

UC Davis Retirees' Association
Executive Board
Monday, April 5, 2010
Room 182 HR Building
1:30 – 3:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Barbara Anderson, Sue Barnes, Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Ted Hillyer, Diane Mundy, Don McNary, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, and Yvonne Marsh (President)

Unable to Attend: Lew Dudman, Micki Eagle, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Anne Gray, Bob Halferty, Estell Jones, Alex McCalla, Phyllis McCalla, and Jim Wilson

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

Approval of March 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Don McNary and seconded by Ted Hillyer to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Retiree Center Update

Sue Barnes reported on the following activities:

- Golden Gate trip this Wednesday; ready for trip
- Picnic Day, April 17 – all set. Hal & Rosie Cushing will ride in horse drawn carriage. Representatives of UCDDA/UCDEA/Advisory Committee will also be in the parade, riding in Bob Eernisse's convertible.
- Registration for Post-Employment Benefit – Monday April 19: two sessions; one on campus, one at Health Sciences campus.
- Older American Month: two speakers – Herb Bauer will speak on campus on Friday, May 21; Huey Lin will speak at UCDDHS on May 18.
- Steak Bake – Saturday, June 5 - printed invitations will be sent to individuals who attended last year, board members, and those who have attended other Center events.
- New retiree reception will be held at the Chancellor's residence, June 17, 5-7 p.m. No more than 150 people can attend this year (because it is being held at the Chancellor's residence). Last year, Board members from each organization were invited; this year only three or four from each. Aggie Costantini, Ted Hillyer and Yvonne Marsh will represent UCDDA.
- Volunteer potluck luncheon will be on June 28, at the home of Marjorie Ahl.
- Fall tour: Bodega Marine Lab. Tuesday, October 26, still working out details for lunch. Limit of 30 people. Possibility of second trip later on.

Campus Connections should be out by April 16.

New publication: *Center News for New Retirees* will be included in the packet for new retirees. The newsletter will have information on the video records project, web site, activities, volunteer opportunities, available benefits, the OLLI program, and “Fit for Life” classes.

Emeriti Association Update: No report

Treasurer

Diane Mundy reported previous balance of \$15,071.43; deposits totaling \$390; expenses of \$838.67. Total bank account: \$14,622.76.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Aggie Costantini is concerned about membership. We are getting new members because of Retiree Center activities. Sue Barnes has sent letters to 123 retirees. When letters went out last year, quite a few returns were received. This year the response is minimal. For 2010-11, 217 individuals need to renew; 38 for 2009-10. There are 350 life members for a total of 615. In order to keep the membership at 600+, over 200 renewals are needed. Hopefully, membership can be generated now that the *Center News New Retirees Edition* and Retiree Center brochure will be included in new retiree packets. Yvonne Marsh and Costantini have drafted a welcoming letter to new retirees, which will also be included in the packet. She will e-mail a draft of the letter to board members asking for comments. Names of new members could be included in the newsletter. When we see a new name, give a call and invite the person to join or come to an event.

Don McNary suggested putting real emphasis on the benefit of a life membership (writing one check, rather than one every year).

Public Relations and Media Committee

Marsh for Jim Wilson, who is ill, indicated that Wilson will be setting up a meeting in the future.

Nominating Committee. No additional report from last month’s meeting.

Program Committee

Yvonne for Estell Jones -- everything is moving along for the May 3 Spring Meeting. John Meyer will be the guest speaker.

Campus Connections

Editor Barbara Anderson said she and Nora continue to work together. Anderson expressed her gratitude to Marjorie Ahl for her patience and talent in working on the newsletter layout.

Archive update. No report

Scholarship. March 31 was the deadline for submitting staff scholarship applications.

Old Business

Bylaw proposed changes. Postponed until June meeting.

New Business

Retiree Center budget update

Sue Barnes reported that the Advisory Committee met to discuss how the Center would meet its \$40,000 budget cut. Fortunately, the use of a \$150,000 carry-forward amount will be allowed.

The Committee examined ways to make the funds last. A savings of \$1500 can be realized by no longer subsidizing events, raising event costs; and deleting some programs.

Delete

- Oktoberfest in Fall
- Older American month
- Picnic Day: no booth
- Spring and Winter newsletter cut from eight to four pages; fall edition will be eight pages
- Barnes attending CUCRA and other off-campus meetings.

Ways of generating revenue:

- Co-sponsor events that benefit certain programs.
- Begin annual fundraising in the Fall.

Retiree Center future options

Y. Marsh and S. Barnes met with Bob L-Z, who is exploring the possibility of changing the relationship between the Provost Office and the Center. (Provost Office is looking at budget cuts). The Retiree Center may no longer fit into the Provost Office. Instead the Center could fall under Human Resources or University Relations (UR). Currently under the UR umbrella are Government and Community Relations, Alumni Association, Parents Association, Ceremony and Special Events, and Corporate Relations. Adding the Retiree Center might be a good fit. (To date, no decision has been made.)

Barnes talked about the advantages/disadvantages. We like being part of the Provost Office but reality is the Chancellor is under pressure regarding budget. The Director of University Relations is supportive of moving Retiree Center to UR. Budget wise: better served under UR. Potential for joint events, better data base, payment on line

offered, opportunity for special usage of the Alumni Center. Sue sees the move as very positive changes for the Center.

Don McNary suggested that it might be beneficial to have a retiree who worked in Alumni Association and/or Development serve on RA's Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Norma Rice, Secretary