

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2014
1:15 – 2:45 p.m., Conference Center
Meeting Minutes

Present: Maggie Ahern, Sue Barnes, Jo Anne Boorkman, Karen Castelli, Deanna Falge Pritchard, Sandra Filby, Carl Foreman, Bob Halferty, Janet Hamilton, Silvia Hillyer, Ted Hillyer, Marcia Kasabach, Kate Mawdsley, Phyllis McCalla, Diane Mundy, Norma Rice, Ellie Sandoval, Dave Shelby, Linda Vieira

Unable to Attend: Micki Eagle Faulkin, Rick Keller

Introductions and Announcements

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Hamilton at 1:15 p.m. Janet welcomed everyone to the start of the new year. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

June 12, 2014 minutes – A motion was made by Ted Hillyer to approve the minutes, and seconded by Sandy Filby. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy reported on the proposed budget for the coming year. In July \$4,035 was received for membership fees, and an additional \$305 was received in August. In addition \$550 was collected for the Fall Fest. The AROHE travel expense for August was \$292.58. There was also one returned check. The proposed budget is \$8,000, an increase from last year's \$7,500. Lifetime membership renewals are expected to increase once the renewal letters are sent out. The AROHE expense is being reduced to \$300 since there is no conference this year. That will take care of the deficit. Some of the expenses, such as the Picnic Day carriage event and the Winter and Spring meetings, are being increased. There is also a new category for the 25th Anniversary event, which is estimated at \$400.

Phyllis McCalla moved that the proposed budget be accepted; Norma Rice seconded. The motion passed.

UCDEA Report

Lyn Lofland reported on the EA meeting. There are 22 new members, even though renewal notices have not yet been sent out. Lyn reported on the awards committee; awardees will be listed in the newsletter. They are currently recruiting for people to interview for their video project. It is an active program. If you are interested or know of someone who should be interviewed, call Silvia Hillyer. Their goal is to complete 50 interviews this year. They also have a subcommittee for communications. They are attempting to reach out to members, potential members, and the campus. The web page will be the vehicle used for sharing information.

Old Business

Sue will report on the AROHE Conference at the next meeting.

Continuing Business

a. UCDRA 25th Anniversary (2014)

Plans for the 25th Anniversary celebration are moving right along. The committee met on Monday (September 8) and went over details for the luncheon and general meeting. Paradise

Valley Estates will cater the general meeting. They sent the menu to Sue and it is very elaborate. Plutos will cater the luncheon which is by invitation only. Color schemes for the general meeting are silver and black, and for the luncheon are blue and gold. Larry Vanderhoef will be speaking at the luncheon. The Chancellor was invited to the luncheon and is scheduled to speak at the afternoon meeting. If her schedule changes, the Provost will take her place. Silvia will announce the launch of the endowment fund. There was a discussion about ways to present special events that occurred during terms of past presidents. The general meeting is a joint celebration of both the Emeriti and the Retiree associations. The pre-meeting reception is at 1:45. Deanna will introduce Joe Lewis from UCOP. Gueren Solbach will do his presentation after Joe Lewis.

b. 25 for 25 (Endowment Fundraising)

Silvia Hillyer reported that there are commitments of \$14,000 towards the goal of \$25,000. They would still like to have more commitments to announce at the event. Pledge cards are available and an announcement will appear in the fall issue of *Campus Connections*. They should also be on the web page. It can be a one-time gift or a pledge for 5 years. Checks should be made payable to the UC Davis Foundation; designate UCDRA Scholarship on the check.

1. USE Sponsored Proposal – The USE Credit Union proposed donating \$25 to the UCDRA scholarship fundraising for each new member recruited. They would like a table at the October meeting, and will make information available at that time. After some discussion, there were no objections from board members to their proposal.

New Business

- a. Calendar Changes – Sue said that even though there is a board meeting on the calendar for October, there generally are no board meetings scheduled when there are general meetings. There was a brief discussion to determine if a meeting is necessary. It was decided it was not, so there will be no October board meeting. (The UCDEA board, however, will meet in October.) If there are any issues concerning the 25th Anniversary event it can be handled at the committee's October 13 meeting and through email exchanges. Also the October 30 general meeting was a change from the original date of October 22.
- b. *Center News* Changes – Sue reported that since most people do not rely on the newsletter, they will be sending out a reduced version every Fall quarter. It will be a 4-page issue. Winter and Spring will be a brief bulletin of upcoming events and important announcements for people who request it only. The budgetary savings will be used for the widow and widower program and for establishing more retiree programs at the health system.
- c. *Campus Connections* Changes – Janet reported that for this year the two boards will jointly publish the *Campus Connections* Fall newsletter to be mailed with *Center News*. Decisions about the Winter and Spring issues are yet to be made. The Retiree Center covers the expense. Kate Mawdsley felt that it is likely even fewer people read the *Campus Connections*. The weekly e-mails are where people get their information. She doesn't see any need to continue *Campus Connections* as such. Sandy suggested printing out copies of the e-mails and hand them out at the BrainFood talks.
- d. Review of UCDRA Advocacy Activities – Our current advocacy activities primarily focus on participation in CCRA and are related to retiree benefits. Janet is planning to appoint a committee to consider any additional advocacy activities that might assist our membership. Ted discussed the issue he had reported on in June regarding the UCLA survey showing a significant number of UC retirees lived below the poverty level and were having trouble feeding themselves. This opened a discussion of the needs of retirees as they age, including food insecurity, acting as caregivers for aging parents, feelings of isolation, and many other concerns. Many suggestions were made as to how we should address these issues as advocates. One

suggestion is to form a group to gather data and give the information to CUCRA to pass on to UCOP. There will be further discussion at the next board meeting.

- e. Web Page Task Force Proposal – Janet is appointing a task force to assist Marjorie in updating and reconfiguring the UCDRA web page. This could result in expanded use of the web site and appointment of an oversight committee for web page management. UCDEA is reviewing similar ideas. We currently don't get a lot of hits. E-mails could refer people to the website for information. Dave has agreed to chair the task force. Phyllis was also asked to serve. JoAnne chaired the EA committee; she can be a good resource for this committee. Sandy is also interested. Dave is concerned about how to lay down priorities and issues so we don't run out of space. It is important that we present the purposes and programs of the association. Janet also suggested Kate as a member of the oversight committee. Phyllis reported she had been monitoring Facebook over the summer and there was zero activity, so she suggested we go ahead and drop it. Board members agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Vieira
Secretary