From the desk of the President

Dear members I am happy to report to you that through hard work and perseverance we have rolled out our new website and am very excited about it. As you all are aware this has been a project that has been in the making for several years and thanks to a great ACMEA Board of Directors we’ve finally completed it.

This is exciting because this website will be a direct link to all that is happening within ACMEA and members will be able to obtain information from our website about elections within ACMEA, contract negotiations, scholarships and benefits and services offered to ACMEA members along with state assembly bills and local propositions that affect our jobs and retirements.

It is ACMEA’s goal to provide our members with information that affects their lives, and as many of you are aware, the advent of pension reform for public employees has affected many of our members by forcing them to retire early; the hardest hit were the Sheriff’s Office due to the disappointing news that the Court of Appeals denied the stay of the implementation of AB197. This denial was not a decision on the outcome of AB197 as it is still in appeals court but this was an appeal on the stay which would have preserved retirement benefits until a decision was actually made on AB197. What this means is that we must still follow the outcome of that appeal and continue to contact our state legislators and assembly and let our voice be heard regarding pension reform.

Elections for ACMEA board members will be coming in November and I encourage anyone who wants to get involved with ACMEA to run for a position.

In closing we welcome all feedback and it my sincerest hope that in receiving feedback we can improve and make ACMEA one of the best labor organizations in Alameda County.

Sincerely,

Ramona Wilkins, ACMEA President