



**RETIRED EMPLOYEES
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

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By now you may have heard of ReCoSA, the recently formed organization for retirees of the City of San Antonio. You might be wondering why you would want to be a member of this group. Well, the purpose of ReCoSA is to serve the needs and interests of us, the retirees.

City retirees make up a group of nearly 3,000 voices. We served our community in various ways that the community may not have even been aware. We took pride in our jobs, worked extra hours, and did without raises when city budgets were tight. Now that we are taking our well earned rest or working other jobs, it's important that the City not forget us. That is where ReCoSA comes in. We want as many people as possible to become members so that we can make you aware of any proposed changes to health benefits, retiree benefits and other topics of interest to retirees. ReCoSA could be thought of as being like an AARP for city retirees.

Some of you attended the very first ReCoSA meeting October 12, 2011 at the Alamodome. Elections were held and a board of directors was voted into place. The new board met after the large group meeting on that date and elected officers. They are: Gene Camargo, Chair; Julia Castellano-Hoyt, Vice-Chair; Paulette McClure, Secretary; Rolando Bono, Treasurer; David Casas, Morris Chase, Eddie Garcia, Dianne Quaglia, and Rebecca Waldman, At Large members. Michael Trainer, of the SA Fire & Police Pensioners Association, has been added as an ex-officio member.

In the meeting of October 12, attendees signed up to help out on various committees that will begin to meet after the start of the New Year. The committees are: Communications, Website, Membership, Data Base, Health Benefits, TMRS, Finance and Fundraising. Each Board member has been assigned to at least one committee, and if you requested to participate, one of them will be contacting you with an initial meeting date in the near future. If you have an interest or skill in any of these areas and haven't signed up, email us at info.recosa@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 210 485-5493.

The ReCoSA Board held a productive meeting with the City management in early December to begin the ongoing dialog we hope to maintain on your behalf. We discussed having a column in *RETIREE MATTERS* to regularly update you, and how best to access basic contact information for retirees without violating confidentiality. The general impression as we left the meeting was very positive.

It is important that we have your membership and contact information, so we can keep communicate with you about matters of interest. Remember this is an all volunteer organization. City staff has been supportive in helping us launch the organization and we appreciate their help. They have provided a postage paid postcard that you can mail in to give us permission to add you to the ReCoSA membership.

If you haven't yet become a member, please use the postcard included in this issue of *RETIREE MATTERS* to sign up. Join a committee, renew old friendships or make new ones and help make our voices heard. If your retired friends haven't yet signed up, ask them to join. Keep checking our website, www.recosa.org, for any updates. Hope to hear from you soon.



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**Minutes of Organizational Membership Meeting
Alamodome, South Eyebrow, 4th Floor
October 12, 2011**

The ReCoSA (Retired Employees of the City of San Antonio) organizational membership meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Gene Camargo, Interim Board of Directors Chair. In accordance with ReCoSA By-Laws a quorum (50) was present.

Gene Camargo welcomed the members and introduced A. J. Rodriguez and Sharon De La Garza from the City Manager's Office who also extended words of welcome as well as support of the organization. Contributors to ReCoSA were recognized and thanks given to Human Resources, Alamodome staff and the RK Group.

The Interim Board of Directors was introduced. Rolando Bono gave a brief history of the organization's efforts.

Alicia Martinez, Nominating Committee Vice Chair, presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for permanent ReCoSA Board of Directors: Gene Camargo, Julia Castellano-Hoyt, Paulette McClure, Rolando Bono, David Casas, Morris Chase, Eddie Garcia, Dianne Quaglia, and Rebecca Waldman. Nominations from the floor were called for and Gayle McDaniels' name was offered. It was moved and seconded to accept the nominations. The motion carried. A vote was taken and the following members were elected to the ReCoSA Board of Directors: Gene Camargo, Julia Castellano-Hoyt, Paulette McClure, Rolando Bono, David Casas, Morris Chase, Eddie Garcia, Dianne Quaglia, and Rebecca Waldman.

Volunteers are needed to service on ReCoSA Committees – TMRS, Benefits, Communications, Finance/Fund Raising, and Membership.

Q & A session: Terms of Board Members will be 2 & 3 years (depending on position which will be determined). Dues will not be required this year, but donations will certainly be accepted. Alex Briseño, former City Manager, gave encouraging comments in support of the organization. Total members present – 93.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paulette McClure, Interim Secretary