

**UC Davis Retirees' Association
Executive Board
Monday, November 2, 2009
Room 182 HR Building
1:30 – 3:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Barbara Anderson, Gil Apaka, Sue Barnes, Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Micki Eagle, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Anne Gray, Bob Halferty, Ted Hillyer, Don McNary, Diane Mundy, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, Gary Schultz, Jim Wilson, and President Yvonne Marsh

Unable to Attend: Lew Dudman, Estell Jones and Alex McCalla

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Yvonne Marsh.

Approval of October 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved in the form of a motion made by Deanna Falge-Pritchard and seconded by Ted Hillyer.

Retiree Center Update

Sue Barnes reported that the “Stay Connected” brochure for retirees had been revised and reprinted. Planned fall activities include the Football Tailgate Party and the trip to the King Tut Exhibit in San Francisco, with a second excursion in February. The Wine Tasting is in March, and the “Healthy ‘til 100 and Beyond” Wellness Challenge is in January. Registration for the Task Force Forum is maxed out.

UC Davis Emeriti Association Update

No report.

Treasurer

Diane Mundy reported a balance of \$15,007.38.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Aggie Costantini indicated that she and Diane Mundy have been working on keeping the various lists current. There was a good turn out at the General Meeting, although some handicapped people cannot attend. Perhaps URC could be queried about who might like to come.

Public Relations and Media Committee

According to Gary Schultz, the committee will be meeting in November.

By-Laws Committee and Benefits Committee. No reports

Program Committee

In the absence of Estell Jones, Yvonne Marsh reported that the committee will be meeting. The October 19 General Meeting was successful. Maybe repeat the same program next year. Marsh sent a request to the Chancellor's office, asking the new chancellor to speak at the Winter General Meeting, No word yet.

Anne Gray announced that Alan Taylor would talk about the global economy at the November noontime speaker luncheon.

CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting

Barbara Nichols highlighted the October 29, 2009 meeting held at UC San Francisco. Campus welcome was given by the new Chancellor. Chair of CUCRA discussed the Joint Benefits Committee Report. Randy Scott gave a slide presentation. He encouraged retirees to attend the forums being held on each campus. Pension benefits that employees have already earned—current retirees—will not change. Retirees will not be asked to contribute to UCRP.

Further, Retiree Health Benefits Work Group reported UC contributions are more closely aligned with active employees due to budget constraints and finance reporting obligations. UC contributions overall average changes from 82% to 89%. UC is still paying 25 million more in calendar year 2010 than 2009. Eighty percent never made contributions to those currently vested. There are 229,000 members in UCRP as of 7/1/2008. Pension funds were 149% in 2001; 103% in 2008; and, 95% in 2009. By 2013 funds available will be 61%. Joe Lewis from OP gave an update on the Retirement Service Center.

The afternoon session was devoted to CUCRA and discussions were held on creating a CUCRA website and inter-Association Communications. The board approved establishing such a website and funds will be allocated to start developing it.

At least two campuses showed interest in incorporating the Davis campus's new Reception for Retirees idea. UCLA will have a new retirees reception modeled after that of Davis.

Deanna Falge-Pritchard noted that there is a small group of retirees who are living well below the poverty line but attempts are being made to identify them. The issue of confidentiality does exist. It is appropriate for this group to be concerned. Perhaps something could be put in the Retirees Center newsletter.

Old Business

Scholarship Committee

Yvonne Marsh has talked with the chair of UC DAVIS Staff Assembly about RA's interest in supporting their scholarship program and at the same time receiving recognition. More discussion is warranted on how to work with Staff Assembly.

Gary Schultz reminded the group that when allocating funds for the scholarship, keep in mind that new commitments exist—namely, the Retirees Reception and at Picnic Day. There are other things that might be competing for funds.

Consider committing \$1000 for one scholarship or two at \$500 each to perhaps a returning veteran. An RA member should serve on the Staff Assembly scholarship committee. Invite the appropriate person to come to a RA meeting to give an overview. More information is needed. Yvonne will contact Rahim Reed.

February 8 Joint Meeting at UCDHS

As stated above, still awaiting word from the Chancellor's office.

Discussion of Historian/Archivist position

What information should be kept? A fair amount of material exists mostly in people's homes. The 2-3 boxes that Arleen Kasmire kept were taken to the Retiree Center by Bob Halferty. Other material was weeded out and turned over to Gary Schultz who will turn it over to the Retiree Center. Bob Bynum has all of the newsletters. Additionally, there are files in the basement of Mrak Hall.

Yvonne suggested either appointing a person to serve as Archivist or forming a small committee to see what we have. The UCDEA has an archivist. It might be helpful to see how they work. First go through everything we have, formulate guidelines, what should and should not be kept, and for how long. Bernadette Mauze might be a person willing to help. Also Barbara Anderson, Jo Anne Boorkman, and Deanna Falge-Pritchard. (Anne Gray will talk to Boorkman.)

As a side, Bob Halferty and Barbara Anderson suggested recognizing Bob Bynum for his many years as editor of the *EmeriTimes*.

New Business

October 19 Review of General Meeting

The check-in process may need modification. Should there be one place, rather than stopping at three tables (one for EA, RA, and the Retiree Center)? Some people feel that checking in can be a little intimidating. Name tags are a good idea. Publicize the agenda.

Picnic Day Honoree

Gary Schultz, Lorena Herrig, and Barbara Nichols met to talk about potential honorees for Picnic Day 2010. The names of Hal and Rosie Cushing, and Dennis Shimek came up. Last year's rental cost for the horse and wagon was \$475 (\$275 paid by Gary paid). The charge is \$100/hour which includes the use of the wagon, horses, and two drivers, along with the time for set up and take down.

Aggie Costantini made a motion to continue using a wagon and horses at a maximum cost of \$500, with review of the practice next year. (Board members are under no obligation to contribute to the cost.) Ted Hillyer seconded the motion. Approved.

Ted Hillyer then moved that Hal and Rosie Cushing be honored for Picnic Day 2010. Gary Schultz seconded the motion. Approved. Schultz will contact the Cushings.

Special Mailing to members

Is a special mailing advertising the November 9 Campus Forum and the December performance of the Madrigal Singers needed (at a cost of \$225)? There are 500 RA members without e-mail. It was agreed to send to those with e-mail addresses and not do a separate mailing.

Discussion of the focus of the Retiree Center's *Center News* newsletter and the joint associations' *Campus Connections* newsletter

How to determine what articles to include? The *Center News* goes to 7000 through the Retiree Center newsletter. About 1000 people receive *Campus Connections*.

Barbara Anderson believes that the challenge is not to be repetitive, although some overlap is good. How can we make it different? A few suggestions: guest contributors, interviews with retirees that did not necessarily appear in the Retiree Center newsletter, a "Letters to the Editor" column – "We Welcome Your Letters." Anderson will try to keep the newsletter "fresh." The challenge is make *Campus Connections* something that has new information.

The Public Relations and Media Committee might want it as an agenda item.

Association funding for Wine Tasting food

A motion was made by Don McNary and seconded by Aggie Costantini to allocate \$150 towards food for the wine tasting. Motion carried.

Parking Permit Valets for Noon Talks

Sue Barnes suggested having a couple of people outside the I-House to hand out permits, one person from each Association. Or the student intern working in the Retiree Center might be asked to help. The Board approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. Next meeting is Monday, December 7, 2009.

Norma Rice, Secretary