

**RECOSA (Retired Employees of the City of San Antonio)**  
**Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**  
**November 14, 2017**  
**Location: Lions Field Adult and Senior Center**  
**2809 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78209**

Board Members present: Liz Garcia, Charles Pruski, Rose Rangel, Marianne Greene, Paulette McClure, Rebecca Waldman, Michael Trainer, Kevin Burton and William Telford. Ex Officio Gene Camargo, Nancy B. Dean, Dale “Woody” Woodruff and David Lopez were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by Liz Garcia, Chair and she welcomed the newly elected Board members to RECOSA’s monthly meeting.

The Board Agenda was approved without objection.

**Board Minutes**

The minutes for the October 10, 2017 board meeting were approved with corrections to reflect the word “Retiree” instead of “Retirees” and the word “Matters” instead of “Matter” both on the same sentence under the heading Correspondence Report.

**Consent Agenda**

The Treasurer and Correspondence Reports were approved.

There was no written Data Management Report; however, Kevin Burton and Charles Pruski stated that three October retirees were added to the Access and Excel databases. Mr. Burton also sent out “Welcome to RECOSA” emails to the new members.

**Committee Reports**

**Air Methods**

Board Member Michael Trainer reported that the Fire and Police Association will execute a contract with Air Methods Advantage that will allow its members to obtain coverage for emergency medical air transport at a reasonable annual family rate. Through the efforts of Mr. Trainer, this opportunity to enroll in the program will be extended to RECOSA members. A link will be established on the Fire and Police Association website to enable RECOSA member participation.

A question arose as to whether Air Methods accepted payments from Medicare. If so, Air Methods would not be allowed to seek additional payments from any Medicare patient that was transported. Michael Trainer checked on this question during the meeting and found out that Medicare *does* cover emergency medical air transportation and Air Methods Advantage accepts their rates. Therefore, RECOSA Members who are covered under Medicare do not have

to enroll under Air Methods Advantage for this service because it is fully covered under their current insurance.

### **Legislative/TMRS**

Mr. Trainer reported that he had applied for a position on the TMRS Steering Committee and would provide the Board with an update at the next meeting.

### **Technology Committee Report**

This Committee did not meet in October, however, questions were raised regarding: who owned the RECOSA domain name, when the next payment is due, and how can the Board ensure that payment for the domain name will be made on time. Mr. Burton will research this issue and report to the Board in December.

### **Board Officers Report**

Chair Liz Garcia reported that there were 87 R.S.V.P.s recorded for the November 9th Brown Bag and Annual Meeting. She thanked the Board for their work which contributed to the success of the meetings. In addition, she acknowledged other contributors including Human Resources, which provided the fresh fruit, health snacks, bottled water and coffee; Generations Federal Credit Union for the \$500 contribution for the box lunches; and the other businesses and RECOSA members that donated a total of 37 door prizes.

The Board recommended that the Annual Meeting be combined with the last Brown Bag meeting again next year. In addition, Ms. Garcia and other board members suggested that the Board consider the following action items prior to the next Annual Meeting:

- The development of a policy to address requests from sponsors who wish to market their products to RECOSA members at RECOSA meetings,
- The development of written eligibility guidelines for door prize winners and provide orientation to volunteers that distribute the door prize tickets,
- Prior to the Annual Meeting, decide if it is appropriate to ask for donations at the meeting, and
- The Board should consider spending money for promotional materials such as pens and other products for distribution at venues attended by potential and current members.

Lastly, Chair Garcia reported that in accordance with the Board's directive, she and Rebecca Waldman met with City Clerk Leticia Vacek to discuss the request for assistance from Mr. George Whitfield, Jr. to relocate his photo and proclamation/ordinance to the new lobby area of the George Whitfield, Jr. Municipal Records Facility. Mr. Whitfield also attended the meeting. Ms. Vacek agreed to his request and allowed Mr. Whitfield to choose his location preference for the framed documents.

**Vice Chair, Charles Pruski**

Mr. Pruski reported that the next Pathway to Retirement meeting for City employees will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. He and Marianne Greene will represent RECOSA by manning an information table and providing a brief presentation on RECOSA to attendees.

**Unfinished Business**

**December 7, Meeting with Human Resources** - The following questions/topics were suggested for discussion:

- Request the names and contact information of all COSA retirees receiving an annuity from TMRS so that the member database can be updated. These data should be available under the open records statute.
- Request to have a more consistent and predictable schedule for the distribution of the *Retiree Matters* newsletter to RECOSA retirees.
- Determine if post-65 employees are now receiving information about RECOSA when they retire.

**New Business**

- a. Discussed options for filling the vacancy anticipated when Marianne Greene leaves the Board on December 31, 2017.
- b. Discussed alternate sites for future Board meetings. David Lopez suggested that the COSA Solid Waste Department’s conference room at Callaghan and 410 may serve as a good location that is accessible and centrally located.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

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**Rose Rangel, Secretary**

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**Liz Garcia, Chair**

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_