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

**PRESENT:** Beverly Brooks, Bob Bynum, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Bob Halferty, Anne Gray, Ted Hillyer, Arleen Kasmire, Don McNary, Gary Schultz, Jim Wilson, Marjorie Ahl

**Retiree Center Report** - Marjorie Ahl had nothing to report

**Emeriti Association Report:** No report

It was, however, announced by Marjorie Ahl that the Madrigal Singers would be appearing at the monthly I-House luncheon on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The date was changed to accommodate the singers' schedule.

**Treasurer's Report:** Aggie Costantini reported on behalf of Carol Kurtz that the Association took in a net of \$930 in November, bringing our net fund balance up to \$13,762 at the end of November.

**Membership Committee:** Aggie Costantini reported a total of 582 paid members in the UCRA

We need to check the membership list to see if any deaths have occurred and if so, advise Aggie to remove their names from the paid membership list. Manually checking this list is currently the only means of maintaining the list.

**CUCRA Report:** Deanna Falge-Pritchard, reporting on behalf of Barbara Nichols, indicated that the University's Return to Work Policy is under review. It is likely to result in more restrictive language.

**Old Business:**

**Parking:** The Retiree Parking Entitlement has been extended for six months (to June 30, 2009). In the interim, the campus will review the policy to see if the budget will allow the entitlement to be extended beyond this date. Gary Schultz reported that retired staff at UC Berkeley receive no parking privileges; they pay the same to park as any casual visitor. Emeriti at UC Berkeley receive a reduction to the regular faculty parking fee but the emeriti still pay a fairly large monthly payment for the right to park.

**Public Relations Committee:** No Report

**Scholarship Committee:** No Report

**Staff Retiree Celebration Committee:** Deanna Falge-Pritchard reported that she, Barbara Nichols and Yvonne Marsh had met and offered the following recommendations:

- There be a staff retiree celebration for all those individuals who have retired in the previous 12 months.

- Everyone would be invited (new retirees and existing UCDRA members) but only for the retirees themselves - spouses would not be invited.
- The celebration would be centralized – it would not be school or organizationally focused.
- The purpose of the event would be to reach out to new retirees and attempt to get them to join UCDRA.
- This program would be fashioned after the Chancellor’s Emeriti celebration that is held each year at the Chancellor’s House for all newly retired faculty.
- It was recommended that we attempt to get central funding for this event from the Chancellor or from the deans..
- The event would be held at the Chancellor’s House, at the Mondavi or in the ARC Courtyard.
- Speakers at the event would be the UCDRA President and the Chancellor
- At the event, the opportunity would be taken to introduce the Retiree Center Staff.

Deanna indicated that she will call UCSD and UCLA to find out if they have such celebrations and if so, what the celebration entails.

**Campus E-Mail Addresses:** Gary Schultz reported that he had met on two occasions with Dave Shelby, Assistant Vice Provost for Information and Education Technology. Dave indicated that he is still exploring the possibility of having campus e-mail addresses for retirees who retired before 2005 (all retirees after 2005 automatically retain their campus email address if they so desire).

**Newsletter Issues:** Bob Bynum announced that he is resigning effective immediately as editor of the Staff Retiree Newsletter. Bob stated that there are a number of other media venues that can get news out more quickly than the Newsletter. He specifically mentioned the Retiree Center Newsletter as an alternative means of publishing important information..

Following his announcement, there was a lengthy discussion on this issue. Given the short notice, there will be no February, 2009, Newsletter. In place of this particular issue, the Board will mail out a one page letter to the membership in which we will provide information on the February General Meeting, the I House luncheons and membership application information.

During the next few months, the Board will investigate the cost of the Newsletter and what the savings might be in the event that the Newsletter is permanently discontinued.

Nora McGuinness from the Emeriti Association will be contacted to see what her thoughts are on this issue. Gary Schultz will also contact Barbara Anderson to see if she might be interested in assuming the responsibility of the editorship of the Newsletter.