

UC Davis Retirees' Association  
Executive Board  
Monday, November 5, 2007  
61 Mrak Hall  
1:30 – 3:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Marjorie Ahl, Gil Apaka, Bob Ball, Bob Bynum, Aggie Costantini,  
Lew Dudman, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Anne Gray, Ted Hillyer, Arleen Kasmire,  
Carol Kurtz, Charles Lacy, Barbara Nichols, Kay Resler, Norma Rice,  
Gary Schultz, Doreen Strnad, Dick Walters, Jim Wilson, and Bob Halferty,  
President

Unable to attend: Yvonne Marsh

### **Announcements**

Bob Halferty made the following announcements:

- Anne Gray was elected the new treasurer of CUCRA. Her appointment begins January 1, 2008. A new Davis campus representative, replacing Gray, needs to be appointed. Barbara Nichols, who currently serves as alternate, has agreed to become the delegate. Her appointment, along with the appointment of an alternate, will be confirmed at the January Board meeting.
- Gary Schultz has agreed to be the new chair of the Centennial Committee. He replaces Charles Lacy.
- The February 4, 2008 Winter Meeting, joint with the Emeriti Association, will have Assistant Vice Chancellor Bob Segar, chair of the Centennial Committee, speak on the planned events for the campus celebration as well as showing a video of the Davis campus. Following the program, a special tour of the new Vet Med III lab facility is being offered.

Members learned about current medical conditions of retirees Edie Silva, Chris Grain, John Hardy, and Marilyn Rush.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the September 10 Board Meeting and October 22, 2007 General Meeting were approved in the form of a motion made by Aggie Costantini and seconded by Charles Lacy.

### **Officer and Committee Reports**

Treasurer. Carol Kurtz reported a balance carry forward from 2006-07 of \$9,943.92; new/renewal/lapsed membership - \$2,290. Expenses total \$335.56. Total balance -\$11,900. Although over 143 have not renewed, checks are still coming in.

2006-07 Audit. Jim Wilson reviewed and compared Association income and expense records with accounting ledger entries and verified that the beginning and ending account balances were accurate. He commented that Treasurer, Carol Kurtz, followed good accounting practices and procedures in executing her duties.

Gary Schultz made a motion that the Audit Report, as presented by Mr. Wilson, in his September 20, 2007 letter, be approved. Lew Dudman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Membership. Aggie Costantini indicated that

- She and Carol Kurtz will meet to look at ways of better “streamlining” the membership process.
- The 20% return of post cards and membership lapses was good. Monies brought in more than off-set the \$1409 related brochure costs.
- Approximately 84 people attended the General Meeting. Something is needed to draw more people to the meetings.

By-Laws Committee. No report

Nominating Committee. Gary Schultz welcomed suggestions of retirees (other than those whose offices were in Mrak) who might serve next year. Three Board members and the second vice president positions will need filling. The slate should be presented at the March 2008 Board meeting.

CUCRA. Please refer to the attached report from Anne Gray.

Aggie Costantini brought to the attention of the Board that RA pays \$1.00/member (including Life) to CUCRA whereas the Emeriti Association contributes \$.50/member to CUCEA. The matter will be further looked into.

Program Committee. In the absence of Yvonne Marsh, Halferty indicated that Marsh has made arrangements for the Winter meeting, and that initial plans are underway for the Spring meeting. Topics to consider might be investments (403B), tax implications with Congress making changes; who needs a financial planner; and trusts. The business portion of the meeting will include election of officers and Board Members for 2008-09. A tour of the Aquatic Center will follow.

Newsletter Editor. Bob Bynum thanked Halferty, Doreen Strnad, and Marjorie Ahl for their help in putting together the newsletter. Deadline for the Winter edition is December 31.

### **Retirees’ Association website development**

Marjorie Ahl talked about what she has been working on in developing the UCDRA web site. She explained that she eyed the look and feel of the Davis campus and at the same time gave the Retirees’ Association its own identity. She hopes to have the site up and running within two weeks.

The Board applauded and thanked Ahl for her marvelous job.

### **UC Davis Emeriti Association**

Dick Walters reported

- Three emeritus awards have been added.
- Recognition of emeritus status affecting both RA and EA. Changing the present guidelines may come soon.
- CUCEA meeting: pushed every other year, a bio/bib trying to get people caught up on what they are doing. Hope to get it started next month.
- Shirley Goldman has been appointed the new treasurer, replacing Charles Nash, who passed away in July.
- A memorial service for Nash is planned on Thursday, November 8, from 3-5 p.m. in the Mondavi Studio.

- Nora McGuinness is the new editor of the EmeriTimes.

### **UCD Retiree Center update**

Doreen Strnad reported:

#### *Events:*

- Open House (9/26) – 32 people attended.
- Tailgate party (10/13) – estimation of 50-75 visitors; looking ahead to next year (Causeway Classic) holding the party on November 8.
- Wine Tasting, March 1, 2008, at Rominger Winery. Shared cost of Hor d'oeuvres with UCDEA. Estimated amount: \$250. A motion was made by Ted Hillyer and seconded by Lew Dudman that RA share the cost 50-50 with EA. Motion carried.

#### *Meetings:*

- General Meeting of UCDRA and UCDEA held October 22 with 110 attending. Optional tour of new football stadium followed.
- Fifty-seven people attended the joint CUCRA/CUCEA meeting held on the Davis campus.

#### *Miscellaneous:*

- Center staff assisted in the production of the RA and EA newsletters.
- Portrait of new Advisory Committee now on the Center's site.
- Office Protocol/Operational Guidelines for day-to-day tasks and projects is being drafted.
- UCDHS Mini-Medical School needs volunteers.
- TriO Scholars mentoring program is being fine tuned; co-hosting "Mentoring Fair" on January 23, 2008.

#### *New Projects:*

- "Retiree Work Opportunity" program: initial meeting held with Human Resources and Gloria Parra, UC Berkeley's program manager on October 26. The next meeting is scheduled for late November with the hope of launching it by Fall 2008.
- Centennial: joint meeting of EA and RA committees is scheduled for November 7.
- Budget review/preparation for 2008-09 will begin in mid-late November.

### **New Business**

Gary Schultz pointed out that with a membership of 500 and with 100 attending the general meeting that represents only 20%. He asked the Board to consider what can be done to attract people to the meetings. The topic will be placed on the December agenda.

The meeting was adjourned a little after 3:00 p.m.

Norma Rice, Secretary