passed.

President Norman noted that the Treasurer had sent the REMCO Operating Statement of March 31, 2025 via email to all in attendance. As the Treasurer was not present to answer questions, no actions could be taken. Discussion was held about finding a Financial Advisor on the five CDs currently held at MERCOCU, four CDs had a 60 Month Bump Up clause (#1, #2, #3 and #5). Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union was mentioned if they had financial advisors, President Norman said she would check on that possibility.

President Norman noted that Treasurer St. Marie was not available to present his report on the CRCEA Conference or to provide information on the Scholarship winners for the June 10, 2025 General Meeting. She reported that our CPA had retired in December 2024 so she had extended the taxes deadline from February to October and she had received a link from the State.

President Norman reported that she hadn't any updates on our Facebook page or IMedia West to report at this time. She has the option to contact IMedia West by email.

President Norman reported that the Newsletter will be short: there are vacancies for Vice President and two Directors. 2025 is the year for Officers Elections. The Treasurer and the President had reported that they would remain in their office for another two-year term. The Secretary had previously given notice that she would step-down at the Annual September Business Meeting with a caveat that if no member had volunteered by then, the Secretary would stay until a volunteer came forward. The By-Laws allow the President to fill vacant positions without an Election Ballot. The question of providing incentives to volunteers and what would that be, came up.

Director Mary Brooks also discussed using Merced County Times by Jonathan Whitaker for forms such as Fictitious Business Names.

President Norman reported that she had a random way of drawing the quarterly winner of the \$50 gift card and would provide the name in the Newsletter.

Director Gloria Keene reported that she had a Speaker for the June 10, 2025 General Meeting who would speak on the High-Speed Rail Project. She mentioned that Frank Quintero had also volunteered to speak as well. Director Keene felt two speakers would make a tight timeline. Director Keene also said she might have a Financial Advisor for September or someone from Area Agency on Aging.

President Norman confirmed that Mai Yang and Amy Gonzalez from Merced County Human Resources would be guests at the June 10, 2025 General Meeting.

President Norman brought discussion on what would be the Attendance door prize for members at the June 10, 2025 General Meeting, with a conclusion that most members would appreciate a prize of \$100 gift card.

President Norman noted that the June 10, 2025 meal would be Tri-Tip, salad, scalloped potatoes, veggies, and dessert.

President Norman reported that Past President Lola Barnett would take reservations, and would send the list to President Norman when completed. President Norman would monitor the Facebook page for REMCO. President Norman reported that Michel Burroughs would handle registrations, the green tickets for the Attendance door prize, and she would connect with Cindy Ramirez if she would monitor the ticket sales.

President Norman reported that guests from MercedCERA would be at the June 10, 2025 General Meeting

President Norman reported that the Newsletter would be mailed two-three weeks prior to the June 10, 2025 REMCO General Meeting. Anyone volunteered to be Newsletter Editor?

President Norman asked Secretary Justice to remind her to let those members that have mobility issues to be excused first and to put a note that the July 30th Board of Directors item would discuss the price for the lunch meals. Meeting closed at 10:15 AM

No other business: Motion made/2nd/Pass