

MINUTES
UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2008 1:30 to 3:00 PM
182 HR Building

PRESENT: Beverly Brooks, Bob Bynum, Aggie Costantini, Lou Dudman, Micki Eagle, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Bob Halferty, Anne Gray, Ted Hillyer, Arleen Kasmire. Carol Kurtz, Yvonne Marsh, Alex McCalla, Don McNary, Barbara Nichols, Gary Schultz, Jim Wilson, Marjorie Ahl

Alex McCalla represented the UCD Emeriti Association. The Emeriti have not yet met for the 2008-09 year but he did report that 6 discs with interviews of retired faculty as part of the centennial activities of the campus have been completed.

Marjorie Ahl gave a UCD Retiree Center report. Highlights included:

- Retiree Center Newsletter will be out in the next few days.
- Centennial website is available at <http://centennial.ucdavis.edu/>
- 9/24/08. 10:00 A.M. Chancellor's Convocation
- UCD Retiree Center will be open from 12:00-2:00 after the Convocation.
- 10/10/08 Fall Festival with Oktoberfest (and beer tasting) hosted by UCD Retiree Center to be held at the Silo Pub. Initial planning is for 100-120 attendees (subsequently modified to 50). Board members are asked to attend and help host the event. Gary Schultz, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Lou Dudman, and Micki Eagle volunteered.
- 10/10/08 – 10/12/08 Tennis Tournament.

Approval of the minutes of the June 2, 2008, meeting were deferred until the next meeting.

Carol Kurtz gave the treasurers report. As of June 30, 2008, the closing balance for the Association was \$11,833.84.

Barbara Nichols and Deanna Falge-Pritchard reported that the next CUCRA meeting will be October 23, 2008.

Judy Boyette, Associate Vice President, Human Resources and Benefits at UCOP, has submitted her resignation and will be accepting a position in private industry. Ms. Boyette has been very supportive of retiree issues and her departure could be a problem for our association.

Bob Bynum reported that the newsletter will be going out as soon as possible.

Gary Schultz presented the list of standing committees for the year.

There was no old business.

Inserting flyers in the UC Davis Retirees' Newsletter was discussed by the Board. Bob Halferty made a motion that as a matter of policy there should be no inserts in the newsletter. Ted Hillyer seconded it. Deena requested that wording similar to: "however, we will attempt to accommodate requests from organizations and individuals to call attention to items that would be of interest to our group." The motion passed unanimously.

Notes for historical purpose regarding the issue of flyers in the Newsletter:

Many very positive statements were made about the OLLI program and also the Fit For Life program (which had also asked to be allowed to put a flyer in our Fall Newsletter). These programs were lauded as being very good and the decision to not include their flyers was not a statement as to the nature of their programs. Rather, there was concern about the precedence this would set for future requests for similar access to the newsletter distribution.

Some Board members noted that some members in the past had objected to extra information coming with the newsletter.

Back when the Systemwide Office of Human Resources released the personal data on the retirees to the campuses, Arleen said that Senior Associate Vice Chancellor Dennis Shimek had dictated to the Board that this information was to be treated as confidential. While in this circumstance of including flyers would not actually result in the release of our data to the sponsors of the flyers, members of the Retiree's Association might make that assumption.

Marjorie Ahl stated that she had been informed by the Chancellor's Office that the Retiree Center Newsletter was not to include flyers in its distributions.

Bob Bynum stated that it would be difficult for the editor to plan a newsletter if it were not known if there were going to be last minute flyers to include.

Several Board members argued that the programs which had requested the insertion, all had operating budgets with which they could send out the flyers on their own.

After a prolonged discussion, the Board voted unanimously to not include any flyers in our newsletter.

A suggestion was made that we make the web address of individuals or groups with information of interest to the membership more visible on the Retirees' Association newsletter and include links to items of interest on the web site,

Ted Hillyer announced that Jim Sochor will be the speaker for the joint meeting of the General Membership of UC DRA and UC DEA on October 20, 2008, at 2:00 P.M.

Gary Schultz presented a list of proposed committees for the coming year. Discussion centered around a proposed new Public Relations Committee. Aggie Costantini moved that an ad hoc committee be appointed with the first Vice President serving as chair. Jim Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was

unanimous. This committee would be charged with reviewing the web site, publicity in print and web media, and raising the visibility of UCDRA. There are approximately 6,000 retirees; we have 600 members; approximately 60 members attend general meetings. Yvonne Marsh will serve as Chair; Micki Eagle and Jim Wilson volunteered.

Membership lists were distributed with the request that members look at the list with suggestions/corrections.

The topic of the Scholarship Committee and its structure is to be scheduled as Old Business for the October Meeting.

The motion was made by Bob Halferty; second by Carol Kurtz that Arleen Kasmire be appointed as Historian. Vote was unanimous.

Bob Halferty volunteered to serve as an ad hoc chair to determine the records storage needs of UCDRA.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:03 PM