

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

**Attendees:** Barbara Anderson, Gil Apaka, Sue Barnes, Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman, Micki Eagle, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Estell Jones, Alex McCalla, Diane Mundy, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, Jim Wilson and Yvonne Marsh (President)

**Unable to Attend:** Anne Gray, Ted Hillyer, Don McNary and Gary Schultz

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Yvonne Marsh. Marsh reported that she had received a letter from Chancellor-Emeritus Vanderhoef thanking the RA for its generous support of the Vanderhoef scholarship.

**Approval of August 31, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Lew Dudman and seconded by Jim Wilson to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

**Retiree Center Update**

Sue Barnes reported

- The Oktoberfest event received many comments
- *Campus Connections* was sent
- December trip to the King Tut exhibit in San Francisco is sold out
- Football Tailgate Party is November 7
- Tennis Festival is October 17
- Revised date for next year's Retiree Reception is Thursday, June 17 at the Chancellor's House.

A survey is being prepared that will gauge what retirees would like to see from the Retiree Center. The survey will come from the three organizations via e-mail with a printed version available at the October 19 meeting.

**UC Davis Emeriti Association Update**

Alex McCalla's update included mention that the UCDEA Board had approved an expenditure of \$1000 toward the New Retiree Reception event. Larry Vanderhoef will be the featured speaker at Thursday's lunch talk at the I-House.

Further, the Joint UCDEA/RA General Meeting will be held on October 19, with UCD representatives who serve on the UC Post-Employment Benefits Task Force Panel talking about the task force charge, challenges and issues. The panel consists of Charles Hess, James Chalfant, Karen Hull, and John Meyer.

## **Treasurer**

Diane Mundy reported a balance of \$14,577.38.

## **CUCRA Representative**

According to Barbara Nichols, the CUCRA/CUCEA joint meeting is scheduled for October 29 at UCSF. Following the meeting, Nichols will draft a report and provide a copy to Barbara Anderson who will include it in *Campus Connections*.

## **Committee Reports**

### Membership Committee

Aggie Costantini stated that there are close to 600 members (578 paid to be exact) (229 for 2010 and 349 Life). Costantini is worried about attendance at meetings, though new members are picked up at events. New members are needed to keep the organization going. Consideration should be given to inviting people who are close to retiring. Members of the Board could ask people they know to join. Mailings in August and September did bring in some members. She thanked Lew Dudman, Ted Hillyer, Diane Mundy, Carol Kurtz and the Retiree Center for their help.

Sue Barnes mentioned that since July 1, 76 people had retired. Brochures and welcoming letters were sent out with information on the Retiree Center.

Barbara Anderson thought that because of low attendance, the idea of holding two, rather than three, meetings/year might be an option. Diane Mundy pointed out that attendance is speaker/topic generated. Estell Jones said that everything needs to be tried - what about calling people? Deanna Falge-Pritchard responded that it has been talked about – assign a person to call say 10 people. Yvonne Marsh suggested that the Public Relations and Media Committee look into it.

### Public Relations and Media Committee

Micki Eagle said that the committee has not met but will do so later in October.

### By-Laws Committee

Beverly Brooks indicated that the Public Relations and Media Committee will be giving her a description of what they want put in the bylaws. Brooks asked that the information be provided to her by January 2010.

### Audit Committee

Jim Wilson said there is no new information to report.

### Program Committee

According to Estell Jones, the committee has not met. Jones has contacted the Chancellor's Office in the hopes that the new Chancellor will speak at the February General Meeting, which will be held jointly with UCDEA at the Mind Institute at UCDHS.

### Benefits Committee

Gil Apaka stated that there is no Retiree Committee but that he does continue to chair the UC Davis Staff Assembly Committee (the two committees will be tied in together). Their efforts are focused on trying to preserve what benefits staff currently has. Additionally, the committee has started a program where unused glasses are collected and sent to Third World countries.

## **Old Business**

### Scholarship Committee

According to Micki Eagle, last year funds were given to the Vanderhoef scholarship, a fund earmarked for students going abroad to study. The question is do we want to continue to give a scholarship, and if so, to whom?

Aggie Costantini feels strongly that the money should not be given to the Vanderhoef fund to education abroad, but rather to someone who is involved with diversity for either staff or students. Norma Rice would like to see a scholarship for staff who are enrolled in a regular degree program. Y. Marsh suggested that information be obtained to see how many staff is enrolled in a degree program and that staff and student scholarships be looked at. She will talk with Rahim Reed or John Dixon.

### In Memorium column

Names of individual who passed away and their departments only will be included in *Campus Connections*.

### October 19 – Joint Associations General Meeting, 2:00-4:00 in ARC

Barbara Anderson will contact *Dateline* to ask if they will publicize the event.

## **New Business**

Horse-Drawn Wagon – Picnic Day. Y. Marsh read a letter from Gary Schultz. The Board indicated they would like to continue with the tradition. A person needs to be identified who will draft criteria for selection and a possible honoree. Because Schultz has such an interest, he may want to head up the effort. Lorena Herrig, last year's honoree, will be asked to serve on a committee.

### I-House Business membership

A business membership has two levels: \$100 and \$250. The amount can be applied to room rentals and therefore would not cost anything to join. Additionally, it might be a nice jester. The Board agreed to join at the \$250 level.

### Discussion of Historian/Archivist position

The position of Historian was held by Arleen Kasmire for many years. It was suggested that Bob Halferty be asked to assume the position, with the title changed to Archivist. Anne Gray and Bob Eernisse might also be considered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. Next meeting is Monday, November 2.

Norma Rice, Secretary