

DRAFT
UC Davis Retirees' Association
Executive Board
Monday, January 4, 2010
Room 182 HR Building
1:30 – 3:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sue Barnes, Beverly Brooks, Lew Dudman, Micki Eagle, Anne Gray, Bob Halferty, Ted Hillyer, Estell Jones, Diane Mundy, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, Jim Wilson, and Yvonne Marsh, President

Unable to Attend: Barbara Anderson, Gil Apaka, Aggie Costantini, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Alex McCalla, and Don McNary

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

Approval of Minutes of November 2, 2009 and December 7, 2009 Meetings

The minutes of both meetings were approved as written.

Retiree Center Update

Sue Barnes reported that the Center office was reorganized during December. The *Center News* and *Campus Connections* newsletters were completed and will be mailed in January.

Barnes was informed by Bob L-Z, Chancellor and Provost Office, that the Center will be taking a 20% (\$40,000) cut in their budget. Fortunately, a \$150,000 reserve will carry the Center through for about 2 ½ years. Barnes is working with the Advisory Committee to develop strategies to keep the Center healthy beyond the 2 ½+ years.

The King Tut tour in February is sold out. The second annual “Healthy ‘til 100 and Beyond” Wellness Challenge, where one can adapt one healthy habit for 100 days, officially begins January 22. She encouraged everyone to participate. The Challenge is open to current staff as well as retirees.

Wine Tasting information will come out later this month. The event, scheduled for March, will be at the Rec Pool Lodge. Publicity for noon time speakers will be e-mailed to everyone, whether a member or not. It’s a good recruiting tool. It was suggested that as people arrive for the talk, they be queried about their affiliation—staff retiree or emeriti. A further suggestion: because of the popularity of the Madrigal Singers, the noon time event be held at Rec Pool Lodge, rather than I-House. Barnes will make inquiries about changing the venue.

UC Davis Emeriti Association Update

No report

Treasurer

Diane Mundy reported a previous balance of \$15,164.43; with one deposit of \$100, brings the new balance to \$15,264.43.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee and By-Law Committee. No reports

Public Relations and Media Committee

Micki Eagle has reviewed and edited the charge to the Committee. Suggested changes will be sent by Yvonne Marsh. With the resignation of Gary Schultz, a new co-chair needs to be identified. Eagle will work on the committee but is unable to serve as co-chair. An e-mail will be sent asking for nominations/volunteers. The names of Sandy Filby and Kay Resler were suggested.

Program Committee

Plans are moving forward for the February General Meeting and the panel of speakers. As Estell Jones indicated at the December meeting, Faith Fitzgerald has confirmed. Unfortunately, Ben Rich teaches a class at the same time as the meeting and thus is unable to participate. He has, however, suggested the name of Alexander A. Kon has attempted to contact. Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola is still a "maybe." Bob Chason has agreed to moderate the panel.

Sue Barnes has reserved a bus which will hold 40 people. Reservations will be taken on a first-come first-serve basis. There will be no charge to ride the bus.

The Program Committee will meet Wednesday at 3:30.

Archivist Search

Bob Halferty reviewed the material given to him by Gary Schultz. He will convene a committee to look at how to proceed.

Old Business

Scholarship Committee

Yvonne Marsh has talked to Jesse Avitia who is the contact person on Staff Assembly and its scholarship program. Avitia sent last year's scholarship application to Marsh for review. Two calls are sent per year – one for children of employees and one for current UCD staff. The one for current staff will go out later this month or in early February. Announcement of the successful scholarship recipient(s) will be made at the TGFS lunch in May.

After a review of the wording of the Call, it appears that UCDRA is receiving recognition for its contribution to the scholarship program. Micki Eagle stressed the importance that the recognition be in print or included in any staff publications. Diane Mundy and Yvonne Marsh will be the contacts for this year.

Eagle then motioned for RA's support of the scholarship in the amount of up to \$1000 and that RA is consulted in the final decision. Her motion was seconded by Ted Hillyer. Motion approved.

Marsh will convey RA's wishes to Avitia. RA should recognize the scholarship recipient(s) at the Spring Meeting and also in *Campus Connections*.

Horse-Drawn Wagon – Picnic Day, April 17, 2010. Barbara Nichols has talked with Hal and Rosie Cushing, who will send information to her. She learned that the cost of the horse and buggy is \$400 for two hours, with additional fees @ \$100/hour for parade "delays", etc. RA is willing to donate up to \$500. Nichols will contact the Picnic Day officials and register for the parade.

New Business

Spring Elections/*Campus Connections* deadline is March 12, 2010

Bylaw changes and nominations of Executive Board members will be included.

Date of Winter 2011 Joint Meeting – February 28, 2011

Barnes asked and received approval to reserve a room at UCDHS for the Winter 2011 meeting.

Web casting

Sue Barnes researched the cost and learned that it is similar to campus forums. The fee would be around \$2000 for two cameras; \$1000 for one.

Retiree Bio-Bib Survey

According to Ted Hillyer, this is something that all campuses do for emeriti. The question came up, should RA conduct a similar survey for retirees. It has been used many times to demonstrate the importance of emeriti's contributions and involvement in the campus community. For RA, the cost would be minimal with approximately 500 paper versions mailed to those who do not have e-mail. The survey would be sent in Fall 2010. As a cost saving measure, it was suggested that the survey be sent as part of the newsletter.

The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Scheduling January Executive Committee Meetings

Norma Rice proposed that January Executive Committee meetings be scheduled the second, rather than first, Monday. Her suggestion received unanimous support.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. Next meeting is Monday, February 1, 2010.

Norma Rice, Secretary