

**UC Davis Retirees' Association  
Executive Board  
Monday, January 5, 2009  
Room 182 HR Building  
1:30 – 3:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Marjorie Ahl, Gil Apaka, Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman, Micki Eagle, Anne Gray, Bob Halferty, Carol Kurtz, Alex McCalla, Don McNary, Yvonne Marsh, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, Richard Walters, Jim Wilson, and Gary Schultz, President

Unable to attend: Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Ted Hillyer, and Arleen Kasmire

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by President Gary Schultz.

***Abundant Harvest Discussion***

Richard Walters, representing UCDEA, apprised the Board of the “abundant” supply—3000 soft- and 500 hard-bound copies--still available from an initial printing of 5000. Because the publication was a joint effort of UCDEA and UCDRA, RA “is part owner of the large collection printed.” The EA has been disseminating copies to dues-paying emeriti. The Alumni Association has been approached about providing copies to alumni. Nearly 400 faculty requested copies through their department chair.

Walters would like RA to join EA in distributing the books to dues and life members. Because of cost considerations, the books have not been mail. He encouraged the Board to take whatever steps to make copies available by contacting Marjorie Ahl.

Development officers could give the books as a thank you gift to donors. Encourage the Bookstore to sell copies (half-price) at Picnic Day. If a member of EA or RA, give away copies at general meetings (or Picnic Day). Anyone who attends the general meeting will receive a copy. Don McNary suggested that the book would be an ideal handout when the Chancellor is traveling.

**Retiree Center Update**

Marjorie Ahl reported that since the last meeting, the Center has been busy planning a “tailgate” event at one of the Aggie basketball games—tentative for February 21. She hopes to designate a place where everyone could eat together. (Food would have to be purchased at the Pavilion.)

A wine tasting is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, possibly at the University Club, with three or four local vendors participating. RA and EA would be asked to provide food as they did last year (\$5/person).

For Spring: Picnic Day, April 11 and the June 6 Steak Bake where the Chancellor will be the honored guest.

### **Retiree Center Manager Recruitment Update**

Gary received an e-mail from Bob L-Z who indicated that interviews had been completed and a decision would be made shortly.

### **Emeriti Association**

Alex McCalla reported that retiree parking permits had been extended for six months. There are claims that the cost to the University is \$25,000/year which the Provost Office (not TAPS) subsidizes. The campus Parking and Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday at 3 pm in the TAPS conference room. McCalla would like RA represented. Aggie Costantini suggested that a woman attend the meeting, since many women drive to campus and volunteer at the Arboretum. Yvonne Marsh agreed to be a backup, if needed.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of both the November 3 and December 1 meetings were approved.

### **Officer/Committee Reports:**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Carol Kurtz reported that as of December 13, there is a balance of \$13,656.56 less \$245.87 (one-half will be returned to EA for fall meeting expenses), plus mailing costs over six months.

#### **CUCRA Representative**

Barbara Nichols indicated that the joint CUCRA/EA meeting will be held at UCSD on April 30.

#### **Membership Committee Report**

Aggie Costantini reported that 12 new members have joined the Association since the last report, bringing the total of paid members to 594; 300 of whom are life members.

The Board recognized Costantini and Carol Kurtz for their commitment to increasing membership.

#### **Old Business**

A. Public Relations Committee. Yvonne Marsh presented an update from the Proposed Public Relations Committee. At their meeting, they discussed ways to increase attendance at general meetings and programs. Additionally, they explored what retiree associations at other UC campuses are doing; considered enhancements to UCRA website; and, the need for a Mission Statement for RA.

Programs to attract more people include: a) annual Easter Sunday brunch; annual Mother's Day brunch; travel opportunities; etc.

Additionally, they pondered the Newsletter issue, reviewing those at other campuses. They suggest expanding RA newsletter to include photos and articles on travel, as well as other columns of interest to members. Also, they explored the desirability of interest groups such as Student Affairs retirees, Facilities retirees, etc. Strategies to reach pre-retirees were discussed. Link up with the Quarter Century Club and provide membership brochures about RA at UC Retirement workshops.

Gary will meet with the committee, talk about some of the suggestions, and come back to the Board in February or March with final recommendations. Yvonne will arrange the meeting.

B. Scholarships. Micki Eagle and her committee hope to meet in the coming months.

C. Staff Retirement Committee and annually recognizing newly retired staff. RA hoped that a similar recognition to the emeriti's could be given to newly retired staff, but apparently, the celebration for emeriti is no longer being held at the Chancellor's house. Perhaps RA could fund its own event. Schultz will make further inquiries and talk with Deanna Falge-Pritchard. Obtaining the names in advance of those who will be retiring is a problem.

D. Newsletter Issues. Bob Bynum retired effective immediately. The next newsletter should go out at the end of the week. It is important to have information on the winter general meeting. There will be a speaker talking about investment planning and someone from the President's Office will come and talk about financial matters and how secure is the UC investment program.

For the upcoming newsletter, include information on the February general meeting; a thank you to Bob Bynum for his years of service; and, ask for volunteers to work on the newsletter. Additionally, ask for feedback from retirees about parking and what it means to them. Tell us how you use your parking and solicit anecdotes. Also, include information on the free copies of *Abundant Harvest* (soft bound) are available for anyone who comes to the meeting.

Include an application for membership that can be torn off and sent in.

The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting. If it is decided that the newsletter will continue, it is essential to have an editorial board. Suggested names to serve on the board were offered. Jean Canary was one. [Subsequently, Norma Rice talked with Jean who declined the invitation.] Arlene Snyder's name was also offered. She will be contacted.

### **New Business**

Picnic Day entry (and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the campus). The Retiree Center will be represented at Picnic Day. Schultz likes the idea of UCRA sponsoring an entry. The use of a horse drawn carriage with Lorena Herrig aboard was one suggestion. The cost of hiring the carriage is expensive; however, Schultz is willing to put in \$200.

A motion was made by Carol Kurtz and seconded by Barbara Nichols that the UCRA spend up to \$500; unanimous approval. Barbara Nichols will talk with Lorena after Gary contacts the individual who would provide the horse drawn carriage.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Norma Rice, Secretary