

**UC Davis Retirees' Association
Executive Board
Monday, January 10, 2011
Human Resources Room 182
1:15 – 2:45 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Gloria Alvarado, Sue Barnes, Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman, Micki Eagle, Sandy Filby, Anne Gray, Yvonne Marsh, Phyllis McCalla, Diane Mundy, Bill Rains, Norma Rice, and President Ted Hillyer

Unable to Attend: Barbara Anderson, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Don McNary, and Barbara Nichols

President Ted Hillyer welcomed and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 1, 2010 and December 6, 2010 Meetings

The minutes of both the November 1, 2010 and December 6, 2010 meetings were approved in the form of motions made by Lew Dudman and Sandy Filby. Motions carried.

Retiree Center Update

Sue Barnes reported:

- New Provost Ralph Hexter approved free parking to retirees for the next two years.
- No need to get a temporary employee IDs before obtaining a permanent one.
- Higher number of retirees attended the December Madrigal Singers luncheon than did last year.
- Tour of Victorian Christmas in Nevada City was successful.
- The Retiree Center now reports to University Relations, effective January 1.
- Winter events
 - Registrations forms are available for: Tour of Wine & Food Institute; Wine Tasting; UC Davis Mind Body Wellness Challenge.

Treasurer

Diane Mundy reported that as of December 1, 2010, there is a balance of \$17,208.60. Deposits: \$250.00; expenses: \$288.00. Total Bank Account: \$17,170.60.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Aggie Costantini had no report. Discussion of “associate membership” status was deferred.

Nominating Committee

Gloria Alvarado indicated that the appointments of Lew Dudman, Don McNary, and Micki Eagle would expire June 30, 2011. Because of their dedicated work, they will be asked to consider serving another two-year term.

In regards to the positions of President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Alvarado talked about length of service and whether each position should be a one- or two-year term and whether the 2nd Vice President office should be eliminated. She is proposing:

1. If By-laws allow, current president, Ted Hillyer would serve one additional year (with Board approval).
2. First Vice President would serve two years.
3. Eliminate 2nd Vice President, but maintain a Program Chair position.

Yvonne Marsh, Anne Gray, and Aggie Costantini voiced their support for the president serving a two-year term. Sandy Filby would like the term of Program Chair to begin in February (rather than July 1), enabling that person to begin working on the fall meeting early on.

To summarize: The positions of President and 1st Vice President have the potential to serve two years. Second Vice President would be eliminated, but not Program Chair.

Gray pointed out that the position of archivist is still vacant. Perhaps Bob Halferty would reconsider. He will be contacted.

Public Relations and Media Committee

No report.

Program Committee

Sandy Filby announced that Arnold Bloom will be the speaker for the January 13 noon talk. His talk is entitled, "The Truth About Global Warming."

She raised the issue of continuing the practice of serving cookies and coffee to the attendees, and providing sandwiches to the speakers. [Apparently, the I-House will serve coffee at no charge.]

In light of the fact that few staff attend the noon talks, do Staff want to participate. Instead of monthly luncheons, hold quarterly meetings with subject matters that would appeal to both EA and RA. Another option: EA might be responsible for four noon talks and RA four. Yet another suggestion was to rotate the responsibility amongst executive committee board members.

Marsh questioned how to get retirees to the meetings? We need to be working together to come up with speakers. If we are going to continue, we need to have active participants. She believes the joint event should continue for another year. Filby commented that interesting talk titles are needed and that those titles be marketed to attract a wider audience. Make it something that retirees will want to come. Aggie Costantini said if RA pulls out, it will continue to separate the two organizations which she opposes. Both Bill Rains and Ted Hillyer would like the two organizations to stay together.

Filby pointed out that there are two meetings each in February and May. The May meetings will be four days apart (May 12, noon talk; May 16, Spring meeting). In February, the 10th is the noon talk and February 28 is the Winter General Meeting (in Sacramento at the Mind Institute).

Campus Connections will go to Reprographics on Tuesday.

Scholarship Committee

No report as Phyllis McCalla had to leave the meeting early.

Old Business

UCDRA Survey

Yvonne Marsh recapped the survey results. A total of 373 retirees completed the survey (29 ½% return); majority (74%) from Davis campus, 22% from Sacramento; and 4% from other campuses.

Fifty-two percent volunteer within community; family care (parents and grandchildren) significant responsibility (38%).

Personal interests and hobbies: most popular activity spending time with family and friends (81%), followed by travel (77%), reading (75%), dining out, watching TV and movies, computer activities (60% each). Attending theater/performing arts (56%), gardening (55%).

Sixty-one percent are members of the Association. Many who are not members stated they would like to learn more. Many thanked the Association for their work, especially for complimentary retiree parking permits.

Potential follow-up suggestions:

1. Involve respondents who indicated their interest in the Association by
 - Committee chairs inviting them to join his/her committee
 - Adding members to Program and/or Public Relations Committees
 - Establishing a new “Travel Liaison Committee” to interface with Alumni Association Travel Group
 - Divvy-up names and ask Executive Board members to call and invite individuals to join, attend specific programs, or determine specific talent that might be useful to the Association.
2. Survey results will be highlighted in *Campus Connections*. Include results in Annual Report and give presentation on the findings to Provost Ralph Hexter at forthcoming meeting.

March RA meeting in Sacramento

Board meeting will begin at 11 a.m., followed by lunch (provided by HS), and then a tour of the new wing. A shuttle will be available; no reservations necessary for the shuttle, but reservations will be required for the luncheon and tour.

New Business

Babs Sandeen will be a guest at the February Executive Committee meeting.

Picnic Day parade honoree(s) Be thinking about who should represent UCDRA. Barbara Nichols will not lead the effort. Sandy Filby volunteered to reserve the horse-drawn carriage.

AROHE. Sue Barnes has been nominated to run for the position of vice president for the next two years, followed by president for another two years (a four-year commitment). Only one general meeting is held each year, with telecom conferences once per month.

The RA meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Norma Rice, Secretary