

U C Davis Retirees' Association
Meeting of the Executive Board

Monday, February 1, 2010
Room 182 HR Building
1:30 – 3:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Barbara Anderson, Sue Barnes, Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman, Anne Gray, Alex McCalla, Don McNary, Diane Mundy, Jim Wilson, Yvonne Marsh

Unable to attend: Norma Rice (we missed you!), Gil Apaka, Micki Eagle, Barbara Nichols, Ted Hillyer, Bob Halferty, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Estell Jones

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by President Yvonne Marsh. There were no introductions or announcements.

Approval of January 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

Retiree Center Update

Sue Barnes reported that there are 54 people signed up for the King Tut exhibition visit. There have been openings, all have been filled. She announced upcoming events: Wine Tasting, March 6th and a new activity, a trip to the Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park on Wednesday April 7th. Registration is now open and all are encouraged to attend. There will be 43 spaces available on the bus for the Academy of Sciences trip.

Emeriti Association

Alex McCalla announced that the latest noon-hour lecture on Memory was well attended. At least 1/3 of the participants were retirees. He reported on the Emeriti Association Video Record Project which has recently been reviewed and a major report submitted and approved by the association. The priority for the project is to upgrade equipment and to proceed in enhancing existing videos and continuing the focus on contributions to the history and development of the campus. The Retirees' Association is invited to appoint a member to the projects advisory committee. The committee continues to seek other members of the campus community who might contribute to knowledge of the history and development of the campus. Retirees could play a significant role in this project. Lew Dudman volunteered to be a member of the committee.

Many of the videos are available on the You-Tube and 5 are available on the Centennial Website. Members wondered whether previous interviewees were frank in their accounts of campus history. Alex assured us that there were many frank accountings of past events.

Treasurer

Diane Mundy reported a balance of \$15,294.43. There were deposits totaling \$30 and no expenditures.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Aggie Costantini discussed her proposal to give any new member an extension to their membership of a full year if they sign up between now and the end of June as we transition to a July 1 – to June 30th membership year. This was approved by consensus. A suggestion was made that an acknowledgment be sent to new members as they join. Aggie agreed to do this. Aggie also suggested that we consider giving a token gift to members as they join. The Executive Board supported Aggie as membership chair to implement any of these suggestions to support membership development. New members will primarily be acknowledged via email and encouraged to access the website for more information. New members will begin to receive email messages as soon as they are entered into the system. Publications will be mailed by the Center, individually, if a normal mailing has recently gone out and the new member was not included.

It was noted by Aggie, that there seems to have been a change in who is sending minutes and agenda. In an effort to provide similar assistance to both Associations, Sue Barnes indicated that the Center has agreed to send out minutes and agenda for the Retirees' Association as it does for the Emeriti Association. The Secretary will continue to send the draft minutes to the Executive Board. The President will continue to invite agenda items. Once the minutes have been reviewed by EB members and agenda items collected, the minutes and agenda will be prepared by the Center staff.

A question was raised as to whether or not the Association should become part of the UC Advocacy Campaign. The Campaign is not soliciting donations from the members, but their advocacy in the State budgeting process to ensure adequate future funding for the campuses. We agreed to discuss this at a future meeting, to decide if we should write a letter from the Association advocating for increased State support for the University of California, or whether this should be left to individuals to advocate for support.

Public Relations Committee

Jim Wilson has agreed to chair this committee. Since this is a very recent appointment, the Committee has not met. Jim will hold a meeting of the Committee in March.

Nominating Committee

In Ted Hillyer's absence, Yvonne reported that the committee had met and that several nominees holding current positions have agreed to have their names submitted for openings. Ted has not yet secured a nominee for the 2nd VP position. Sue Barnes reminded the Executive Board that there are 3 members-at-large positions needing to be filled. Currently, Lew Dudman, Bob Ernisse and Micki Eagle are serving as members-at-large. This information will be conveyed to Ted Hillyer.

Program Committee

Anne Gray reported that the February 8th program has been finalized and that the speaker will be Dr. Faith Fitzgerald. Bob Chason will also play an active role in the program both in introducing Dr. Fitzgerald, but also in making this a lively interactive program. Anne also reported that the Program Committee was successful in identifying and securing VC John Meyer as the speaker for our May 3rd General Meeting.

Suggestions were given as to announcements for the February 8th meeting.

Campus Connections

Barbara announced that the deadline for the Spring issue will be March 5th. This issue will include a recap of Association accomplishments for 2009 as well as information on upcoming elections and the May 3rd meeting. She welcomes ideas and suggestions.

Archivist Committee Update

In Bob's absence, Yvonne read an email from Bob where he indicated he was assembling a committee. Deanna Falge-Pritchard has agreed to serve. He is interested in contacting Bernadette Meauze to see if she is willing to serve. Aggie Costantini agreed to send him Bernadette's contact information.

By-Laws Committee

Beverly Brooks presented a draft of the Charge to the new Public Relations and Media Committee. Some information had changed as was represented on the agenda document. Revisions were suggested. It was moved by Jim Wilson and seconded by Lew Dudman to accept the changes. The charge was approved.

Old Business

Staff Scholarships – Yvonne Marsh reported that she had sent a letter to Jesse Avitia on January 8th, confirming the Association's commitment of \$1000 toward a scholarship or scholarships for staff during this year's Staff Assembly Scholarship call. Yvonne will serve as the Association's contact to review the final decision on scholarship recipients. Diane Mundy will serve as a second contact and will ensure that payment is made.

Picnic Day – Barbara Nichols has made all the preparations for the Association honorees Hal and Rosie Cushing.

Spring Elections – Nominations Committee continues to seek nominees. By-Law changes are being prepared.

Bio-Bibliographic Survey – There was discussion about the proposed Bio-Bib survey to go to non-emeriti retirees in the Fall of this year. It will be an electronic survey, so will be very cost effective. The benefit of the survey is that it could provide valuable data useful for future retiree advocacy. It would be modeled on the successful Bio-Bib survey conducted by emeriti faculty on a bi-annual basis. Suggestions were made that we would want to ensure that the model used effectively solicits useful information. It was agreed to form a committee to work with Sue in the development of the survey. Names suggested for this committee were: Ed Costantini (who although not a member of UCDRA is very knowledgeable in the construction of surveys), Estell Jones, and Bob Halferty.

New Business

April Executive Board Meeting – it was proposed that we hold the April 5th Executive Board Meeting at UCDHS. This was approved by consensus since this is something we have done each year to promote better communication and coordination with UCDHS and its retirees. Marjorie

Ahl will make arrangements with a contact at the HS as well as to arrange a bus from the campus.

Retiree Center Budget and UCDRA priorities –Sue reviewed the Retiree Center Budget and planned reductions due to a 20% budget reduction imposed by the campus on all administrative departments. At this time, the only item affecting UCDRA is the cost of supporting two attendees to CUCRA meetings. It is proposed that the Center budget continue to support one attendee, as it does for the Emeriti Association and that UCDRA support the participation of the second (the alternate). It was moved by Aggie Costantini and seconded by Jim Wilson that UCDRA pay for the attendance of the alternate for future CUCRA meetings. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Yvonne Marsh