

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2012
1:15 – 2:45 pm
UC Davis Conference Center
Room 2207

Meeting Minutes

Present: Gloria Alvarado, Sue Barnes, Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman, Micki Eagle, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Sandy Filby, Sharon Henn, Phyllis McCalla, Kate Mawdsley, Diane Mundy, Barbara Nichols, Bill Rains, Norma Rice, and Ted Hillyer, President

Unable to attend: Bob Halferty, Barbara Leary, and Don McNary

1. Introductions and Announcements

President Ted Hillyer called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was pointed out that the name of Deanna Falge-Pritchard should have been added to those who could not attend the April meeting. With that one addition, upon a motion duly made and seconded the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Emeriti Association Update – Bill Rains

Rains advised that the next meeting of UCDEA would be on Thursday where new officers would be elected. He encouraged attendance at Thursday's noon lunch and talk.

4. Retiree Center Update – Sue Barnes

Barnes reviewed upcoming events as follows:

UCDRA/UCDEA Noon Talk – May 10, 11:30-1 p.m., I-House, Justice Cruz Reynoso; UCDRA Annual Spring Meeting – May 14, 2 p.m., Alumni Center, Dan Walter speaker; Creating Your Legacy workshop – May 21, 1:30-3:30, Alumni Center; Retirees' Walk with Warren – May 30, 10-noon, Arboretum Gazebo; Steak Bake, June 8, 6-9:30, Alumni Center; New Retirees Reception – June 21, 5-7 p.m., Conference Center; Volunteer Year-End Luncheon – June 27, 11:30-1:00, Alumni Center; Trips: Safari West – August 2, Santa Rosa; Castello di Amarosa – October 3, Calistoga; Beach Blanket Babylon holiday show – December 5, San Francisco.

Barnes distributed a schedule, asking that individuals sign up to volunteer at the New Retirees Reception. She also confirmed that the Retiree Center will relocate to first floor space in the Alumni and Visitors Center. The move should take place in July or August.

5. Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy reported balance brought forward from March 2012 of \$18,329.79; deposits totaling \$220; expenses of \$400; ending balance as of 4/26/2012 of \$18,149.79.

Mundy distributed copies of a proposed revised format for the YTD Membership and Financial Report giving members the opportunity to review the document. They found the new format informative.

6. Continuing (Old) Business

a. Board Workshop reports – Workgroup chairs

Long-Term Plan – Ted Hillyer had no report; however, he will be sending an e-mail calendar to the committee, asking for possible meeting dates (May 29 or 30, or June 1)

b. Officer/committee charge statement

Membership Committee – Aggie Costantini

The Board reviewed the statement and deemed it a job well done.

c. Brochure – Aggie Costantini

The Brochure is “terrific,” thanks to Sandy Filby, Micki Eagle, Marjorie Ahl and Sue Barnes, all of whom assisted in the revision.

7. New Business

a. Meeting day time – Gloria Alvarado

Members were asked to consider changing meeting dates from Mondays to Thursdays, to coincide with Thursday’s noon talks. Meetings would be held at the I-House at a cost of \$50.00. The AGR Room in the Alumni & Visitors Centers is another possible location; unsure of fee.

b. CUCRA/CUCEA meeting report – Barbara Nichols

Nichols reported on the April 26, 2012 meeting, highlighting

- Speeches from Chancellor’s Professor Dr. Frank M. LaFerta who talked about understanding the pathogenesis of Alzheimer Disease; Joe Lewis, Director-Retirement Administration Service Center; Michael Waldman, Manager-Customer Service Center and Anne Wolf, Systemwide Communications Coordinator & Editor of New Dimensions. They talked about UC appointed Health Care Task Force who are exploring ways to reduce costs for health care benefits; Verification of Dependents Project (22,154 packets mailed, 48% verified to date and 851 dependents voluntarily de-enrolled); concern that participation in Staywell Program has dropped; Centralized HRService Center. UC Riverside has been selected to handle Human Resources transactional duties for UC’s 10 campuses and five medical centers. Health Care Facilitators will remain at individual campuses; UC Budget update – first time there is no “champion” in the Legislature, but good connections with the Governor exists which should help.
- CUCRA Meeting
 - UCOP recognition of retiree/emeriti organizations; Revisions of By-Laws and Standing Rules were reviewed; Retirees Associations and Campus Retiree Centers’ representatives reported on activities; and, Fall Meeting will be held at UC Santa Cruz, October 31 and November 1, 2012.

Bill Rains commented that after reading the reports of the other campuses, he believes UCD “outshines” the others, thanks in large measure to Retiree Center staff.

c. Annual committee chair reports & business meeting oral reports

Sue Barnes will provide a recap to Ted Hillyer who will give a full report at the annual meeting.

d. AROHE Membership

Currently the Retiree Center is a member; in fact Barnes will be the incoming president, taking office January 2013. Question: does UCORA want to become a member at a \$100 annual fee? It is advantageous for RA to join.

This led to Phyllis McCalla and others inquiring about the role of at-large members. Lew Dudman responded that it is a member who serves on various committees and fills in where needed; someone who may be trained to move up into board positions. Dudman feels an obligation to keep in touch with RA members.

Upon motion duly made by Aggie Costantini and seconded by Barbara Nichols, UCORA will join AROHE at a cost of \$100 per year. Motion carried. The representative might be an at-large member of RA's board.

e. Retiree Art Show – Sue Barnes

The Retiree Center is looking into the feasibility of holding an art show in March next year. Barnes will contact URC and inquire if there is interest on their part to co-sponsor the event (provide food). Additionally, perhaps coordinate with UCDA Art and Design Departments. Artists might be asked to donate one piece of art with proceeds benefitting the scholarship program.

8. Committee Reports – Chairs

a. Membership Committee – Aggie Costantini thanked everyone for the honor of representing RA in the Picnic Day Parade. She recognized committee members for their work this past year. She believes it is critical to have personal contact with RA members.

While recently talking with a retiree who no longer drives, it occurred to Costantini that a pool of volunteer drivers could be set up. A call for volunteers will be put in the fall newsletter.

Another issue: Associate membership. UCORA By-Laws does not allow a spouse of a deceased retiree, who did not join the organization, to become an associate member. Perhaps a bylaw change is in order. Language will be brought to the June meeting.

b. 2020 Project - Reporting for Bob Halferty, Ted Hillyer said the committee continues to meet. Students joined the last meeting to talk about space requirements.

c. By-Law Committee – Beverly Brooks advised that the changes are ready and will be voted on at the Spring General Meeting.

d. Nominating Committee – Gloria Alvarado commented that the slate will be presented as it stands.

e. Program Committee – Sandy Filby recommended that the spring meeting be held on the same date as UCDEA, with UCORA meeting before the speaker and EA after; one speaker on one day. Think about and talk more at the June meeting.

She encouraged people to come to the Spring meeting where Dan Walters will talk. For the Fall meeting program, normally people from OP speak. Since few benefits changes are expected for the

coming year, have health/benefits information, but not necessarily speakers from OP. Send ideas to Filby. Suggested names of speakers were offered.

Location for Winter meeting. As attendance at UCDHS is not what was hoped, maybe hold meetings every other year. If decreased to every other year, attendance might be even less. Put on June agenda for further discussion.

f. *Campus Connections* – Kate Mawdsley commented that the news letter will be published jointly with *Center News*. Emeriti have no opinion. At the beginning of the year, it was decided to try it. Mawdsley sees no negative; instead it makes a lot of sense. It is a non-issue.

g. & h. Because of time constraints, reports of the Scholarship and Audit Committees will be given at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Norma Rice
Secretary and Recorder