

DRAFT
UC Davis Retirees' Association
Executive Board
Monday, August 31, 2009
Room 182 HR Building
1:30 – 3:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Barbara Anderson, Sue Barnes, Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Micki Eagle, Estell Jones, Alex McCalla, Don McNary, Diane Mundy, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, Gary Schultz, Jim Wilson and Ted Hillyer (First Vice President)

Unable to Attend: Lew Dudman, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Anne Gray, and Yvonne Marsh

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by First Vice President Ted Hillyer. Hillyer announced the death of Arleen Kasmire who had served as two-time president and historian of the Association. He went on to introduce new Board members, Barbara Anderson (Co-editor of the *Campus Connections*), Diane Mundy (Treasurer) and Estell Jones (Second Vice President). Others members then introduced themselves.

Approval of June 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Don McNary and seconded by Alex McCalla to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Retiree Center Update

Sue Barnes reported that the Center had published the 2009/2010 Calendar and the *Center News*. The *News* outlines the September 26 Oktoberfest, Tennis Festival on October 17, and the November 7 Football Tailgate Party. The December trip to the King Tut exhibit in San Francisco is full; however, reservations are being taken for the February 3 tour.

The Center plans to survey Association members, as was done a couple of years ago. Forms will be distributed at the October General Meeting and also sent to all members.

UC Davis Emeriti Association Update

Alex McCalla indicated that the Executive Committee would be meeting on September 10. He stressed that the monthly brown bag luncheon, held on the second Thursday, are a **joint** effort (EA/RA). Former Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef will speak in September.

Treasurer

Diane Mundy said that the University account had been closed, and funds moved to the Bank of America.

New deposits total \$3360; expenditures of \$1705.53: Scholarship 2008-09 - \$500; One-half Vanderhoef clock - \$95.30; Spring meeting refreshments - \$183.54; New 2009 Retiree reception - \$775.64; Membership Chair expenses - \$128.31; and Bank of America check printing charge - \$22.74. Bank account balance as of August 31, 2009 - \$13,877.38.

CUCRA Representative

According to Barbara Nichols, the CUCRA/CUCEA joint meeting is scheduled for October 29 at UCSF.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Aggie Costantini is pleased, both in membership income and numbers. Letters were sent to several groups: 2007 & 2008 lapsed as well as 2009 renewals. In August Sue Barnes sent a letter to new retirees inviting them to request more information on RA. Those requests are continuing to be returned. The Steak Bake, New Retiree Reception, Wine Tasting, and King Tut requests have brought in new members.

At the next meeting, Costantini expects to have a breakdown of where the gains of new members are coming from and how many have been lost from 2007, 2008. Currently there are approximately 571 paid members: 2010 – 222 and Life – 349.

Costantini concluded by saying that for membership and attendance to grow, more new retirees are needed each year. She believes that events sponsored by the Center and RA reaching out to new retirees will prove helpful.

Barbara Anderson suggested offering a bit of a discount to those who renew for three years (\$25.00, rather than \$10/year).

Barbara Nichols recognized the commitment that Costantini has made on behalf of increasing membership.

Public Relations and Media Committee - Micki Eagle and Gary Schultz

Gary Schultz indicated that the committee will comprise one elected board member, immediate past president, membership chair, and two members at-large (Jay Feldman and Lynn Gore). They are currently working on developing a charge.

Micki Eagle discussed points that the committee is centered on. They include

- Acknowledging the superb membership efforts of Aggie Costantini along with the support of Sue Barnes and Marjorie Ahl.
- Establishing “work parties” to help the Center (recognizing that lack of space is an issue).
- #1 priority should be updating the web site (recruit a volunteer with IT background).
- Retaining .edu account. (This information should be put on the web site.)

- Offering retirees discounts/special deals (examples: cell phone and local merchant discounts).
- The importance of continuing the New Retirees' Reception

By-Laws Committee

Beverly Brooks questioned whether the Public Relations and Media Committee should be added to the By-Laws. Schultz replied that it will be looked at by the Committee.

Barbara Nichols said that the historian issue needs to be addressed and that perhaps the position could be changed to "archivist."

Audit Committee

Jim Wilson has audited the books for 2008-09 and found them in good shape; everything balanced.

Program Committee

Estell Jones has followed up with various people, including Anne Gray and learned that the October General Meeting is all set. Kay Resler and Aggie Costantini will be serving with Jones on the Program Committee.

New Retirees' Reception

Barbara Nichols recognized Deanna Falge-Pritchard for her terrific job of orchestrating the first new retirees' reception. Of the 84 who attended, 45 were newly retired. It was suggested that name tags for retirees should be identified differently from others; also those of the Board members.

Sue Barnes received approval for next year's event to be held at the Chancellor's residence. It will cost more (than holding it on campus) so fundraising efforts need to be looked at, perhaps through "sponsorships" (UCDRA contribute \$1000; Retiree Center \$1000). Alex McCalla will talk to the UCDEA Board about their contributing to the event. Funding issues are being worked on. June 15 was the date set; however, it now turns out that it is a furlough date so another day is being looked at. It will become an official Retiree Center event.

Scholarship Committee

According to Micki Eagle, the Vanderhoef scholarship will be for travel abroad for students. She questioned whether the Board wants to donate to this particular scholarship. The item will be placed on the next RA agenda.

Old Business

Update on joint newsletter. Barbara Anderson believes that the idea of having the newsletter as a joint effort with UCDEA is an excellent one. She will be working with Nora McGuinness (current editor of the *EmeriTimes*). Anderson recognized the hard work of Bob Bynum (former editor of the RA newsletter).

Anderson and McGuinness met with Sue Barnes, Marjorie Ahl and Yvonne Marsh to discuss newsletter matters. Proofing and delivering the newsletter to the printer is on schedule. Anderson expects to have it in mailboxes the end of September.

The matter of including obituaries was talked about. Presently Emeriti include members' names; RA does not. Does the Board want to follow the practice of the Emeriti? Alex McCalla indicated that EA wants to continue publishing the names of deceased members and hopes retirees will do the same. For the forthcoming issue, Gary Schultz recommended putting in RA members. The Public Relations Committee will discuss the further practice.

New Business

Parking Agreement. UC Davis is the only campus that offers free parking for retirees. There is a reciprocal parking agreement with TAPS which extends to retirees from other UC campuses who are association members. This information should be passed along to retirees.

Picnic Day Parade participation. Gary Schultz noted that \$475 was spent on a horse drawn carriage this past Picnic Day, and suggested it might be done next year; again an individual might be identified and honored. The Public Relations Committee will discuss his suggestion.

Winter General Meeting. Sue Barnes said that it will be a joint RA/EA general meeting, held at the UCD Health Systems campus. The date is Monday, February 8. The Program Committee will need to work on details. She learned that at UCI, an address on the "State of the Campus" is presented at their winter meeting. Perhaps the new UC Davis chancellor would be willing to speak. The group will need to consider whether to provide bus service to Sacramento. If a bus is chartered, it could cost about \$500.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. Next meeting is Monday, October 5.

Norma Rice, Secretary