

SCARE Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2025, 12:00 pm
SCLEA Board Room (60 Brookwood Dr.)

1. Approve minutes from Board meetings of 3/11/2025.

Move: Andre Second: Phyris Passed unanimously.
Treasurer's Report – NBLC authorization

Phyris asked for \$300 for donation to NBLC for their November dinner.

Kathy moved to Approve, Andre seconded and it passed unanimously.

Kathy brought up a donation to CARA of \$500 for its October 15th Virtual Convention. Phyris moved to approve, Andre seconded and it passed unanimously.

2. Scholarships -- Ed Clites reported on the scholarship applications. 8 applicants for SSU. 2 did not meet new guidelines. JC had 21 applicants. Only three from retired list and many questionable applicants. Approved 16 applicants. Now they are in the process of awarding the scholarships and will send us a bill for it. Ed Clites also advised us SSU charges an admin fee on an admin fee. We never approved the extra expense. Ed moved that we pay all the fees charged for scholarships, Chris seconded it. Passed with one abstention. There was discussion to make sure we get the appropriate invoice.

3. Review BOS Budget workshop presentations on pensions/COLAs

Ed stated that direction was given to Bob Pittman to review legal requirements for looking at a COLA. Neil Baker advised that he would reach out to Pittman and offer his expertise. The board discussed various issues related to retirement. Ed brought up that the Retirement Board talked about paying off unfunded liability by 2032. The message from Julie Wynne is that they have weathered the storm of the last 100 days.

4. COLA/health insurance contribution reduction status. What needs to be done to get the ball rolling on legislative change for COLA?

Legislation for COLA discussed under #4. Members informed the BOS that we wanted them to not reduce the \$500 medical subsidy.

Kathy was asked to write an email to Christina Rivera and the Board chair reminding them of the BOS direction to Bob Pittman.

5. Letter to actives and retirees regarding joining SCARE

Paul will email Lou to get the excel sheet with the active emails with 10 plus years of experience. Phyris will draft a letter to current retirees. She will get mailing list from SCERA for

all retirees except SCARE members that will be sent to our printer. Letter will have to be approved by SCERA.

6. Membership Meetings

- a. Logistics for May meeting – Food, Speakers, setup/cleanup

Chris and Carol will bring cookies and nuts. Speakers: Joni Huntsperger works for Area Agency on Aging and will present information on the Sonoma County Master Plan for Aging. Bonny Petty has long labor experience as well as senior advocacy in Sonoma County. She will present information on CARRA

- b. Speaker for August meeting (We will have Julie Wyne November 18)
Possibly Sonoma Clean Power doing a presentation about different programs for seniors. Board agreed to this.

- c. Need a replacement for Cora in getting speakers for membership meetings.

7. Committee Reports – JLMBC

Ed spoke about problems with TASC and Care Council

8. For SCCLO, NBLC, and ICPC: see newsletter for Bill's report

9. Other

Shaun spoke about PAC processing and brought a proposal for services. No action taken at this time. Proposal is attached.

Paul brought up modernizing our record keeping and creating a retention policy for records.

Ed Clites advised us of the next County Budget Meetings beginning June 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, and 20.

Andre has some data for presentations to the BOS.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Carroll, Secretary

Next Membership Meeting: May 27, 2025, 1:00, Finley Center

Next Board Meeting: July 9, 2025, 12:00 PM, SCLEA office or Zoom.